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Preface.

"Years rush by us like the wind; we see not whence the eddy comes, nor whitherward it is tending, and we seem ourselves to witness their flight without a sense that we are changed; and yet Time is beguiling man of his strength, as the winds rob the woods of their foliage."

It is more than a quarter of a century since, with the assistance of my father (the late Thomas J. Parsons), I put in some order a genealogical list of the names of the former inhabitants of Rye, which he had gathered at different times in an otherwise busy life. Called upon to write deeds and wills for the people of this and adjoining towns, he would while at their houses make searching inquiries for biographical facts, genealogical data, anecdotes and incidents, among those who have long been numbered with the great majority. To him this town will always be indebted for the preservation of much useful and valuable information that otherwise would have been lost forever. Eight years ago I made an entirely new genealogical record and have, as far as possible, brought it down to date.

To one who has never attempted any historical work it may appear to be a very simple matter; it is merely to record facts as they have occurred, and surely there can be nothing very difficult about that. But the history, even of a small town, will be found a very complicated matter by whoever attempts to make a straight record of it. It cannot be written in a straight-ahead style, like a newspaper account of a burglary or railroad accident. Events which in the end prove to be closely related, as to results, occur in widely separated localities at wide intervals of time. Authorities, often obscure and perhaps conflicting, must be consulted, and verified or disproved, if possible. Traditions must be sifted, and judged as to the probability of their being founded on facts; and what is proved fact must be carefully separated from what is tradition, whatever the latter's probable origin in fact may be.

And neither scrupulous care nor exhaustive research will prevent errors from wedging themselves into the record, as the works of the
most painstaking and eminent historians show. Even the most important and most relied-on documentary evidence may prove to be unreliable, after being accepted at its face value for years. The famous Wheelwright deed of 17 May, 1629, which has so prominent a place in the early history of New Hampshire; which was sustained by the courts in 1707 and 1708; which was accepted as genuine by William Hubbard, Jeremy Belknap, Nathaniel Adams, Gov. William Plumer (first president of the New Hampshire Historical Society), and other historians; and the validity of which was not seriously questioned previous to 1800, was in 1875, nearly two and one half centuries after it was produced, declared to be a forgery by no less an authority than Rev. Dr. Bouton, state historian of New Hampshire.

Hence it would be the height of presumption to assume, or even hope, that this little history of the town of Rye will be found free from errors; but none such have been carelessly inserted, and if in the work it is only because earnest and extended research has failed to detect them as such. The historical portion has been gathered from the departments at Washington, Provincial and State Papers, church and town records, and private sources. I am under obligations to Thomas M. Jackson of Brooklyn, N. Y., for material furnished; and to Israel P. Miller of Portsmouth, who has aided materially in the work on the early history of the town. Most of the engravings are from photographs taken by Alba R. H. Foss of this town.

There will be found in this book transcripts of Provincial, State, and Town papers, and other documents bearing on the history of the town; also, many lists of names and much genealogical matter, all of which, it is not unreasonable to hope, will be of interest not only to residents of Rye but to many persons outside its boundaries. Such as the work is, it is the only history of Rye that has ever been attempted.

The Author.

December 31, 1903.
I.

Discovery and Settlement.

Although Rye was not set off from Portsmouth and New Castle as a separate parish or township, by the provincial legislature until 1726, and indeed was not wholly separated from New Castle, politically, until after the Revolutionary war, yet it is proper in writing its history to commence with the earliest history of the state, for the first building erected by white men within the boundaries of what is now the state of New Hampshire was put up, and the first soil of which there is authentic record that it was trodden by white men is now within the boundaries of this town; and it is not certain that one of the earliest exploring vessels, long before any settlement was made on the shores of the Piscataqua, did not anchor for a time in Rye harbor.

A daring "venture" indeed it was, three hundred years ago, when those old maritime explorers set sail from Europe in little ships that could be stowed by the half-dozen in the hold of an ocean liner of the present day, in search of unknown lands in unknown seas. Now, the coasts of all civilized countries are minutely charted, and the coasts of all countries fairly charted from running surveys; the navigator knows just where to look for a rock, an island, or a continent, and science has devised many instruments and appliances for his aid. Then, when the mariner set sail from home he had neither chart of the seas to which he was going, chronometer nor nautical almanac; his aids were the compass, the spyglass, and the sounding lead, and all he could be sure of was that he would meet with many surprises, and have to do many things he did not plan to do when starting, before arriving home again. And as the coast ex-
explored was wholly unknown, of course its notable features were unnamed, so the adventurer, in describing his discoveries, had no definite point to start from, and from this cause many places mentioned by the early explorers cannot be positively identified now.

In 1603, several merchants of Bristol, England, formed a company for the exploration of this coast, and fitted out two small vessels, the *Speedwell* and the *Discoverer*, placing the expedition under the command of Capt. Martin Pring, then but twenty-three years of age. Pring, personally, commanded the *Speedwell*, a ship of about fifty tons, having a crew of thirty men and boys; the *Discoverer* was a bark of about thirty tons, commanded by William Brown, who had under his command fourteen men and a boy. The expedition sailed from Bristol on the 10th of April, 1603, and arrived home in October following. Pring's vessels entered the Piscataqua, and he explored the river for several leagues from its mouth, landing at various points on its shores in search of sassafras, then esteemed a panacea for all the ills that flesh is heir to. The account of this voyage, printed in Purchas His Pilgrimes, (London, 1625), is the first printed account, so far as is known, of a visit to this river by white men; but there is much reason to believe that it was visited by more than one English fishing vessel at an even earlier date.

In the summer of 1605, the coast of New England was explored by Samuel De Champlain, who sailed from Havre, France, in March of that year. He made the Piscataqua bay, July 15, 1605, discovered the Isles of Shoals, and is said to have landed the next day at a place called the "Cape of the Islands," which probably is the same now known as Odiorne's point in the town of Rye. Thence sailing, on the 17th, he discovered a "very wide river" to which he gave the name of "Rivière du Gaz," which was probably the Merrimack.

Champlain undoubtedly discovered the Isles of Shoals, but he was not the first white man to discover them, for Martin Pring could not possibly have entered and departed from Piscataqua without seeing them, nor could Pring's predecessors, if
such there were. But it is in the account of Champlain's voyages that they are first mentioned.

Champlain was along this coast again in the fall of 1606, and from statements in the story of his two voyages, written by himself, at least one earnest and critical student of New England's early history, the late Thaddeus William Harris, former librarian of Harvard college, became convinced that on the second voyage his ship, commanded by Capt. Poutrincourt, anchored for a time in Rye harbor. Among the papers of the late Thomas J. Parsons of Rye was found the following letter from Prof. Harris, who had previously written to Mr. Parsons' father, the late Dr. John Wilkes Parsons, a letter that arrived after the doctor's death, and which was answered by his son. The letter to Thomas J. Parsons, which explains itself and gives interesting information concerning Champlain's second voyage, of which little if anything has ever been published in this country, is here given in full, and will repay careful reading:

       Cambridge, Mass., April 3, 1850.

       Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 30th ult. reached me this morning, and I am much obliged to you for the interesting information communicated. I ventured to address my letter to your father, because he was of the medical profession, to which also I was bred,—not being aware of his decease, for his name was in the New Hampshire Register of 1849, as a physician and a magistrate,—and I have always found such to be the most intelligent generally, and most ready to communicate information.

       Notwithstanding the difference of appearance in the sketch with which you have favored me, I am strongly inclined to the belief that Rye Harbor was Champlain's "Beaupre." But as you have been so obliging in your communication, I will venture to state the grounds that lead me to this conclusion, and to add some items translated from the very interesting narrative of Champlain's voyages in 1605 and 1606, with the Sieurs De Mons and Poutrincourt, whom he accompanied, and the account of which was written by himself.

       In the first voyage along the coast from Port Royal, now Annapolis, Nova Scotia, after having visited Saco and Cape Porpoise, De Mons was pursuing his course southerly along the shore, when "on the 15th of July, 1605, towards sunset, he could find no suitable place in which to anchor for the night, because the coast was flat and sandy. Standing away from the land towards the south, he saw a point on the mainland six leagues distant, south and a quarter southwest. Two leagues to eastward were three or four pretty
high islands” (Isles of Shoals), “and at the west a great inlet,” which Champlain on his map called Bay Long, “three or four leagues in extent. At the entrance, there were two large islands north and south of it” (Gerrish’s Island and Great Island), “covered with trees, and another that was low, on which the waves broke, a little farther out to sea, and on which there were no trees” (White Island or the Hog’s Back). “The place being unsuitable for anchorage, they kept off and on the shore under light sail till towards daybreak when they came to anchor in 16 fathoms water near the before-named cape, which they named the Cape of Islands” (Odiorne’s Point?), “and they found the latitude 43 degrees and some minutes north.”

I judge from the description and from the maps, that Bay Long was Piscataqua harbor, into which Champlain has represented a river flowing, which he calls the Charante. On the 16th they went on shore at the Point or Cape, where they saw Indians, and made them some presents of knives and biscuits. Here there were “abundance of vines, the berries of which were not much larger than pease, and nut-trees, with nuts about as big as musket balls. The ground was well cultivated, as at Saco, and other places that they had visited.” From this place they sailed along southerly, passing rocks and sandy shores, till they came to several islands covered with trees, and inhabited by numerous Indians, and the wind being favorable, they reached Cape Anne, by them named Cape St. Louis, on the 17th of July, having in the voyage from Bay Long passed by a large river called by them Rivière du Gaz, which was barred at the mouth, before reaching the cape. The Du Gaz I take to be the Merrimack, from “the Bar” at its mouth, and the islands which they passed, Plum Island; and the islands in Squam bay.

Having brought De Mons and Champlain thus far, I will take up the next voyage, by Poutrincourt and Champlain, along the same coast, bringing them to Saco on the 21st of September, 1606, where they made some stop, and thence continued the voyage to the Cape of Islands, where they were overtaken by bad weather and fogs, and were unable to find any good harbor for the night. While they were in this trouble, Champlain recollected that, in the previous voyage, as they were coasting along shore, he had observed a place, which had the appearance of being a good harbor, but which they did not enter, as the wind was favorable for their voyage. Having mentioned it to Poutrincourt, while they were about sailing by it again, he indicated a certain point of land which he advised Poutrincourt to stand in for, and where they cast anchor near the entrance of the harbor he had noticed.” This place they called Beauport, and it is represented on the map as southerly of the Cape of Islands; and on the little plan, a copy of which I sent to you, Champlain has represented on the northwest corner a portion of water, which, in the explanation, he says is “the sea or water of a bay as you turn around the Cape of Islands,” corresponding I imagine with Little Harbor.

In a rapid voyage of this kind, supplied as they were with only the very imperfect nautical instruments used at that time in coasting voyages, perfect
accuracy in the maps and plans is not to be expected. Besides, on a coast 
like this, great changes may be expected to take place in the course of 244 
years. Indeed, at Cape Cod, very remarkable changes have occurred, even 
within the memory of man, at Nauset and Chatham harbors, which now 
would hardly be recognized by the maps made 100 years ago. Poutrincourt 
and his companions passed several days at Beauport, which they did not leave 
till the morning of the 30th of September, to go to Cape St. Louis, or Cape 
Anne. They stated that the latitude of Beauport was 43 degrees—the 
Cape of Islands, according to their calculations, being 43 degrees and some 
minutes. This, again, if the so-named cape was Odiorne's Point, shows 
that Beauport must have been Rye Harbor. The greatest difficulty that I 
find is to account for the entire disappearance of the little island and prom-
ontory behind which Poutrincourt's small vessel was anchored. The rocky 
isle in the sea was perhaps the rocks off "Rocky Shore." If we suppose that, 
at high water, the sea covered most of the ground indicated in your plan as 
"thatch ground" and "salt marsh," the resemblance will be much increased.

Goss' mill may well occupy the creek or stream running through a meadow 
represented on Champlain's plan. On the original, there are cabins and 
cornfields all along to the south of this creek, extending, perhaps, to what 
you call the high land or Locke's neck. There were likewise other cabins 
and patches of corn on the other side of the harbor, near "Sandy Beach." 
The extremity of the tongue of land on the easterly side of the harbor, 
Champlain on his map called "Rocky Point," answering to your "Ragged 
Neck." perhaps: the rest of this tongue, he said, was full of yellow flowers 
(goldenrod?), nut-trees, and vines. In a little creek near the northern ex-
tremity or base of this tongue, the sailors washed their clothes and spread 
them on the bank to dry and whiten in the sun. While they were thus 
engaged, Champlain had strolled away from them, and suddenly perceived a 
large party of Indians, armed with bows and arrows, "coming across the 
marsh," apparently to cut him off and to surprise his companions. But 
Poutrincourt and seven or eight men armed with muskets were concealed 
behind some trees, and, hearing Champlain, came out upon the Indians, who 
immediately fled in all directions.

Before this event, the Indians had appeared very friendly, having visited 
the French while they were caulking their boat near the neck, and having 
exchanged, for such small presents, as they received, the produce of their 
country. One woman, above 100 years old, came to Poutrincourt and laid 
at his feet a cake made of maize, and a great quantity of very good, ripe 
grapes. The French found here besides the corn, which the Indians were 
then harvesting, great quantities of beans, winter squashes, and pumpkins, 
and the tuberous sunflower which the Indians cultivated for the roots, 
"which had the taste of artichokes, and were good to eat." The trees in 
this place were walnuts, cypress (cedars), sassafras, oaks, ashes, and 
beeches. There were above 200 savages in the place.
But my paper will hold out no further. Please excuse the haste in which I have been obliged to write, and believe me to be, very truly your much obliged

Thaddeus William Harris.

This letter contains the first and only suggestion we have ever seen that Champlain on his second voyage to this coast anchored in Rye harbor. That he did so is not inherently improbable, for the exploring "ships" of Champlain's time were much smaller than the American fishing schooners of the present day; but, whether he did or not, it is accepted by historians that on his first voyage he landed upon what is now called Odiorne's point.

The next foreign visitor to the Piscataqua of whom we have record was the famous Capt. John Smith, who, being at Monhegan, Maine (neither island nor state having at that time been named, of course), in the summer of 1614, with an English fishing expedition of two vessels, took a boat with a crew of eight men and explored the coast from Penobscot bay to Cape Cod. He gave the name Smith's Isles to what are now the Isles of Shoals; entered the Piscataqua, the harbor of which he commended; and drew the first map made by an Englishman, so far as is known, of this coast, which on his return to England he presented to Prince Charles, who gave to the territory the name of New England. On Smith's map what is now the Portsmouth side of the river is named Hull, and the opposite side Boston.

In 1620 forty noblemen, knights and gentlemen of England were constituted a company or corporation by King James, under the title of "The Council established at Plymouth, in the county of Devon, for the planting, ruling and governing of New England, in America." This was the "Plymouth Council," or "Grand Council of Plymouth," to which King James gave a patent or charter to all the territory of the New World between the fortieth and the forty-eighth degrees of north latitude, which patent was the foundation of all the subsequent grants of lands in New England. These grants—owing partly, perhaps, to imperfect acquaintance of the grantors with the topography of the sections granted, but still more to forced and dishonest con-
struction of the terms of some of the grants, placed upon them by the grantees—often conflicted with and overlapped each other. Certain grantees, while earnest to hold all the territory specified in their patent, were eager to appropriate what had been granted to others; and the consequent disputations and difficulties were not settled until long after the War of the Revolution. Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Capt. John Mason were two of the most active and influential members of the Grand Council.

In 1622 the council granted to Mason and Gorges jointly all the territory between the Merrimack and Kennebec rivers, to a distance of sixty miles back from the coast, with all the islands along the coast, this grant being designed to be called the Province of Maine. [Dr. Jeremy Belknap, in his invaluable "History of New Hampshire," says of this grant that it embraced "all the lands between the rivers Merrimack and Sagadahock, extending back to the great lakes and river of Canada, and this was called Laconia." In this he followed* Hubbard, who on this point, as on many others, was incorrect.] And in the fall of the same year the Council granted to David Thomson a patent for six thousand acres of land in New England, and an island on the coast, both to be selected by him.

In the spring of 1623, the exact date being unknown, the ship Jonathan of Plymouth, of one hundred and fifty tons, arrived at the Piscataqua with the first party of settlers, David Thomson being the leader. Belknap says that Thomson was sent over by the Company of Laconia, of which Mason and Gorges were the principals. In this he follows Hubbard; as, later, Nathaniel Adams, in his "Annals of Portsmouth" (Portsmouth, 1825,) relied almost wholly upon Belknap for the statements made in the earlier chapters of his work. All three of the historians named say that Thomson was sent over by the Laconia Company. But this is incorrect. Hon. Frank Warren Hackett, in his address on "The Early Piscataqua,"

*Rev. Nathaniel Hubbard, who was ordained minister at Ipswich, Mass., in 1658, and died in 1704, left a manuscript history which was published many years later. It touched upon the settlement of New Hampshire to but a limited extent, and contained much that later research has shown to be inaccurate, notwithstanding which it is a work of value.
delivered at Portsmouth, May 28, 1903, at the exercises in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the name of Portsmouth by the town, makes this error of the early historians very plain by showing that the Laconia Company did not come into existence until 1639, six years after Thomson's settlement at Pannaway.

But though Thomson was not sent over by the Laconia Company, nor by Mason and Gorges, and though his grant of six thousand acres of land apparently conflicts with the terms of the patent previously granted to Mason and Gorges, it is evident that there was no antagonism between them. Thomson's grant was from the Plymouth Council, of which Mason and Gorges were the dominant spirits; he could not have secured it in face of their opposition. His venture was an independent one, but of very limited extent; in a few years it became merged in the larger one of Mason and Gorges, and there are indications that from the start it had the hearty support of the Council of Plymouth, and was intended to be a part of the later and larger enterprise of Mason and Gorges in the development of the vast territory granted to the latter.

The late John Scribner Jenness of Portsmouth, who was an earnest student of the early history of New Hampshire, and whose extensive and intelligent research had given him probably as full and accurate an acquaintance with the facts connected with the first settlements in this section of the state as any person ever possessed, in a little book entitled "The First Planting of New Hampshire" (Portsmouth, 1878), printed for private circulation only—a circumstance to be sincerely regretted—gives a lively and interesting story of Thomson's settlement at Odiorne's Point, and from it we make liberal extracts in what follows:

In December, 1622, an indenture or agreement was executed between Thomson and three merchants of Plymouth, Abraham Colmer, Nicholas Sherwill and Leonard Pomerie, in which is set forth Thomson's grant of November 22 of the same year, and the three merchants agree to share in the expense of founding and carrying on the new plantation, they to share also in
its property at the expiration of the partnership in November, 1627, the continuance of the partnership being limited to five years. The original indenture was discovered among the ancient Winthrop papers in the latter part of the last century, and provides that the colony, "so landed, shall and will use their best endeavor [by the direcon of said David Thomson] with as much convenience as may be, to find out . . . some fitt place to settle and Build some houses or buildings for habitacons, on which they are to begin with as much expedicon as they maye; to the lymits and precincts of which habitacons or buildings soe intended to be there erected, there shall be allotted of the lands next thereunto adjoining, at or before the end of five years next ensuing the date hereof, the full quantity of six hundred acres of land or neere thereabouts."

In pursuance of this clause of the indenture Thomson and his men (the latter numbering probably not more than ten) selected the point at Little Harbor as a "fitt place to build their houses for habitacons," the site being selected with excellent judgment by Thomson, it being easily defensible against the savages, having a good harbor for small vessels and a fine spring of water on the harbor shore; and "from the Little Harbor fronting the north side of the promontory a salt water creek [Seavey's creek] runs back so far towards the ocean as almost to convert the enclosed point into an island of about six hundred acres area, which was the precise amount of land required by the indenture to be allotted to the new plantation." Mr. Jenness says that as Thomson "had visited New-England in previous years, and was familiar with the coast, it seems probable that the site of his settlement had been determined upon before he left England upon his present enterprise." He named the new plantation, "perhaps from the Indian appellation, 'Pannaway,' a name which seems, however, not to have survived the period of Thomson's own occupation and ownership of the plantation."

*The name Little Harbor, by which the early historians designate Thomson's settlement, and which was probably adopted by the settlers themselves after Thomson's departure for Massachusetts, was taken from the sheet of water on the southerly side of the Great Island (now Newcastle) and north of the peninsular which Thomson called Pannaway, which consists of about five hundred acres of land now wholly in the town of Rye, including Odi-
“The principal dwelling house erected at Pannaway was built of stone, and of considerable size. Hubbard informs us that ‘the chimney and some part of the stone wall was standing in his day’ (1680). The house, which a few years after its erection passed into the hands of Capt. John Mason and his associates, was afterwards called by these proprietors ‘Piscataqua House,’ and sometimes, in popular parlance, ‘Capt. Mason’s stone house.’ It was never designated, we believe, ‘Mason’s Hall,’ though Hubbard and his followers have stated to the contrary. The term ‘Mason’s Hall’ was sometimes, though rarely, applied to the ‘Great House’ at Strawberry Bank, erected by the adventurers of Laconia about 1631.”

About twenty years ago there was discovered, and is now in the British museum, a document entitled “A Brief Relation of New England,” written in 1660 by Samuel Maverick, and drawn up as a report to be laid before King Charles II, after the restoration. Maverick was a churchman and staunch royalist, who came to Boston bay in 1624, where he built and fortified (it is said with Thomson’s help) a house at Winnesimmet, near Chelsea, on a site near the river, now included in the grounds of the United States naval hospital. Hackett, in his anniversary address (Portsmouth, 1903—and from which the statements in this paragraph are taken), refers to this report, the original manuscript of which he had recently inspected, as giving us the only description we have of the building erected by Thomson at Pannaway. Maverick relates that Thomson built “a strange and large house and enclosed it in a large and high palizardo and mounted gunns and being stored extraordinarily with shot and Ammunition was a terror to the Indians, who at that time were insulting over the poor, weake and unfurnished planters of Plymouth. This house and Fort he built on a point of land at the very entrance of the Pascataaway river.”

orner’s Point, which, though not fronting on the body of water now known as Little Harbor, was the site of the first “habitacon” of Thomson’s colonists. Odiorne’s Point, though it has borne that name for probably more than a century, a family of the name having lived there for a number of generations, did not bear it in the early days of the province. In the Records of New Hampshire, under date of 1704, this peninsular is mentioned as “Rendezvous Point,” and it was called by that name during the Revolutionary war.
Maverick may be accepted as trustworthy authority. He was, it is known, intimately acquainted with Thomson, and probably before either of them left England. Afterward Thompson went to Massachusetts, on the expiration of his stay at Pannaway, and selected and built a house on an island in Boston harbor that still bears his name. He and Maverick were neighbors, and not long after Thomson's death, which occurred within a year or two after his removal to Massachusetts, Maverick married his widow. It is probable that Maverick visited Thomson at the Pannaway plantation; and certainly he must have had accurate descriptions of the buildings there from his wife, who as Mrs. Thomson had passed several years there. He does not say the strange and large house was built of stone, which would have been a strange omission if it had been wholly built of that material, stone being little used in building by the earliest settlers. The foundations may have been carried up higher than usual, perhaps to the full height of the first story; and this
might have sufficed to give the building the popular designations of the "stone house."

Again from Mr. Jenness' book: "Pannaway house must have been a structure of considerable size to have afforded accommodation to Thomson and his new colony; and as it was put up by ordinary English workmen we may reasonably conjecture that it followed the general plan and presented the general appearance of the dwelling houses of the time of James I, vast numbers of which still remain in good preservation all over the old country. As soon as his buildings were put in habitable condition, Thomson entered actively into the prosecution of his enterprise at the Piscataqua, and he continued engaged in that business at Pannaway until about the expiration of the stipulated term of copartnership with the Plymouth merchants, in November, 1627." "Neither was the society of women wholly lacking at Pannaway during this period. David Thomson's wife resided with him, and it is reasonable to believe that she came not without female companions. And it was here that John Thomson, the son of David, it is believed first saw the light—the first-born of New Hampshire." "Pannaway plantation became at once well known along the New England coast, and was visited within its very first year by many of the most interesting and striking characters connected with our early history," one of them being Phinehas Pratt, and another "Mr. Thomas Weston, the faithful friend and agent of the Pilgrim fathers in England before they sailed away for the new world, though at present they entertained towards him sentiments of distrust and unkindness. His political and religious sentiments did not accord with those of the separatists at New Plymouth. Weston had been cast away while cruising along the New Hampshire coast between Boar's Head and Merrimack river; his shallop was wrecked, and himself afterward assailed and stripped of his clothes by the Indians." He was in a bad plight when he reached Pannaway, where he received every attention. Later, that summer, came Capt. Miles Standish, who had been sent to buy provisions "for the refreshing of the Plymouth colony," and who returned to Plymouth in July "laden with the provisions
he was in quest of, and bringing along with him our Mr. David Thomson from Pannaway."

In November, 1623, Capt. Christopher Levett arrived at the Isles of Shoals, and in the following spring passed a month at Pannaway. Captain Levett was an officer of the royal navy, high in favor at court and of much distinction in the old country, and his design in coming to New England was to establish at some eligible spot along the coast a city to be named York, after the metropolitan city in England, and to found there, with all pomp and circumstance, a full prelatical establishment all over New England. The fact that the first settlers of the Piscataqua were not Puritans, but staunch Churchmen, may have influenced him to come here in preference to any other point. Early in the spring of 1624 he visited Pannaway, where he remained a month awaiting the arrival of his men from England; and while he was at Pannaway, Governor Robert Gorges, son of Sir Ferdinando, who had received a commission under the Great Seal appointing him "Lieutenant-General and Governor of New England," and designating Captain Levett as one of his council, arrived with a considerable company, and at Pannaway the ceremony of installing Captain Levett in his high office was performed. In "A Voyage into New England in 1623—24, by Christopher Levett" (London, 1628), he says: "The first place I set my foot upon in New England was the Isles of Shoulds, being islands in the sea about two leagues from the main. Upon these islands I could see neither one good timber tree nor so much good ground as to make a garden. . . . The next place I came into was Pannaway, where one Mr. Thomson hath made a plantation. There I stayed about one month, the weather being very unseasonable and very much snow. In these parts I saw much good timber, but the ground it seemed to me not to be good, being very rocky and full of trees and brushwood. There is a great store of fowle of diverse sorts, whereof I fed very plentifully. About two English miles further to the East I found a great River, and a good harbor called Pascataway. But for the ground I can say nothing, but by the relation of the Sagamore, a King of the place, who told
me there was much good ground up in the river about seven or eight leagues."

Commenting on the bearing Levett’s narrative may have on the claim that has been made that Edward and William Hilton came over at the same time as Thomson, in 1623, and settled at Dover Neck, Jenness says: "Certainly, if Hilton had settled a plantation at Dover Neck in 1623, Levett must during his long visit to David Thomson have heard of such a settlement, and would not have been compelled to rely upon an Indian saga-more for a description of the Piscataqua river; nor is it likely that he would have passed over without mention so important a circumstance as the foundation there of a new English colony. It is fair to conclude, in the absence of direct testimony on the subject, that up to the time of Levett’s visit to Pannaway in 1624, the Piscataqua above its mouth still remained a solitude unbroken by white settlers.

The notion among historians and antiquaries that the Dover settlement was contemporaneous with that at Pannaway in the spring of 1623 is founded wholly and solely on a statement in Hubbard’s history, which is as follows: "Some merchants and other gentlemen in the west of England . . . sent over in that year [1623] one Mr. David Thomson with Mr. Edward Hilton and Mr. William Hilton, who had been fishmongers in London, with some others that came along with them, furnished with necessaries for carrying on a plantation there [at the Piscataqua]. Possibly others might be sent after them in the years following 1624 and 1625; some of whom first, in probability, seized on a place called the Little Harbor, on the west side of the Piscataqua river, toward or at the mouth thereof; the Hiltons in the meanwhile setting up their stages higher up the river toward the northwest, at or about a place since called Dover. But at the place called Little Harbor it is supposed was the first house set up that was built in those parts."

This statement was written more than half a century after the occurrences it assumes to relate, and upon hearsay only, of which it bears internal evidence. Possibly others might be
sent, some of whom in probability seized upon the Little Harbor, where it is supposed was the first house set up that was built in those parts. This is not the language of a historian sure of his facts. It is certain that Hubbard was mistaken about William Hilton coming over with Thomson in 1623, for he was living with his family at Plymouth in 1624; and no settlement at Dover Neck until several years subsequent to that of Thomson at Pannaway is referred to by any New England writer of the time, or in any contemporaneous paper, letter, affidavit, or document of any kind whatever. The first and only authority for the statement that the Hiltons—or either of them—settled at Dover Neck, at or before the time that Thomson settled at Little Harbor, is what Hubbard says, and a careful reading of his statement shows that he does not say that. What he does say is that "in the meanwhile," somewhere between 1623 and "the years following 1624 and 1625," the Hiltons set up their stages higher up the river.

The Hilton’s Point (Dover Neck) patent was granted to Edward Hilton on March 12, 1629 (1630 according to our present style of reckoning), about seven years after Thomson settled at Pannaway. The patent granted to him recites, as was usual with such instruments, what he claimed to have done at the point previous to that year. It recites "that Edward Hilton and his associates hath already at his and their own proper cost and charges transported sundry servants to plant in New England aforesaid at a place called . . . Hilton’s Point, lying some two leagues from the mouth of the river Pascataquack, in New England aforesaid, where they have already built some houses and planted corn, and for that he does further intend by God’s divine assistance to transport thither more people and cattle," etc. It will be seen that Hilton made no claim to having settled a plantation at Hilton’s Point as early as 1623, as he naturally would have done had such been the fact; nor is there any mention made in the patent that he had set up fishing stages there, as Belknap and others, following Hubbard, have asserted.

A prudent and judicious man, as his subsequent record shows him to have been, Edward Hilton would hardly have waited
seven years after founding a settlement before getting a title to the land his plantation stood upon! The indenture between Thomson and his partners makes no mention of the Hiltons, and gives no hints of any other expedition coming with Thomson's, though Hubbard says Thomson and the two Hiltons were sent over by the same parties, and came together. Captain Levett, an explorer and investigator, in a month passed at Pannaway in 1624, evidently heard nothing of any settlement higher up the Piscataqua; and not a particle of contemporaneous testimony has ever been discovered tending to show Edward Hilton's residence at the Piscataqua previous to 1628. The claim—based solely on Hubbard's loosely expressed statement—that the Hiltons settled at or near Dover in 1623, was never made by Edward Hilton himself.

But positive testimony as to the date of the Hilton's Point settlement is found in a declaration made in 1654 to the Massachusetts general court by John Allen, Nicholas Shapleigh, and Thomas Lake, wherein the Hilton's Point patent was relied upon by the declarants as a protection against certain alleged encroachments made by the Massachusetts authorities. These three declarants, familiar with the whole history of Hilton's Point, and interested to make out Hilton's title and possession as ancient as they could, presented the following as the first article of their case: "That Mr. Edward Hilton was possessed of this land about the year 1628, which is about twenty-six years ago." Edward Hilton was then living in the vicinity of Great Bay, well and intimately known to all the declarants, and the date of his first possession of Hilton's Point must have been within the familiar knowledge of them all. Not only all the probabilities and various circumstances bearing upon the question of the date of Hilton's settlement, are adverse to the statement that it was made in the same year as Thomson's, but the only positive evidence there is in regard to the matter is even more so.

Thomson left Pannaway for the Massachusetts Bay about the time his partnership with the three Plymouth merchants expired in 1627, and died there not long afterward. The
settlement he founded continued, and in 1630 the plantation, through some means not as yet clearly to be made out, passed into the possession of Capt. John Mason or the Laconia Company, and Capt. Walter Neale, governor of the company, took up his residence in the house built by Thomson, which thereafter became "Captain Mason's stone house."

Such, in brief, is a record of the first settlement of New Hampshire and of the town of Rye. After the death of John Mason, in 1635, an active, grasping, and not over-scrupulous Puritan element from the Massachusetts Bay secured control of affairs, and in 1641 annexed all the New Hampshire settlements to Massachusetts, the latter claiming nearly all of New Hampshire to be within the limits of its charter. But in 1679, Puritan ascendency in England having ceased with the restoration, a royal commission established a separate government over the province of New Hampshire, and in 1692 another royal commission established a new government for the province, which continued until overthrown by the war for the independence of the colonies.

With all the intrigues, plots, wrongs and oppressions of those early days, a History of Rye is not concerned; but the reader of New Hampshire history should bear in mind that the state was not founded by the Puritans, nor by John Mason, or the Company of Laconia, of which he was a member. A permanent settlement had already taken root on its soil before the bark *Warwick* first appeared in the waters of the Piscataqua, and that settlement was in what is now the town of Rye.

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Hubbard says that at "the Little Harbor" it is supposed was the first house set up that was ever built in those parts. The chimney and some parts of the stone wall are standing at this day (1680), and certainly was it which was called, then or soon after, Mason Hall, because to it was annexed three or four thousand acres of land, with intention to erect a manor or lordship there, according to the custom of England; for by
consent of the rest of the undertakers, in some after divisions, 
that parcel of land fell to his share, and it is mentioned as his 
property in his last will and testament, by the name of Mason 
Hall. By the "first house" subsequent writers have supposed 
that the first habitation was intended, and that a large mansion 
was built by Thomson on his landing, the same that was sub- 
sequently occupied by Neal in 1630, and known as Mason 
Hall. Hubbard gives countenance to this idea so far as to say 
that the agents of Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Captain Mason 
with the rest, had by their order built a house and done some- 
thing also about salt works some time before the year 1630. 

Hubbard infers the agency of Gorges and Mason from the 
mention of a house and salt works as already on the place, in 
the indenture cited of 3d November, 1631. There seems to be 
some evidence that the agents of the Company of Laconia occu- 
pied a house at Piscataqua that had been built before they came 
over. In a deposition of William Seavey, aged about seventy- 
five years, in 1676, he said he came over to the Isles of Shoals 
upon a fishing account, about a year before Neal left the coun-
try (in 1633), and he was credibly informed that Neal, when 
he came over in 1630, lived in a house in Little Harbor of 
Piscataqua, which by common report was built by some mer-
chants, etc., of Plymouth, England. Also in a recital made by 
the council of New Hampshire in 1681, consisting of Richard 
Waldron, president, and others who were opposed to Mason's 
claim, they say that "the vast expanse of estate" as claimed to 
have been made by John Mason in the settlement of New 
Hampshire, "is mostly if not merely a pretense." A house was 
hired in this province, but the disbursements laid out were on 
the other side of the river—Province of MEVYN—and for car-
rying on an Indian trade in Laconia, in all which his grandfather 
was but a partner; however he would appear amongst us as 
sole proprietor;—that Thomson during his three years' resi-
dence at Little Harbor, by assistance of his partners, built a 
large house there, and left it. But that Thomson or any one 
after him built a house there, known as "Mason Hall," is ex-
tremely improbable. Hubbard evidently got his notion of
“Mason Hall” from Mason’s will, made shortly before his death, in which he designates his whole grant of New Hampshire as “my County of New Hampshire or Mason Hall,” or in another place “my County of New Hampshire or Manor of Mason Hall.” Mason wrote to Gibbons in 1634: “I have disbursed a great deal of money in the Plantation and never received one penny, but hope if there were a discovery of the Lakes that I should in some reasonable time be reimbursed again.”

In a statement of Robert Mason’s claim in 1674–75, reference is made to John Mason’s various franchises, afterwards enlarged and called “New Hampshire.” Were it not for the accidental circumstances of the prosecution of this claim, thus bringing forward a name used in John Mason’s Patent, it is not improbable that New Hampshire would have rejoiced to-day in the old, euphonious Indian name of “Piscataqua.” By the appointment of a commission for the government of the territory as a royal province in 1679, the name of New Hampshire became fixed upon the place.
II.

The Parish of Rye.

For a century after the first settlement of white men within its borders—that of David Thomson's party, at Pannaway,—Rye has no history as a town, because as such it did not exist. The settlement at Pannaway has always been treated by historians as the first settlement of Portsmouth, as indeed it was, the peninsular, and the remainder of Rye as well, having been a part of Portsmouth until toward the end of the seventeenth century; but certainly it was no less the first settlement of Rye, for the site of that settlement—the Pannaway of Thomson and the Little Harbor of John Mason—is now in Rye and not in Portsmouth.

Settlements were made on territory now in this town as early as 1635.* It was called Sandy Beach for some years, and was connected with Portsmouth until the incorporation of Newcastle, May 30, 1693, and was thenceforth a part of the last named town until separated by an act passed April 30, 1726, and, in connection with portions of Portsmouth and Hampton incorpo-

*This statement ignores the unquestionable fact that the settlement of 1623 was "made on territory now in this town," and evidently refers only to settlements made outside the boundaries of the Pannaway, or Little Harbor plantation. As to just when, where, and by whom such settlements were made the records give us no aid in determining. The town records of Rye do not, of course, antedate its being set off from Newcastle as a separate parish; and in 1652 the town records of Portsmouth (of which Newcastle and Rye were then a part) were destroyed by the selectmen of the town—as audacious and indefensible a piece of official rascality as ever was perpetrated. There is reason for believing that one of Rye's early settlers was Henry Jocelyn, son of Sir Thomas Jocelyn, who came over in Capt. Walter Neal's party in 1631, and became governor of Mason's plantation after Neal's departure. By 1636 he had removed to Saco; he became bankrupt in 1666, and surrendered all his property to pay his debts. About 1673 his fort was attacked by Indians and after a time surrendered, and he then went to Pemaquid, Me., where he was living in 1682. He died previous to May 10, 1683, leaving a good memory. This Henry Jocelyn was probably the man who located some time prior to 1635, at what was known as "Josling's Neck" up to 1700, later called "Locke's Neck," and now "Straw's Point."
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rated as "a parish by the name of Rye." By this act Rye was to send a representative to the assembly, and the selectmen for that year were to be William Seavey, Jr., Samuel Brackett, Joshua Foss, Richard Goss, Joseph Philbrook, John Garland, Richard Jenness, Lieut. William Lock, and Joseph Lock. The town elected Richard Jenness to the assembly the same year.

It was in 1721 that the first move of the residents of Sandy Beach toward securing a separation of their district from New- castle was made, a petition to that effect being presented to the provincial authorities that year. The petition and the signers thereof were as follows:

To his Excellency Samuel Shute Esqr Capt Genl & Governor in chief in and over his Maj''nes Province of New Hampshire &c.—To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives. Now conven'd in Genl Assembly in & in and for s'd Province:

The humble Petition of Sundry the Inhabitants living about Sandy Beach, partly in New Castle, Hampton and Portsmouth humbly sheweth:

That Your Petitioners, the subscribers hereof, have for these many Years past lived under great inconveniences as to their having the free benefit of the gospel, most of us Living at great Distances from our respective Meeting Houses, especially those belonging to New-Castle; for that besides the great distance we live from thence, there is great Inconvenience of a Ferry, by the Reasons of which for neare half the yeare, Wee the Masters of families that are best able cannot but now and then attend upon the Publick worship of God (as in duty we are bound) and when we doe, It is many times late within Night e're wee can reach our habitations; And besides this great inconvenience to ourselves, there is a much greater happens to the greatest part of our families (viz) our Women and Children, Who can rarely attend at all or not above two or three times in the Yeare—and then but those that are grown to years; for our Younger children that should imbibe in the precepts of the gospel with their milk, Cannot attend untill grown to some years; Wee having four, five & some more than six miles besides the Ferry; And we can now count amongst us above two hundred and forty souls and not one third Capeable to attend as wee are now circumstanced; And we think ourselves Capeable to maintain a Minister of the Gospel, and to give a Competent Liveing, as our neighboring Pa'shes & precincts do:—

Therefore wee, Your humble Petitioners prays that we may be set off a particular precinct (from Mr William Seaveys and West ward by the Sea-side as far towards Hampton as the little Boars head or Little River, And back into the Country about three miles & a halfe or soe far as in Your wisdom shall
see meet) and that we may be impowered to make and raise all our own taxes & gather them; So prays Your humble Petitioners:

John Locke  Samuel Locke  Thomas Rand
William Wallis  Isaac Libe  Benjamin Seavey Jun
John Brackett  Jacob Libe  Moses Seavey
Thomas Rand  John Locke  William Marden
Joshua Foss  John Garland  Nemiah Beary
Edward Locke  Ebenezer Philbrick  Nathaniel Beary
Benjamin Sevey  William Seavey  William Beary
William Lock  James Seavey  Samuel Beary
Nicolas Hodge  Phillip Pain  Samuel Dovost
James Fowler  Samuel Rand  James Marden
Samuel Seavey  Samuel Brackett  Richard Goss
Joseph Brown  Joseph Seavey  Ebenezer Berry
Stephen Beary  Francis Locke  Jethro Locke
Thos Jennes  John Knowles  Hezekiah Jennes
Samuel Seavy  John Jennes  Chris Palmer
Joseph Locke  Richard Jannes  John Locke Jr
Samuel Wallis  Nathaniel Rand  Samuel Dovst (Dowst)

This petition proved ineffective, and the Sandy Beach people continued to suffer through being a long way from any church, and separated by an arm of the sea from the one at Newcastle; and in 1724 another petition was drawn up and presented, as follows:

To the Honble John Wentworth Esq Lieut Govt and Commander in chief in and over his Maj: Provinces of New Hampshire in New England, and to the Honble the Council for s:t Province:

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants living in that part of New Castle called Little Harbour and Sandy Beach and the Inhabitants living at the Eastward of the Little River commonly so called, att the Easterly end of Hampton next Sandy Beach and Sundry others of Portsmouth Living near the s:t Sandy Beach humbly Sheweth That there being sixty familys or upward within the Precints above named who having for a long time lived at a great Distance from any Meeting house Where the publick Worship of God has been carried on, and most of us having great familys which very rare above one or Two of a family can go to the House of God for the greatest part of the time by Reason of the Distance we live from any Meeting house, and thereby the greatest part of our familys have been Deprived of the Dispensation of the Gospell, and there has been almost a famine of the
Word and Worship of God amongst us, there being near four hundred souls Whereof not above the sixth or seventh part can attend s'd Worship Which is very Prejudicial to the glory of God and Destructive to our Eternall welfare, for the greatest part of us thus to be brought up in Ignorance which is a Greater Griefe to us than we can herein Express and the only cause of addressing ye' Hon' and the Honble the Council herein

And for preventing the Difficulties and Hardships which wee have for a long time labour'd under, and for the advancement of the Glory of God and good of Souls. Wee the Subscribers hereof humbly prays your Hon' and the Honorable the Councill that Wee may be sett off a Particular District or Precinct for the maintaining a minister with the Privilidges of carrying on the affairs of a Town or Parish according to the bounds hereafter Exprest or as your Hon's in wisdom shall see meet (viz.) To begin at Sampson's

**Typical Residence of One Hundred Years Ago at Sandy Beach.**

Point and run South West to the Road from Seaveys to ye Bank [Portsmouth] and there on the Southerly side of the Road by Capt Walkers and Capt Langdon's to the road that goes to Breakfast Hill (Exclusive of that part of Capt Walkers and Capt Langdon's Land that now lyeth in Portsmouth) and on the Southerly side of the road from between Capt Langdon's and Sloper's Farms to Breakfast Hill to the Road from s'd Sandy Beach to Greenland, and then on a South West line until it meets with Little River in Hampton Bounds, and then on the Easterly side Little River to ye Sea and then round by the sea side to ye Place where itt began, and that all the land that Elias Tarleton and Jeremiah Jordan and Abraham Libby enjoy may be poled off to s'd Town or Parish herein mentioned, wee having been at the charge of building a Meeting House by the Consent and att the charge of most of the Inhabitants within the Bounds herein mentioned; hoping
your Hon* will grant so reasonable a request for so good End, and your
Petitioners shall ever pray &c

Jotham Odiorne       Sam Doust       Hez Gennins Jun
Wm Sevey             Eben Berry    Sam Wallis
Wm Wallis             Sam Brackett   Nehemiah Berry
Hez Gennins (Jenness) Sam Seavey Jun  Richd Rand
Tho Rand              Jno Noles (Knowles)  Thos Edmunds
Phillip Payne         Jno Lock       Edwd Lock
Jno Gennins           Jno Locke Jun  Jno Moor
Richd Gennins         James Marden   Benj* Seavey Jun
Richd Goss            Solomon Doust  James Randall
Sam Seavy             Christ Palmer   Isaac Libby
Sam Rand              Theo Gennins   Jacob Libby
Thos Rand Jun         Nathl Rand    Eben Philbrick
Jos Seavy             Wm Locke      Saml Locke
Elias Tarlton         Wm Marden     Abln Libby
Jeremiah Jordan       Jos Lock       Wm Seavy tertius
Elex Simes            James Seavy   Wm Webster
Benja Seavy Jun       Wm Berry      James Shute
Nathl Berry           Ez Noles (Knowles)  Wm Seavy Jun
Francis Locke         Josha Foss    Saml Berry
Stephen Berry         James Lock    Wm Gammon
Jonathan Locke        James Fuller   Stephen Marden  63

This petition, though not so numerously signed as the one of
1721, states the number of persons to be benefited by a separa-
tion, at "near four hundred," as against the "above two hun-
dred and forty souls" mentioned in the earlier one, and also
mentions that the petitioners and other inhabitants of the dis-
trict have already built a meeting-house. The difference in
the number of residents is accounted for by the greater extent
of the territory asked by the second petition to be set off.

Portsmouth did not take kindly to the proposition for a fur-
ther contraction of its boundaries, as the following from the
town records, signed Josh. Pierce, town clerk, and dated 21st
April, 1724, shows:

Vote and Remonstrance of Portsmouth against the Petition from Sandy
Beach:

Att a Publick Town Meeting held in Portsmouth the 20 Apr. 1724
Votd That Ye Prayer of Sandy Beach so far as it relates to this Town
is highly unreasonable & y Coll Plaistead & Capt Phipps Esq & Mr Wm
Fellows be a Comittee in behalfe of s^d Town to appear before Y^e Gov^r & Councill upon ye hearing of ye s^d Petition & Remonstrate against y^e same & Implead y^e Petition^r generally so y^e there may be no further curtailing or Dividing of y^e s^d Town; which is already Reduce^d to very narrow limits, by New Castle, Greenland & Newington & y^e y^e Committee be Impower^d to imply an attorney in y^e Premises if there be occasion.

The opposition of Portsmouth and Newcastle proved effective, and the request of the petitioners was not granted; but they did not weary in the work, and the next year (1725) presented the following:

Petition from sundry inhabitants of Little Harbour, Sandy Beach and Hampton 1725.

To the Honourable John Wentworth Esq^r Lieut Governor and Commander-in-chief in & over his Majesties Province of New Hampshire: To the Honourable the Council and Representatives in Gen^l Assembly conven^d at Portsmouth in the s^d Province:

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Little Harbour and Sandy Beach in the town of New Castle, and Sundry of the Inhabitants of the East end of the Town of Hampton and some of Portsm^o or Greenland most humbly sheweth: That the dwelling-Places of y^e Petitioners with their families which consists of the number of more than Four hundred Souls are very far distant from the settled Meeting-Houses in the respective towns to which they belong and thereby their attendance on the publick Worship of God on the Lord's days is rendered extremely difficult and at some times impossible in stormy Weather, and in the Winter season, especially, to their Women and children, so that they cannot pay to God the Honor of publick Worship on his day, which Religion and the laws of the Government demand of them; and your petition^rs with their wives and children are brought up in Ignorance of his word: Which evil cannot be remidd but by the favour of Your Honors and the Honourable Assembly in constituting them a separate District or Precinct from their respective towns, to which they now belong, and enabling them to carry on the Public Worship of God amongst themselves; and therefore Yor Petitioners most humbly pray that your Honour and this Honourable Assembly would please set off that part of New Castle called Sandy Beach & Little Harbour, with such of Hampton Portsm^o or Greenland as to you in Your Wisdom shall seem proper to be a district or Precinct for the carrying on the Worship of God and maintaining a School therein according to law, and your Petitioners shall ever pray as in duty bound &c
This petition, after being considered in the house, was temporarily disposed of in accordance with a vote recorded as follows:

Xth Ye 29, 1725. In the House Representatives
The Within Petition being read: Ordered that the towns of New Castle, Portsmouth, Hampton & Greenland be notified by the Petitioners to appear on the second day of the sitting of the spring Sessions next, to shew cause (if any they have) Why the Prayer of the Petition may not be granted.


With the hearing on their petition postponed to another year, the petitioners set about strengthening their case, and to that end drew up and signed the following:

Whereas we the subscribers did formerly Petition to the Governor of this Province to be set off for a Precinct or District, which we humbly conceive was denied because it was thought that if the prayer of the Petition were granted, the Great Island could not subsist to maintain a Minister there without the assistance of a great part of the subscribers; now to take of that objection, and in order that the Gospel may be continued both at the Island

Thos Jennes
John Jennes Jun
Sam'l Lock
Phillip Pain
Richard Jennes
Samuel Gove
Francis Lock
Isiak Lybe
Alexander Sims
John Knowles
Jonathan Lock
Hezekiah Jennes
William Wallis
Samuel Brackett
William Lock
Isaac Dow
James Marden
Thomas Rand
John Pain
Nath'l Rand
Thomas Rand
Joshua Foss

Ebenezer Berry
his
William X Marden
mark
William Marden Jun
Sol° Doust Jun
Samuel Rand
Solomon Doust
William Barry
Nehemiah Barry
James Seavy
Samuel Wales
John Jenes
James Lock
John Garland
Beneamen Lamprey
William Rand
Simon Knowles
Jacob Libbe
Nathaniel Barry
Daniel Hasley
Wm Gammon

Sami Seavy
Joseph Lock
John Lock Jun
Thomas Jeffrey (?)
James Fuller
David Smith
Ezekiel Knowls
Wm Gennings (?)
Stephen Beary
William Lock
Jethro Lock
Oreno Doust
William Sevey Jun
James Shute
John Lock
Christopher Palmer
Ebenezer Philbrick
James Berry
Joseph Seavy
Benj Seavy
Edw'd Randle
Edward Lock
William X Marden
mark
William Marden Jun
Sol° Doust Jun
Samuel Rand
Solomon Doust
William Barry
Nehemiah Barry
James Seavy
Samuel Wales
John Jenes
James Lock
John Garland
Beneamen Lamprey
William Rand
Simon Knowles
Jacob Libbe
Nathaniel Barry
Daniel Hasley
Wm Gammon
and Sandy Beach, we the subscribers consent that Twenty pounds annually during the Rev'd Mr. Shurtliff's life, or continuance in the ministry at the Island, be allow'd as follows: viz. That whereas Little Harbour side with Sandy Beach used to pay near one third part of Mr. Shurtliff's Salary, and there being five persons on Little Harbour side that do not desire to join with us, the Petitioners, viz Lieut. Jno. Sherburn Tobias Lear, Jno. Odiorne, James Randle, and the Widow Wallis who used to pay about six pounds annually towards the minister's rate, we the subscribers do promise and engage to make that sum Twenty pounds annually as afores'd. Provided that we may be cleared from all other Parish Taxes to the several places where we do now belong.

December 14th, 1725

We also quit of right to the Twelve Pounds paid by the Isle of Shoals—

William Seavey
William Walles
Thomas Rand
Samuel Brackett
John Lock
James Lock
Benjamin Seavey, jun.
Samuel Rand
Philip Pain
James Fuller
William Gammon
William Seavey, tertius
Jethro Goss
Amos Rand
Joshua Rand
William Marden, jun.
William Lock, jun.
John Pain
Thomas Rand, jun.
Thomas Jennes

Nathl. Berry
Edward Lock
Benjamin Seavey
Samuel Walles
Joshua Foss
Samuel Berry
Joseph Lock
James Shute
William Rand
Zach. Berry
William Berry
James Marden
Saml. Doust
Ebenr. Berry
Ozem Doust
Samuel Seavey; jun.
Francis Lock
Jethro Lock
Samuel Lock
Christopher Palmer

William Lock
Richard Goss
Nathanael Rand
William Marden
Ezekiel Knowles
Solomon Doust
John Garland
David Smith
Ebenr. Philbrick
Joh Knowles
Stephen Berry
Jonathan Lock
John Locke, jun.
Samuel Seavey
Hezekiah Jenes
Richard Jennes
John Jennes
Nehemiah Berry
Thomas Berry

Sandy Beach, Petition, Dec. 29, 1725.

The movement for a separate parish succeeded in 1726, as the following extracts from the legislative records for that year show, the first extract evidently referring to the disposition made of the question at the previous session, and being merely explanatory of the action taken in 1726:
Joseph Locke and others Preferred a Petition to the board directed to the Genl Assembly Praying for a Precinct at Sandy beech Wh was read and sent down by Saml Penhallow & George Jaffray. It was at last resolved That the hearing on s'd Petition be Suspended till ye Second day of ye next Spring Sessions.

Joseph Locke and others were admitted to the Board to prosecute their Petition for a Parish at Sandy beach & the Agents for Portsmouth, Greenland, Hampton & New Castle appeared also & when fully heard upon s'd Petition, The Petitioners for a Parish at Sandy Beach having obtained leave to bring in a bill. Presented one accordingly Wh having had its several readings in Each house the same was Pass'd to be enacted and was sign'd & sealed accordingly. The title is "An act for Settling and Establishing Two Parishes In the Town of New Castle."

In the House of Representatives

At a Rehearing of the affairs of Sandy Beech Petition Voted That the Petitioners be Let off from all charges both of Poore & all other Town charges relating to the Ministry and Schools of the Town whereto they belong; that said Petitioners pay fourteen pounds a yeare to the Island of New Castle towards the support of the Ministry There During the Continuing of the reverend Mr William Shurtlief in the Ministry there. And that the Island of New Castle be allowed and Paid twelve Pounds pr Annum out of the Exercise towards the Sallary of Mr William Shurtlief, During his abode at New Castle in the Ministry there: And that the Petitioners are obliged to make good all former arrearages & Engagements in the Towns whereto they belong. And that the Petitioners are obliged to Maintain an able Orthodox Minister of the Gospell at their own charges And that the Island of New Castle be at liberty about a Grammar schoole. And that the Petitioners be and are hereby Impowered to make taxes for the Maintaining their Minister and Poore as other Towns in this Province are.—

Mr John Redmond & entered there Dissent agt the above Vote

M'r John Sanborn

The Sandy Beech Petition being in Dispute whether it should pass with the Amendments on the Vote of the Councell And the house Consisting then of Eleven Members present, five were for passing on it with the Amendment & five agt it and ye'n it rested with the Speaker to determine the Vote who tooke time to consider thereon till the next Morning & then the house Adjourned to friday ye 15th Apr 1726—

In the House of Representatives—A Vote past for Sandy beech Petitioners to be a p'sh by the Name of Rye &c sent up.

March ye 26, 1726 House of Representatives Voted that there be a Precept Sent to the Town of New Castle to Chuse a Meet Pson to represent the P'sh of Rye in the fall Sessions

James Jeffrey Clr Assm
Thursday April 28th 1726 A. M. In the House of Representatives The Vote for Sandy Beach Petitioners after several amendm's was Voted and Sent up and Now to be Named the P'ish of Rye.

Mr Sheriff Gambling made Return of his precept to New Castle for the choice of a Representative for the P'ish of Ry: there being some Defect in his return—it was sent to him to amend it. 1726—9 mo 23d

A Mess' from the House to the Board yt there was a Member for the P'ish of Rye to be Qualified and Mr C' Waldron, Richard Wibird & archie Mac' Esqrs was Sent Down to Adm' the Proper Oaths to ye said Member which being Don the said Richard Jennes was admitted to his place as a member of the Genl Assm.

The seating of Richard Jenness as a member of the general assembly from the parish of Rye marks the first success of the endeavor to secure separation from Newcastle; yet still the separation was not complete and absolute, for Rye, though its people were "impowered to make taxes for the maintaining their minister and poore as other Towns in this Province are," was not a full-fledged town. "The Island of New Castle" was left "at liberty about a grammar school" in the new parish; and the precept to "chuse a meet person to represent the Parish of Rye in the fall sessions" was sent, not to designated officials of the parish of Rye, but "to the Town of Newcastle." Though independent in the management of church affairs and the care of the poor, Rye was not yet in all respects an independent town. The selectmen, in a petition to the general assembly in 1729 for the establishing of a boundary line between Hampton and Rye, call it "the humble petition of the Parish of Rye in New Castle"; and in deeds and state papers, up to the close of the Revolutionary war, though Rye is not always mentioned as "in New Castle," it is always designated as a "parish," and never as a "town." And that it continued to be only a parish for some time after the close of the Revolutionary war, is shown by the following from the State Papers:

At a Legal Meeting of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye conven'd at the Meeting House in s'd Parish on Monday the Ninth day of June A. D. 1783

Voted that the Selectmen Present the within Petition to the general Court and that a Copy of this Vote be inserted on the Back of the Petition

True Copy Attest

Joseph Parsons Clerk P. T.
Samuel Jenness for a Magistrate! addressed to the President and Council 1784.

We your Humble Petitioners Shoes that wheras Samuel Jenness Esq of Rye in the state aforesaid and County of Rockingham has been one of our Justes of the Peace for about Twelve Years and in particular through the Deficates of the late War and as their has Northing appeared against his Conduct in that office we your Humble Petitioners prayes that he may be Renued under the New Constitution and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever Pray—

Rye January 20th 1784

Joseph Rand
Nathan Knowles
Samuel Daves
Jacob Beary
Richard Brown
Jonathan Lock Junr
Samuel Walles (Wallis)
David Lock
Isaac Dow
Levi Goss
John Webster
thomas Lang
Samuel Walles
Abraham Libbey
John Jenness
William Trefetheren
Robord Sanders Junr
Enemiah Moulton
Joseph Jenness
Richd Webster
Jonathan Jenness
Joseph Seavey
Levi Jenness
Benjamin Marden
John Doust
Ozem Doust
James Brown
Eliger Lock
Peter Garland

William Seavy
Samuel Mooreson
Jonathan Jenness Junr
Jonathan Lock
Benjamin Jenness
Frances Jenness Junr
Job Foss
Robord Sanders
Abraham Mathas
Samuel Rand
Richard Jenness 3d
Richd Jenness Junr
Joseph Yeaton
Peter Johnson Junr
John Foss
Bickford Lang
Jeremiah Barry
Benjamin Marden
Nathaniel Tucker
Isrel Rand
Edward Hall.
William Tucker
Joseph Hall
Simon Jenness
Frances Jenness
Joseph Rand
Job Jenness
William Lock
Neckles Dolbey

Daniel Seavey
Downst Rand
Nathaniel Rand
Ebenzer Walles
Daneil Mason
Walles Foss
William Yeaton
Timothy Beary
George Randall
William Bary
Joseph Rand Junr
Tristam Sleeper
Reuben Moulton
Jonathan Towle
Samuel Towle
Stephen Rand
Jeremiah Brown
Samuel Smith
Henry Elkins
Richd Jenness
John Jenness
Nathaniel Jenness
Nathaniel Jenness Junr
Reuben Philbrock
Peter Jenness
John Jenness 3d
John Brown
Simon Jonson
Benjamin Garland

Neither the state records nor those of the town (or parish) of Rye tells us, except indirectly, where the people of Rye were required to vote. Probably all meetings relating to church
affairs, the poor, the election of selectmen, etc., were held in the church; for the election of representatives, at Newcastle. In 1745 the house "Voted that ye member for Ry be seated & placed immediately next to New Castle," and in 1748 a precept for representatives was issued for "New Castle and Rye jointly. Two to be chosen at a meeting of both towns or parishes jointly at New Castle." In 1749 "Wm. Frost Esq brot into the House of Representatives a Petition from Sundry Inhabitants of New Castle and Rye representing illegal proceedings in the election of The Bell & Richard Jenness Esqrs to be Representatives & Praying that they may be dismissed from this House"—which prayer was not granted. This precept and petition are conclusive that the voters of Rye in 1749 went to Newcastle to elect a representative, and it is a reasonable inference that all elections of representatives for Rye, so long as it was a parish of Newcastle, were held in the latter place. The earliest record of an election (other than a parish election) being held in Rye is the following:

Alleged illegal Election 1775
Colony of New Hampshire
To the honorable Provincial Congress to be held at Exeter 21st day of Decem' 1775—

The Humble petition of us the Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rye in the County of Rockingham Shews that Mr Nathan Goss of said Rye Carpenter at a Meeting of the free holders and Inhabitants of said Rye held there the Eleventh day of this instant by indirect ways and means obtained the Majority of the Votes of said Inhabitants appointing him as a Delegate of said Congress, the said Goss having no real Estate in this Colony to qualify him for that important Trust—

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the said Goss may be dismissed and that the Inhabitants of said Rye may be admitted to a New Choice—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray

Rye Decem' 15th 1775

Ozem Doust Nehemiah Moulton William Berry Jun'.
Francis Jenness Arter Libbey William Berry
Joseph Jenness Henry Elkins Nathan Towl
Jonathan Towl Jun. Samuel Elkins Nicholas Dolbeen
Richard Brown Richard Jenness 3d Francis Jenness Jun'
The petition did not prevail, and Nathan Goss was allowed to take his seat in the congress as a delegate from Rye, elected at a meeting held in Rye. But Rye continued to be a "parish in New Castle," for in 1783 the precept for representatives was similar to that of 1748, for "New Castle and Rye jointly, two to be chosen at a meeting of both towns or parishes jointly at New Castle." When and how the political separation of Rye from Newcastle and the advancement of Rye from the grade of parish to that of town was finally accomplished, the following extracts show:

Relative to the Representative: class addressed to the General Court, Nov. 9, 1784.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye Humbly shews,

That the Parish of Rye when the Constitution took place was annex'd to the Town of Newcastle in Representation which they find to be very inconvenient expensivé and injurious to the Town on many accounts. There being no bridge renders the passing and repassing from one Town to the other very difficult and at some times almost impracticable. Besides under the old Constitution they always had the liberty of sending a Representative and they want but a very few of the Number of Rateable Polls assigned them in the Constitution to enable them to send one. They also conceive their is a clause provided in the Constitution which will entitle your petitioners to send a Representative without being clas'd with any other Town—

Your petitioners Humbly pray your Honours would take their case into your serious consideration and discontinue the connection between them and the Town of Newcastle that your Petitioners may have the Liberty of sending a Representative by themselves and your Petitioners as in duty Bound will ever pray &c.

Levi Jenness  
Jonathan Jenness  
John Foss  
John Jenness  
George Rand  
Isaac Dow  
Levi Goss  
John Foye  
Daniel Masson
John Garland  Simon Jenness  William Lock
James Perkins  E. Benezar Berry  Jonathan Philbrick
Samuel Knowls  Nathaniel Foss Junr  Nathaniel foos
Richd Webster  Nathaniel Marden  Samuel Elkins
Benjamin Garland  Nathaniel Jenness  John Vanell
William Marden  Peter Jenness  Joseph Man Junr
Samuel D. Foss  Joseph Parsons  Joseph Philbrick Junr
George Randall  David Locke  Richd Brown
Joseph Philbrick  Nathan Goss  Samuel Berry
Nicholas Dolbeer  Timothy Berry  Ebenezer Wallis
Peter Johnson Junr  Joseph Rand  James hobbs
Richd Lock Junr  Joseph Garland  Joseph Rand
Thomas Lang  George Randall  Abraham Libbey
Jonathan Hobbs  Saml Morrison  Samuel Jenness
Samuel Lebbe  Willm Yeaton  James Goss
Simon Johnson  Nathan Knowls  Joseph Lock
Richd Jenness  Isaac Sevey  Elijah Locke Junr
Jonathan Lock Junr  Samuel Wallis Junr  James T. Berry
Eleck Lear  Jeremiah Berry  Peter Johnson
John Seavey  Henry Elkins  John Garland
James Brown  Reuben Moulton  Jonathan Locke
Benjamin Marden Junr

Upon reading and considering the Petition from the towns of New Castle and Rye, Voted in the house of Representatives (the prayer of said petitioners be granted and that) the town of Rye have the privilege of electing a Representative separate from the town of New Castle.

The petition which resulted in the emancipation of Rye from the political domination of Newcastle describes itself as being "the petition of the inhabitants of the Parish of Rye," and recites "that the Parish of Rye, when the Constitution took place, was annexed to the Town of Newcastle in Representation," and that "under the old Constitution they always had the privilege of sending a Representative," and wanted that privilege again, without being classed with any other town. The "old Constitution" referred to was the one adopted by the state of New Hampshire in January, 1776, under which the state was governed until the new one became operative in June, 1784; and it was the latter under which "the Parish of Rye" was again "annexed to the Town of New Castle in Representation." It is in the record of the vote of the house of
representatives on this petition that the first mention of "the Town of Rye" in the state records is to be found. Rye became a wholly separate and independent town in that year, 1785, through the action of the legislature; and after that year no designation of Rye as a parish has been found by me in deeds or wills, although as late as 1792 a committee was appointed by the legislature "to establish and fix the line between said Parish of North Hampton and the Parish of Rye," North Hampton having then been a town fifty years.
III.

Rye Boundaries.

When the Sandy Beach district of Newcastle was by the provincial government constituted the Parish of Rye, the boundary line between the new parish and the adjoining towns seems not to have been definitely settled throughout its entire extent, and this shortly caused embarrassment that called for further legislation. The new parish included not only the tract that had been known as Sandy Beach, but portions of territory from Portsmouth and Greenland, and quite a generous piece of Hampton. The lines marking the limits of Portsmouth and Greenland appear to have been clearly defined, the provincial papers presenting no record of disputes between Rye and those towns in regard to boundaries; but in regard to the Rye and Hampton line it was different. That at an earlier date the line between Hampton and Sandy Beach had been settled is shown by the following extracts from the Provincial Records, the first one bearing the date of 20 June, 1701:

That Hampton Bounds on the North side is to Run beginning at a stake or Marked tree on the Northerly side Joslings* Neck by the sea Side as by agreement doe appeare, And from thence on a streight line to Meet With the end of the five Miles due north from Hampton Meeting House not far from Winicut River, And from thence Westerly as formerly Bounded out by the Commitees appointed for that end, the date of the Commities Return being 1652 & 1653.

Appointed to Run the lines for the Town of New Castle

Mr James Randale
James Leach
Wm Berry

*Later for more than a century known as Locke’s Neck, and now called Straw’s Point.
RYE BOUNDARIES.

Bounds Report of Committee on Town lines.

The bounds between Ports & Hampton are a small beach tree near Winicut river Marked H on north side R W. 1718 J F having several trees by it that are marked with sundry letters and one 1718 this tree being called: the north tree and is five miles due north from Hampton old Meeting house. We of the Committee did run it and measure it on the 16 day of Sept 1718, and from said tree to run towards the sea side South 67 degrees & 30 minutes East or East 22 degrees & 30 minutes South to a stake that is drove down south fifty degrees West distance 17 rods from Joseph Lockes Corner of his cellar door and on the same course to the sea side at Lockes Point of the Neck [Locke's Neck] And from said North tree on a West point towards Stratham to the house of Abraham Morgan, these to be the settled bounds between Portsmouth & Hampton

Mark Hunking, James Davis, Peter Wear, N Gilman, and others.

The "North Tree" described and definitely located in this report is frequently mentioned in public documents of that period relating to the boundaries of Portsmouth, Greenland, Stratham, Rye, Newcastle, North Hampton, and Hampton, but this report is the only one I have discovered that explains what and where the North Tree was, other than that it was a prominent boundary mark, and a sort of general starting point for boundaries to be measured from, and for boundary reports to refer to. It stood at the extreme northerly point of Hampton, in an angle made by a change of course of the boundary between Hampton and Portsmouth, and was evidently selected, not on account of its size and prominence—the report says it was a small beech tree and had other trees near it—but because it was exactly "five miles due north of Hampton old meeting house." When the North Parish of Hampton was set off, in 1738, instead of Hampton old meeting-house being taken as a starting point for the purpose of fixing its southern boundary, and measuring two miles northward from there, measurement was made from the North Tree three miles to the southward, where a bound mark was set up, and a line run from that bound mark east-southeast to the sea and west-northwest to the Hampton line. The line that in 1718 was run east 22 degrees 30 minutes south from the North Tree to the
seaside at Locke's Point of the Neck, that was to be the settled bounds of Portsmouth and Hampton, did not bound Portsmouth and Hampton throughout its entire length. Newcastle was incorporated in 1693, and Sandy Beach, which with Great Island comprised that town, extended along the shore to the Hampton boundary. The North Tree apparently disappeared in time, as possibly did that other surveyor's landmark of 1718, Joseph Locke's corner of his cellar door, neither of them appearing in any of the State Papers late in the eighteenth century.

The Bounds of New Castle Shall begin at Sampsons Point and Run South West until it Come in Sight of the House that was Anthony Libbys where it meets Hampton line from the North Tree to the Sea as it settled by this Committee, and from the Place where it meets Hampton Line abovesaid to Run East to the sea to the Great Pond to a Maple at the side of the Pond that is marked and then over the Pond to the Beach to a Great Round Stone to the Eastward of Ragged Neck, these Lines being According to their Charter this East line from Hampton Line by Anthony Libby's House abovesaid to the Bounds between New Castle and Portsmouth and the abovesaid South West Line also as it was Run by the Committe 7th the 17, 1718.

Bounds, North Parish of Hampton.

In Council May 2, 1719, Ordered that there be a Parish in the North part of Hampton.

In council May 29, 1719,
The Committee appointed to ascertain the bounds of the New Parish at the north end of Hampton made their return as follows:

Pro of N Hampsher

We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Governor and Council for to settle and ascertain the bounds & limits of a Parish granted by the Gov. and Council on May 2 1719 within the township of Hampton at the north end of said town (viz') It shall take its beginning at the North tree betwixt Hampton & Portsmouth and to measure three miles south from said North tree, and there to make a bound Mark, and from thence east Southeast two degrees east down to the sea and from said bound Mark three miles to the south of said North tree aforesaid, West norwest two degrees west as far till they meet Hampton line which runs betwixt said North tree and Stratham line and the above boundaries when so run out as above specified is the bounds of said Parish by us the 26 day of May 1719.

Nich Gilman    Mark Hunking
Jno Gilman   Shad Walton
Richd Waldron Secy—
The perplexities and inconveniences caused by the lack of a well defined boundary between Hampton and Rye were briefly stated in the following petition, which was dated 12 May, 1729, and signed by Richard Goss, John Knowles, and John Garland, selectmen of Rye:

To his Excellency William Burnet Esq; Capt General & Governor in Chief in & over his Majesties Province of New Hamp$^* in New England & to the Hon$^*\text{ble}\text{ Council \& the Hon$^*\text{ble}\text{ House of Representatives in General Assembly now sitting—The Humble Petition of the Parish of Rye in NewCastle, in the Province of New Hamp$^*}$

Humbly Sheweth

That whereas this Parish was established by a Special Act of General Assembly Apl 30, 1726, and near one half of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the same being Poled off to s$^d$ Parish from other towns, a considerable number of which did before belong to Hampton Town, & having no line fixed & settled between s$^d$ Parish & Hampton, the s$^d$ Parish are under ill conveniences respecting their Parish affairs, some moving out & leaving the Burden of Taxes heavier upon the Remnant left, and some others moving in among us & settling in that part of the Parish that did belong to Hampton, which we are not impowered to Levy Taxes upon, nor to obledge to attend Military exercises, nor to help in Repairing his Majesties High-ways in this Parish nor to assist in managing our other Parish affairs; We labouring under these & many other ill conveniences, humbly prayeth Your Excellency the Hon$^*\text{ble}\text{ the Council \& and the Hon$^*\text{ble}\text{ House of Representatives to make choice of a Committee of indifferent Men to fix \& settle a Line between us \& Hampton Town.}$

Concerning this petition the lower house of the general assembly took action as follows, which was concurred in by the council:

In the House of Representatives

Voted That the Prayer of the within Petition be so far granted y$^t$ a Committee of indifferent p$^s$ons be chosen \& goe upon the spot & that a Plot be made and Bro’t in to the Ass$^m$ by s$^d$ Committee of the old P’rish of Hampton with a Division of the North Hill part, alsoe of the whole P’rish of Rye, and alsoe of that part that belongs to Portsmouth & Greenland that is Powl’d off to Rye; \& make theire Return to the Gen$^l$ Assembly next session for further consideration; \& that the Petitioners pay the charges.

X$^{br}$ ye 13$^{th}$ 1729

James Jeffrey Cl’ Ass$^m$.

Capt Joshua Wingate { }

& Mr John Sanborn { } enters their dissent agst above vote
Xbr the 16, 1729. In the House of Representatives.

Voted That Mr Speaker Wiggins and Majr Paul Gerrish Mr Bartholomew Thing and Nicholas Gillman & Lieut Wm Moore of Stratham or any three of them be a committee for the ends above mentioned, to make Draught and that the old P'ish of Hampton & that part of Hampton called North Hill be alsoe Notified of the time of Running the Lines, and that the Return be made to the Gen' Assembly y'' third day of the sitting of the next sessions of the Assm and all parties then to appear to make their objections (if any they have) why Such return may not be rec'd.

James Jeffery Clr Assm

At the same session the house passed the following:

"Whereas Benj&a Lampree, Christopher Palmer & Stephen Batchelder; three men that there is some Dispute about Between Hampton Town & the Town of Rye where they shall be rated, for Ending S'd Dispute Voted, that the said three men be Rated at Rye." But apparently this did not suffice for the ending of said dispute, for in November, 1730, the house on petition of Stephen Batchelder "Voted that the said Stephen Batchelder be hereby dismissed from paying to the Parish of Rye any Rates or taxes."

At the first session of the general assembly in 1730 the boundary committee reported, presenting with their report, and as a part of it, a plan of the proposed boundary line, on which the assembly took action, which was approved by the governor, as follows:

Pro: of New } Hampton March Ye 16th 1729-30
Hampshire }

We the Subscribers being appoynted by the Government of said province a Comity to Draw a plan of the old parrish of Hampton and the North hill parrish and also of the wholl parrish of ry with those Parsons Told off from Portsmouth and Greenland—We considering the Exceeding Difficulty of mesuaring all the afor said parrishes by reson of the Wett traveling and shortness of the time alowd us—We have returned this within plan Drawn by the best information we could posably procure.

Andrew Wiggin
William Moore
Nicho'l Gilman
Barth'l Thing

In Hampton old Parish is nine square Mile & one quarter. In that Part set to North hill is thirteen square Mile. In the Parish of verv is five square
Mile lacking 84 acres In the gore is 500 acres & In the Piece near breakfast hill is 300 acres, which being added to wri makes the Paris of wri to be six square miles & 76 acres.

Plan of Hampton.

The Plan of Hampton old Town and in it the old claim of North hill and also the Parish of Rye—Southerly of the town meeting house Examined and tryed and nearly agreeing with the original Plans measured from the Meeting house Southly to the main river at the clam banks below the falls Rivers mouth and it is just one mile and sixty rods agreeing exactly with the former plan and from the meeting house to the town bridge being one mile and twenty rods, agreeing within twenty rods of the former plan—and from the Meeting house to the outer point of the Grate Bores head the distance is almost two Miles, and from the Meeting house to the Cedars so called which is three trees standing on Sand hills near the Rivers mouth is two Miles and sixty rods. From the Meeting house to Frees house is one half of one mile and 28 rods, the breadth of the Marsh from the upland Southly of Free's to the Main River at the Clam banks is one half of one Mile and twelve rods.
The Committee appointed to report the Proper boundary between the Parish of Hampton old & Rye, made their Report this day as on file with produced the following Votes of Genl Assembly

In the House of Representatives Upon the hearing the Persons concerned in the Rye Petition for a line towards Hampton and upon hearing the Partys of Rye and Hampton and their arguments, both agreeing on the draught Voted that there shall be added to the Parish of Rye by a line beginning at David Smiths lot at Portsou line and to run Westward as said Smiths lot runs the length of the first North Division in Hampton taking in the said Smiths lot and to run West Ward one quarter of a mile towards Hampton as the lotts called the quarter of a mile lotts run and then to run down to the Sea at the Westerly end of the said quarter of a Mile lotts taking the Jennes and Philbrick's land to the Sea — And the Persons and Estates within these lines to belong to Rye to all intents and purposes. Upon reconsidering the above Vote Voted that this addition be made to the above Vote. Viz: that the estates of Joseph Brown, James Fuller, Joseph Marston and Francis Lock which lye in the first North Division in Hampton do pay to the Parish of Rye all taxes thereon.

The bill defining the Rye and Hampton dividing line was passed by the house September 21, 1730, and was concurred in by the council and assented to by the governor, November 28 of the same year. The tract of land transferred to Rye from Hampton comprised about eighteen hundred acres of good quality, and very valuable on account of its location and fertility, it embracing all the land in Rye lying southerly of Locke's Neck.

Following the defining of their boundary line by the general assembly of 1730 the people of Rye seem to have laid claim to all that belonged to them; to something more than that, in the opinion of the selectmen of Hampton, as appears from their statement as follows:

Petition Relative to Bounds between Hampton and Rye.

To his Excellency Jonathan Belecher Esq Governor and Commander In Chief in and over His Majeties Province of New Hampshire in New England to the Honourable the Council and House of representatives in General Assembly Convened

The petition of the select men of Hampton in said Province in behalf of said Town most Humbly sheweth that where as the General Court of this Province in November 1730 Passed the following Vote namely
That there shall be added to the Parish of Rye by a line beginning att
David Smiths Lott att Portsmouth line and to run West Ward as said
Smiths Lott runs the Length of the first North Division in Hampton take-
ing in the said Smiths Lott: and run West Ward one Quarter of a Mile
as the Lotts—Called the Quarter of a Mile Lotts run towards Hampton
and there to run Down to the Sea att the Westerly End of the said Quarter
of a Mile Lotts taking in the Jenesses and Philbricks Land to the Sea and
the Parsons (persons) and Estate Within these Lines belong to Rye to all
Intents and purposes and that the Estats of Joseph Brown: James Fuller
Joseph Marston and francis Lock—Do pay to the Parish of Rye all Taxes.”
Your Petitioners are Humbly of the opinion that the Parish of Rye have
Extended their Juresdiction beyond what was the treu an Geniwine Intent
and meaning of the above recited Vote—thly Presuming to run one Quarter
of a Mile Westly from the South Westly end of said smiths Lott with out
any regard to the fore recited Lotts called the Quarter of a Mile Lotts &
then run Down to the Sea on such a Corse as would take in all the Jannes-
ses and Philbricks Land—Lett it Lay where itt will your Petitioners Are
Humbly of opinion that there may some Doubts Arise on what should be the
meaning of those words in the fore recited Votes taking in the Jenesses
and Philbrick; Land to the Sea and that there is some Ambiguity in them
which want An Explanation—without which much Ilconvency will follow
the Town of Hampton haveing already as well as Rye rated the same Parsons
and boath Demanding their rates of them by means whereof such Parsons
Labour under grate Difficultys and grater are Like to Ensue some time in
the Month of March Last Benjamin Lamprey Junr of said Hampton
was actually Impisoned by Rye Constable because he would not Pay to
Rye—the said Lamprey Liveing a Considerable Distance in upon Hampton
Second North Division South Westward of the Quarter of a Mile Lotts So
Called Your Petitioners are humbly of the opinion that he ought to be rated
at Hampton in all rates—and all other Parsons and Lands also being to the
the South West Ward of the randg of the Westly Ends of the fore said
Quarter of a Mile Lotts from said Smith Lott Down to the Sea Excepting
only that bodey of Land owned by John Jenness and Joseph Philbrick on
which and adjoining to where they live—Which bodey of Land Your Peti-
tioners Humbly Conseve is what was Intended by the Jenesses and Phil-
bricks Land Mentioned in the fore recited Vote—Some of Rye Carrie the
Matter so far as to say that If the fore recited Joseph Brown James Fuller
Joseph Marston and Francis Locke should Purchesse Estates or any other
Ways Come by them in Part of Hampton that itt ought to be rated to Rye
and that by the Jenesses and Philbrick is Intend all of that Name and that the
Lands belonging to any of that name belongs to Rye the Case being thus
Your Petitioners Earnestly Pray Your Excellency and the Honourable Coun-
cil and House of Representatives to take this Petition under Consideration
and Explain the fore recited Vote and What the line is between Hampton and Rye and order that the Parson who heth had rates unjustly taken from him may have the same restored by them that Did the same and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

Henry Derbon
Josiah Moulton
Jeremiah Marston
Abraham Drake

Selectmen
of
Sd Hampton

This petition having been read in the house of representatives, August 18, 1737, it was "Voted that the Pet" serve the Selectmen of Rye with a Copy of the Petition to Appcare before the Gen'l Assm on the 3d day of the sitting of the General Assm at their next sessions—to Shew Cause (if they can) why the Prayer of the Petition may not be granted—And that Daniel fogg & Benj Lampre Junr be not rated by Either party till the affair be ended." At the appointed time the hearing was held and the matter later disposed of, adversely to the alleged extravagant claims of Rye, as the following shows:

November the 15th 1738 In the House of Representatives The within Petitioners and the Delegates of the Parrish of Rye were heard by their Council, and the House having Considered thereof: Voted—that this is an Explanation of the Vote of the General Assembly made the 26th day of 9th 1730: Describing a line between hampton and Rye viz: to begin at David Smiths Lott at Portsmouth line and then running westward as Said Smiths lot runs the length of the first North Division in Hampton, takeing in the said Smiths Lott and then running Westward as the Quarter of a Mile Lotts runs towards Hampton to the Westerly End of said Lotts as they are now laid, and thence bounding on the Westerly End of Said Quarter of a Mile Lotts towards the Sea, to the utter most bounds of Said Quarter of a Mile Lotts, and to the Easterly Corner of the second, North Division Lotts, and then to run a Straight line to the Westerly Corner of that body of Land Claimed by John Jennes & Richard Jennes & Joseph Philbrick, Where they now live and so bounding on the Westerly Side of said Jenneses and Philbrooks Land to the Sea.

James Jeffry Cler Assm

When Sandy Beach was created the Parish of Rye, all the territory belonging to Newcastle lying westerly of the Little Harbor branch of the Piscataqua was not set off to the new parish, certain lands and persons continuing to belong to the
parent town; and it was not until 1791, when the province of New Hampshire had ceased to exist and the independent state of New Hampshire had taken its place, that the final transfer of Newcastle lands and taxpayers to Rye was made. In that year the following petition was presented to the state legislature.

Petition Sundry Inhabitants to be annexed to Rye

To the Honors Senate and the Honorable House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire, Convened at Concord The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants and Land holders of the Town of New Castle in said state, Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners by reason of their Local Scituation have Long Labored under great inconveniences in said town by being detached from the stated place of Public Town Meetings and schools by a river running between them and the Compact part of the town—which is many times Impassable by reason of Tempestuous Weather Ice &c—that our Annual town Meeting is by law on the first Tuesday of March at which season of the Year the River is often Obstructed with Ice or wind as to render it impossible for us to attend, in Consequence of which we are prevented from Voting on any Public business thereby Losing our small Influence in Town Affairs, And when we can attend our Numbers are so few that we stand no chance with the other part of the Town whereby we are forced to pay for what they Please to Vote. School Masters in Particular without having any benefit of them—Some of us Living Upwards of a Mile from the River which if passable we have another mile to walk to the School, which we conceive to be a great Hardship as we are obliged some of us to put our Children to schools in other towns—thereby paying Double taxes for them which is a great Hardship to such of us in Particular who have tennants on our Land it being a great Discouragement to a tennant Living in such a Town We would also beg leave to Suggest that in the Year 1703, the Governor And Council Passed an order Releasing the then Ferryman from his Taxes Yearly in Consideration of his Ferrying over the Inhabitants Living on the Main on Public days Gratis, which custom was Constantly Complied with till Very Lately when the Selectmen to add another Grievance to Us have Compelled the Present Occupant of the Ferry to Pay his tax who now refuses to Let us pass the River without pay, for these and many other Reasons Your Petitioners most humbly Pray Your Honors that we may be Disannexed with our Estates from the Town of New Castle and Annexed to the Town of Rye which is more convenient to us for Meetings & Schools—And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever Pray

Jn Blunt
Samuel Rand
Benjamin Odiorn

Jacob Sheafe Junr
Jonathan Warner
George Frost
The foregoing petition was granted Dec. 22, 1791, and the last of Newcastle's holdings southerly of the Little Harbor branch became a part of Rye.

On the 17th of December, 1792, in order to settle a boundary line dispute between Rye and North Hampton, the legislature appointed James Hill of Newmarket, Jeremiah Batchelder of Kensington, and Joshua Weeks of Greenland a committee "to establish and fix the line between said Parish of North Hampton and the Parish of Rye," the report of said committee (which is recorded in Charter Records, Vol. 4, p. 257) to be conclusive. At that time, as already shown, Rye was a town, and so was North Hampton.

As early as 1719 certain residents of the North Hill section (or North Division) of Hampton petitioned the general assembly to be set off as a parish. This was two years before the Sandy Beach people made their first attempt to get set off from Newcastle, and the prayer of the petition was not granted.
In 1734 a considerable portion of the North Hill district having in the meantime been annexed to the then new Parish of Rye, the people of the remaining portion again petitioned to be made a parish, and urged as a reason why their prayer should be granted that since the petition of 1719 was submitted they had built a church; but again failure resulted. In 1738 a third attempt to be set off as a parish was made, and on November 7th of that year the Parish of North Hill was established by act of the general assembly, to be independent of Hampton in regard to ministerial and school taxes, but not in other matters. Four years later, Nov. 30, 1742, the North Hill Parish of Hampton was by act of the general assembly made the town of North Hampton. This did not disturb the boundary line of Rye, the act creating North Hill Parish a town, specifying and fixing only the boundary between the new town and Hampton. The other boundaries, viz., those between the former North Hill Parish of Hampton and Stratham, Greenland, and Rye, remained undisturbed by the erection of the parish into a town.

In 1744, two years after North Hampton had been made a town, Jonathan Palmer and Daniel Fogg petitioned the general assembly as follows:

The petition of us His Majestys Subjects Inhabitants of the North Parish in Hampton within said Province Humbly Shueath That we Labure under Grate Difelicti our houses Standing just upon the line & our Land being Devided Ye one part in Rye & the other in the North Parish in hampton there being no way nearer than about four Miles to Get to the Meeting house in Ye North Parish & Living within about two Miles of Rye Meeting House the place where we Generly Go to Devine Worship & Most Convenient for sending our children to Scol—May it please Your Excel and the Honorable Council & House of Representatives—Your Petitioners Humbly Pray that we and our Estates where we live may be set of to Rye and Your Petitioners shall ever Pray &c

The petitioners, it may be observed, speak of themselves as "inhabitants of the North Parish in Hampton," and do not mention the town of North Hampton at all. If this was intentional, the motive is obscure. Their petition was disposed of by the house of representatives on Aug. 23, 1744, voting "That the
Petition be Dismist so long as the opposers to the Petition shall keep an open and passable way to North Hill Meeting House”—the legislative record, like the petition, failing to mention North Hampton. In 1748 “ye Petition of Ab" Libby Tho. Marden & others of North Hampton representing yt they labour under very great Difficulties with respect to their attendance upon ye Publick Worship of God &c, Praying yt they may be polled off to ye Parish of Rye,” was also denied by the general assembly, and this apparently ended attempts in that direction. Nor do we find any further record of boundary tinkering until 1793, when the following return was made to the legislature, and settled the boundary between North Hampton and Rye on the lines now existing:

State of New Hampshire
Rockingham ss.

Pursuant to an act of the General Court of this state appointing us a Committee to run the lines between the Townships of North Hampton and Rye, we have perambulated said line, and have ascertained the Courses and distances in manner following:

Beginning at the North Corner of North Hampton, Greenland and Rye, then running South sixty-nine degrees East two hundred and fifty-six rods to David Smith's Corner, thence South forty-seven degrees West, three hundred and eighty-two rods to the eastward of Lieut. Simon Ward's orchard, thence South Seventy-seven degrees East 86 rods, to a birch stump, thence South sixty-three degrees, East three hundred and sixty-eight rods, thence due North ten rods and a half to the Northeast Corner of Simon Lamprey's House, thence South forty-one degrees east, one hundred and seventy rods to John Jenness Jr., Corner, so called, thence South fifty-four degrees west thirty-one and one half rods, thence South forty-four degrees east two hundred and eleven rods to the sea.

The land of Nehemiah Moulton's home place is to pay in all taxes to North Hampton that he now possesses. He lying upon the line between said towns.

Also Simon Lamprey's home place is to pay in all taxes to the town of Rye and the Selectmen of said towns, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. And all polled lands between the towns of Rye and North Hampton is considered to pay all taxes to the towns on each side of said line where they lie, excepting Nehemiah Moulton's and Simon Lamprey's, as before mentioned.

James Hill
Jeremiah Batchelder
Joshua Weeks

Committee.
The following is the official report of the perambulation of the bounds between Rye and North Hampton, Oct. 25, 1892:

Beginning at the Corner bounds between the towns of Rye and North Hampton on the Greenland line at a rock in the Wall at the South-Westerly Corner of the pasture owned by Flora B. Dow, marked R. N. H. G., and running South 69 deg. East 256 rods to a stone post on the east side of the highway, near the house of the late Oliver Garland, marked R. N. H., thence South 47 degrees West 382 rods to a stone post in the pasture of the heirs of John Pickering to the eastward of Lieut. Simon Ward's orchard.
(so called) marked R. N. H. B., thence South 77 degrees east 86 rods to a birch tree standing in the Wall Marked R. N. H. B., thence South 63 deg. east 368 rods to a stone post in the field of Joseph G. Jenness marked R. N. H. B., thence due North, 10 ½ rods to a stone buried in the field of Alfred G. Jenness Marked B., thence South 41 degrees east 170 rods to a rock in the Wall at the South Corner of the field belonging to the heirs of Richard Jenness, marked R. N. H. B., thence South 54 degrees West 31 ½ rods, to a stone Post in E. B. Philbrick's pasture marked R. N. H., thence south 47 degrees East 211 rods to the sea, a stone in the wall on the west side of the highway marked R. N. H.
IV.

Population.

From the constables' rates of the town of Newcastle, made in December, 1688, it appears probable that at that time there were not more than fifteen or twenty voters in the Sandy Beach section of the town—the part that later was set off to the Parish of Rye—nearly all of these being named Berry, Foss, Marden, Odiorne, Brackett, Seavey, or Wallis. This would indicate a total population of from 100 to 120. In 1721, when the first petition for the erection of Sandy Beach into a parish was presented to the general assembly, it was stated that "above two hundred and forty souls" would be benefited by the granting of the petition; but this included not only the population of Sandy Beach but a considerable number of the residents of Portsmouth, and a still larger number of residents of Hampton.

The first census of Rye of which there is any record was made in 1773, the result being tabulated as follows:

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<td>Unmarried men from 16 to 60 years of age</td>
<td>69</td>
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<td>Married men from 16 to 60</td>
<td>113</td>
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<td>Boys 16 years old and under</td>
<td>190</td>
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<td>Men 60 years old and upwards</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>Females unmarried</td>
<td>259</td>
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<td>Females married</td>
<td>132</td>
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<td>Widows</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Twelve male slaves and 7 female slaves</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>842</strong></td>
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This report, which was signed by Samuel Wallis and Joseph Jenness, selectmen, shows that the population was very evenly divided between the sexes, the females numbering 391 and the
males 396, omitting the slaves of both sexes. Two years later, in 1775, another census was taken and a slight increase in population was shown, the return made being:

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<td>Males under 16 years of age</td>
<td>206</td>
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<td>Males from 16 years of age to 50, not in the army</td>
<td>146</td>
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<td>All males above 50 years of age</td>
<td>47</td>
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<td>Persons gone in the army</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>All females</td>
<td>442</td>
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<td>Negroes and Slaves for life</td>
<td>14</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>870</strong></td>
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The same year an inventory of the quantity of powder and the number of guns in the town was made, as appears from the following:

- Powder 161 lbs Publick Stock None, Guns 170.
- Province of New Hampshire
  - Rockingham ss
  - Rye Aug 31, 1775.

Then Decen Francis Jenness and Lt. Nathan Gorss appeared and made oath to the above Inventory—Before me Sam'l Jenness Justis Peace

N. B. 21 of the above men are not able to Bare Arms By Reson of old age Being Cripple.

In 1786 another census was taken by the selectmen, and the following was their report:

- Rye the 2d of June 1786—Agreeable to the within resolve the following is a Return of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye—number of white and other free Citizens &c 653—other persons not Comprehended in this other description—2.

Nathan Goss
Neh' Moulton
Selectmen
John Webster

From this it appears that there was a decrease in the population of the town between the time the last previous census was taken, in 1775, and the taking of this one, of 215, very nearly twenty-five per cent. This notable falling off was in part due to losses during the war, but in much greater measure to the removal of a large number of families back into the
country, where lands were much cheaper and more easily obtained than in the earlier settled towns near the seashore. The "other persons not comprehended" in the "number of white persons and other free citizens" must have been slaves, and as there were but two of these it is apparent that there had been a great decrease in the amount of slave property held in the town, the number of slaves returned by the census takers of 1773 having been nineteen; and in 1775, of "negroes and slaves for life" (implying that some of the negroes were not slaves), fourteen. When the next census was taken, in 1790, the returns showed that the population had increased again almost to the figures of 1775, the tabulation being as follows:

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<td>Number of males above 16 years</td>
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<td>Males under 16 years</td>
<td>189</td>
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<td>Females</td>
<td>439</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other free Persons</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Slaves</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>865</td>
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The "other free persons" mentioned, and who were not listed as being either males or females, presumably were free negroes, former slaves who had been released from bondage. They probably counted for very little—certainly for nothing at all so far as having a voice in the management of parish and town affairs was concerned. Their only use, in the census, was to swell the number of the population.

In the year 1800 the census returns gave the town a population of 1,000. In 1835 an estimate of the number of inhabitants was made, 1,200 being the number named. Since that time the number of residents has not varied greatly; by the census of 1890 it was 978, and by the census of 1900 it was 1,142.

In 1853 there were 50 widows in the town.

In 1886, in a resident population of about 1,000 inhabitants there were 54 widows whose united ages were about 3,700 years, two being over 90 years of age, ten between 80 and 90, twenty between 70 and 80, ten between 60 and 70, four
between 50 and 60, six between 40 and 50, and two between 30 and 40. In the same year there were only 29 widowers in town, four of whom were eighty years old or more, six between 70 and 80, nine between 60 and 70, six between 50 and 60, three between 40 and 50, and one less than 40.

CUNNER ROCK, RYE BEACH.
V.

Some old Residents and where They Lived.

Richard Goss was probably one of the first settlers at the center of the town, as twenty acres of common land were laid out to him at or near "Breakback hill" by the road between Sandy Beach and Greenland in the year 1701. It was owned afterward by his son Thomas and his daughter Elizabeth and her son Michael D. Goss and the latter's son James Madison Goss and his heirs. Thomas J. Parsons bought the farm and at present it is owned by Daniel J. Parsons.

The one-story house, which stood where Andrew G. Locke erected his new dwelling house, was formerly occupied by Reuel Garland, Oliver Jenness, Albert M. Walker and others, who worked at their trade in the blacksmith shop near by. It was moved there from near where Elvin Locke built his house. It was built by Merrifield Berry for his son Ebenezer, who married Polly, daughter of Colonel Benjamin Garland. She, being a very proud and high-spirited woman, refused to live in such a small house and returned home. She was an invalid for more than forty years and was known as "Aunt Polly." Her son, Thomas Garland Berry, a merchant in Portsmouth, subsequently came into possession of Colonel Benjamin Garland's farm.

Noah Dow, in 1760, lived above Andrew Locke's on the opposite side of the highway on the quarter acre lot adjoining the road and now owned by Daniel J. Parsons. The old well is still to be seen under the hill. Dow was a very "little man" and had a son Nathan who removed into the country.

Christopher Amazeen of Newcastle conveyed to Jonathan Locke of Portsmouth a tract of land in Newcastle (Rye) "31½
acres laid out to me March 26, 1722, by the Committee for dividing the Common lands of New Castle.” This property has been retained in the Locke family up to the present time and is now owned by Deacon Jonathan Locke, who is living (1903) at the age of ninety years.

Old Doctor Mac, so called, and Samuel Wallis lived opposite Joseph Locke's house, which is now owned by Freeman J. Locke. Samuel, the father of Samuel and Ebenezer Wallis, fell from a load of hay in front of Freeman Locke's and broke his neck. He made a will after the accident giving all his property to Samuel. He owned part of the Locke farm up to the Berry land in front of A. H. Drake’s. Before the road was straightened there was quite a sharp corner in front of Freeman Locke's house and it was known for many years as the Wallis' Corner.

John Locke formerly occupied the next house, then his son, Captain Samuel J. Locke, and the latter's son-in-law, Nathaniel Marden, and his sons, Irving and Samuel A.

In 1723-'24, Sampson Sheafe, Jr., of Newcastle conveyed land to William Locke, carpenter, of Hampton and Ebenezer Berry of Rye. On November 28, 1748, Thomas Goss gave a bond to build a house for Ebenezer Berry. The old Berry house was taken down and the present one erected by Joseph William Garland. Ebenezer Berry was succeeded by his son Merrifield, then General Ira Brown, Reuel Garland, and his son, Joseph William, and at present the farm is owned and occupied by Albert H. Drake.

Charles Green built the house now occupied by his son, Oren S. Green. Jonathan and son Joseph Goss, prior to 1800, lived in from the road, then Samuel P. Garland and at present Clarence Goss. Samuel Wells resided near George Lang's house. Ozem Dowrst lived where the walnut tree grows in the pasture of Charles D. Garland. The cellar is still to be seen beyond the residence of Mrs. Albion D. Parsons.

At the foot of the hill on the north side of the highway lived Moses Seavey, Joses Philbrick, Jr., and his son John Philbrick, and at present Walter Peek. Jonathan Dolbeer lived on Phil-
brick's hill in John Garland's pasture. Nicholas Dolbeer resided in the house where Lieut. Simon Brown and his sons, Langdon and John Henry, lived, which is now occupied by the latter's son, Howard Brown.

Abraham Libby resided opposite William J. Rand's, in the field of the late William C. Garland. Bickford and John Lang lived where Dowrst Rand and son William afterward lived, then William J. Rand and his son Joseph William. There was a Joseph Rand, called "burnt ear," who lived near the residence of William Cutter Garland and his brother Samuel near Levi Garland's. Tradition says there was a schoolhouse located in the corner of Charles D. Garland's field, near the Shapley field; if so, it was at a very early date. Probably the first schoolhouse in that part of the town was situated east of Langdon and John H. Brown's.

There was a Hutchings who lived near the location of the present wooden schoolhouse. Stephen Marden resided near the Hutchings on the same side of the way. Ephraim Rand lived beyond Garland's Corner and died in the Revolutionary army.
Redmond lived opposite the house erected by Josiah Jen-
ness and where Jenness resided previous to his going to the
beach. The house is now occupied by Mr. Goodwin. Jona-
than Towle lived at the Bunker's and Nathan Towle on the
Samuel Jenness farm. It is said William Randall lived on this
farm and died or perished on Wibird's hill coming from Ports-
mouth. His widow sold out and went up country. Samuel
Wallis Jenness was succeeded by his son, Samuel W., and the
latter's son-in-law, Charles S. Whidden.

Amos Rand, cordwainer, lived on the corner where William
Cutter Garland resided and opposite the store of the latter's
son, Charles D. Garland.

It is said that Francis and Ephraim Locke, who were grand-
sons of the Locke of Locke's Neck, having sold their farm to
the Garland's, moved to Epsom. John Garland resided on the
premises for many years. Deacon Reuben Shapley came into
possession of the property, and it is still occupied by his son,
Reuel.

The Browns lived in the Levi Garland house, now the resi-
dence of Samuel Smart. When Garland bought it the Browns
kept their pigs in one part and lived in the other part.

The Dows occupied the farm on the opposite side of the
highway for many generations.

Richard Jenness, Esq., lived upon his farm at Breakfast
hill probably prior to 1750. His dwelling house, long since
torn down, stood in the field on the southeast corner of Lafay-
ette and Breakfast hill roads, nearly opposite the residence of
his grandson, Amos S. Jenness, which is now, 1903, occupied
by the latter's son, Joseph G. Jenness. Samuel Seavey lived
near here; he was a brother of Joseph at the "four corners."

Jonathan Drake lived on the east side of the Lafayette road,
then his son, Cotton Ward Drake, and at present his son,
Charles A. On the opposite side of the road lived John
Drake and his son-in-law, Jacob Marston, and the latter's son,
John D. Marston.

From Garland's store to Chesley's four corners lived
Stephen Marden. Then in the old Moses Dalton house, which
has been torn down, lived his father, Ben Dalton, Tristam Sleeper, and a Mr. Libby.

David Smith and Ephraim Gould lived near Calvin Garland's farm. Further south lived Richard Jenness Sleeper, the farm now being occupied by his son, Martin V. Sleeper.

There was a house located in the lane near the residence of Alfred Seavey. It was occupied by Samuel Knowles, Thomas Sleeper, and Henry Jenness, and then taken down.

Joseph Seavey lived at the four corners where the buildings of the late William S. Garland now stand. John Godfrey married Seavey's daughter, and lived there.

On the north corner William Sleeper kept a tavern for a number of years. His son, Charles B., afterwards lived there, and at present his grandson, Charles E., occupies the old mansion.

William E. and Simon L. Chesley lived on the west corner and kept store there for a number of years.

Edmund Johnson and the Elkins family lived near the four corners.

Robert Moulton lived on Little Boar's Head farm and sold to J. Brown and moved to Gilmanton. His brother lived where Cyrus Jones resides.

Richard Jenness, called "Lawyer Dick," lived on the corner near Charles W. Spears, and owned the land where Albion Philbrick resided. It is said his house was hauled down on the mill road for old Mr. Simon Locke, and is occupied at present by Augustus Caswell.

Thomas Jenness lived where Lieut. James Perkins lived, and exchanged farms with James Perkins of Hampton about 1730.

The first Philbrick who settled within the present limits of Rye sowed a piece of grain in the field now occupied and on which is erected one or more buildings of the Farragut House, and a party came up from Hampton and burned the grain, calling Philbrick a squatter. He was finally allowed to remain.

A writ or summons issued 1702, directed to the constable of Hampton to bring the body of Joseph Philbrick of Hampton to the court of sessions to be held in Portsmouth. A present-
ment was made by the grand jury against him for having built a house upon the town's land in Hampton near the house of Francis Jenness.

Francis Jennings or Jenness emigrated to this country from England in 1665 and took up his residence at Great Island, now Newcastle, pursuing the avocation of mariner and fisherman. In 1671 he moved to Rye, then a part of Hampton, and married Hannah Swaine. He established an extensive bakery on his land. The territory which he took up, and most of which was laid out to him by the town of Hampton in 1675, extended in a strip along the sea-coast from Joslyn's Neck or Locke's Neck in a southerly direction for three quarters of a mile, including good mill privileges. He erected his dwelling house close by this mill stream, some forty rods to the eastward of the present bridge across it, and on the easterly side of the dwelling house now occupied by one of his descendants, Mr. J. Disco Jenness. Francis also erected a sawmill and a grist-mill and put up buildings for a bakery. The nearness of the latter to the sea was a great convenience in the carrying on of his business. By means of ketches and small pinnaces, he distributed his bread and sea biscuits all along the coast from Saco to Boston. He is said to have been a very large and strong man. Upon one occasion when he had visited Boston with a cargo of his ship biscuits to sell, he was stopped in the street by a renowned bully from an English man-of-war, lying in the harbor, and bantered to a fight. Francis in vain sought to pacify the man. Neither argument nor persuasion would avail. At last his patience gave out, and seizing the astonished gladiator by the collar of his jacket he tossed him with ease over the top of a six-foot fence into an adjoining lot, and then resumed his course unruffled and unimpeded.

The youngest child of Francis Jennings, named Richard, married Mary Dow and settled down near the old homestead. Upon the decease of his father, Richard succeeded to the ownership of the home farm. Captain Richard Jennes (for so he usually wrote his name) was a public-spirited and influen-
tial citizen. In 1726 the territory north of Joslyn's or Locke's Neck (formerly known as Sandy Beach) which had hitherto been a part of Newcastle was formatted into a distinct town by the name of the "Parish of Rye." This new parish being declared entitled to representation in the provincial assembly, the first member returned by it to the house of representatives was Captain Richard Jenness. The legality of his election was contested, but after argument, he was declared duly chosen and took his seat in the house, which at that time consisted of but sixteen members. He continued to represent the town for nearly forty years. One of his first acts, upon entering the legislature, was to procure the passage of a bill, for which he had previously petitioned in 1721, setting off to the new parish of Rye a large tract of land (embracing his own and Mr. Philbrick's farms) which lay south of Locke's Neck, all of which had long been in dispute between Hampton and Portsmouth. The bounds of Rye thus formed, together with an addition made in 1791 on the extreme north, correspond with the present limits of the town. Captain Richard bought large tracts of land at Breakfast hill, Portsmouth, Little River, and back in the country. His fifth child, Richard, resided at Breakfast hill.

Jonathan Brown, commonly known in his day as "White house Jonathan," from the fact that his house was the first house in town to be painted white, was succeeded on the farm by his son Joseph Ward and then by his son Charles J. Brown.

On the corner where Howard Rand resides lived a Mr. Moulton, then Cornet Jonathan Brown, Jr., Daniel Marden, and his son, Otis D. Marden.

James Locke lived near Colonel Simon Jenness. The Colonel's house is now occupied as a store by his grandson, Emery C. Jenness. Locke moved to Portsmouth or Deerfield.

Elijah Locke lived on the corner near the house occupied by Nathan, and at present by his son, Charles N. Knowles.

William Locke lived near the residence of Gilman Garland. Jonathan Philbrick, Esq., then his son, Daniel, occupied the farm which at present Daniel Webster Philbrick lives on with his two sons, Alfred and Irving.
David Locke, who married Hannah Lovering, lived on Fern avenue, then Joseph J. Drake and his son, John Oren Drake.

Jeremiah Locke lived down near Rye Harbor, then General Thomas Goss, his son, John Sheridan, and at present Wallace S. Goss.

Joseph Locke, who married Hannah Jenness, lived where John Oliver Locke built his house and lived.

In 1756 Robinson Treferrin, mariner, sold to Benjamin Garland et als., at Rye Center, seventeen acres of land with house, barn, etc. Benjamin's daughter, Sarah, lived there until her death. Also his daughter Polly, who married Ebenezer Berry, and then their son, Thomas Garland Berry. The heirs of the latter sold to Leonard Cotton of Portsmouth. Mr. Haskell bought the property, and recently the old Inn has been purchased by R. R. Higgins of Boston for a summer residence. The space in the highway in front of the house was formerly known as "Garland's Common."

Rev. Huntington Porter lived in the house now owned and occupied by Albert M. Walker, and made extensive additions to it. Jethro Locke, Major Joseph Locke, Albion D.
Parsons, and James W. Marden also resided there. Benjamin Marden and wife, Hannah Rand, lived down in the pasture by "Gammon's brook," so called, and moved his house up on the parsonage land, by consent of the town, near the present Christian church, where his son-in-law, Samuel Marden, then his son, Lowell S. Marden, lived. William J. Walker tore down the old house and rebuilt. Olive Libby, a daughter of Reuben Libby, who married J. Harris, lived in the Libby pasture near Gammon's brook, and used to say that she could go any day in the fall of the year over to Locke's Neck and gather a bushel of walnuts, the Neck at that time being covered with walnut and oak trees. The residents at Locke's Neck during severe droughts would drive their cattle up to Gammon's brook for water.

The parsonage house built by the town in 1810 was sold at auction to John Tuck Rand, and is at present occupied by his son, Isaac D. Rand.

William Berry, who was living in 1786, gave his farm to his son, Jeremiah Berry. Afterward his son, Levi Berry, occupied the premises, then Joseph L. Locke and Samuel Walker, and his son, Levi T., and daughter, Eliza Ann Walker. It is at present occupied by Herbert Perkins. The above William Berry gave the Trefethen part of his farm to his grandson, Jonathan Hobbs. The latter in 1812 sold to William Trefethen, Jr., then Levi T. Walker and sister Eliza Ann came into possession of the property, and it is now occupied by George Perry.

The Hoppings, prior to 1680, lived in the field belonging to Nathaniel Marden, who, together with Samuel Walker, sold the same with the "Mansion House" thereon to Colonel Amos S. Parsons in 1822, and it is now owned by the heirs of Dr. Warren Parsons. This part of the town was known as "Marden town" for many years.

Ebenezer Seavey, it is said, lived between Dr. Warren Parsons and George Perry.

Samuel Morrison lived on the west corner, then John Carroll and Simon Goss had a store prior to 1800. The store was
continued by Thomas Rand and his brother, Jedediah Rand, and his son, Thomas W. Rand.

Simon Goss, about 1810, built a residence and opened a store in the basement of the same at "Breakback Hill," more recently known as Meeting House Hill. He sold to Seavey and Drake, then John Drake occupied the premises. He sold to Thomas J. Parsons, and since the death of the latter it has been occupied as a residence by his son, L. B. Parsons.

Joses Philbrick, blacksmith, lived on the north corner near Rand's store, then Colonel Amos S. Parsons and his sons,

James M. and Joseph. It is now the residence of Fred D. Parsons. On the opposite side of the highway, Dr. Joseph Parsons erected a house and was succeeded by his son, Dr. John Wilkes, and grandson, Dr. Warren Parsons.

Captain Jonathan Wedgewood and his son, David, lived where Charles Walker resides.

Job Foss and Simon Knowles, then Samuel Libby in 1800, Soloman Marden in 1807, then later his sons, Benjamin and Moses R., occupied the farm, and it is now the residence of Charles H. Lear.
Widow Esther Goss lived just below, on the opposite side of the road, then Nathan Clough, now Charles H. Rand.

On the north side of the highway, near the Widow Goss place, lived Alexander Salter, Samuel Rand and son, Samuel. Easterly a few rods lived Joseph Rand and son, Joshua, then William Holmes and son William I., and at present the latter's son-in-law, Everett Odiorne. Near by lived Levi Goss, A. Saunders, and Nat Coleman.

On the east side of the highway lived Thomas Lang, father of Richard, and then Samuel Mow and his old Mother Allen. On the West side, Paul Seavey, Joshua and James Marden, Jethro Lock, 1805, and Stephen Green, then Samuel H. Rand and his son, J. Jenness Rand.

Zachariah Berry lived nearly opposite William Holmes. He would pasture his horse on Wallis Sands hills and marsh, and would go after him Sundays to ride to meeting at the Center.

Treadwell N. Mason, Trefethen J. Thomas, Jacob Johnson, Dalton, and at present the Rand brothers occupy the Treadwell farm.

The family of Paines lived at Lang's corner. Paine was drowned in "Belly hack brook." Others who lived there were Eben Wallis, Richard Lang, Ebenezer Wallis Lang, and at present his son, Charles W. Lang.

Benjamin Scadgel was innkeeper, then Ebenezer Wallis bought the farm. The latter sold to Amos Seavey, then Joseph L. Seavey, and at present it is owned by his son, Joseph Langdon Seavey.


At the four corners lived Lieutenant Wallis, J. L. Ham, then Simon Brown, Jr., who moved to Lynn, Mass., and at present the farm is occupied by Sylvester Odiorne.

William Alexander Lear, Levi Dearborn, then Joseph Remick, lived in the Wallis field.

James Shute and the Bracketts lived in Brackett's lane.
William Rand, S. B. Berry, John Rand's sons, John and Joshua, and then Jefferson Rand lived near Wallis Sands.

Watson and wife being aged gave their farm to John Foye to take care of them. It is said Watson had no children or relatives. John Foye was a seaman and rose to be mate of a ship, and brought one ship home, the captain having died. William Foye, son of John, then his son, William, then Daniel Rand, then his son, Captain Elvin Rand, lived where the Watsons did.

In from the road lived Joshua Rand, Jr., James Seavey, Jr., D. Rand, and Joseph Goss.

Just below lived James Seavey's sons, James, Joseph, and Eben Seavey.

Amos Seavey and his son, William, had a house between Woodbury's and Captain William Seavey's.

Paul Randall lived where John Foye's house is, and Mark Randall lived first near Foye's barn, and afterwards resided by the old east schoolhouse at Lang's corner.
The Blunts lived down near Sagamore bridge, and all the sons were taught navigation at home, and they all became masters of vessels.

On the road to Sandy Beach near the Centre schoolhouse lived Solomon Downst, whose daughter married Benjamin Marden, Jr. It was then occupied by his son, Samuel, and at present by his grandson, Samuel, and the latter's son-in-law, Adams E. Drake.

In 1728-29 Alexander Sims of Rye deeded to James Marden twenty acres of land, original right of Joseph Jackson. James Marden's son, William, and grandson, James, who married Polly Jenness, occupied the farm, then his son, William, and at present the latter's son, Levi W., and grandson, Wilbur L. Marden, reside on the homestead.

Samuel Murray lived where John A. Trefethen and at present his son, John E., resides. Old Minister Morrill lived there. In 1790, the year the Trefethens moved in, it is said there was no snow until the nineteenth of January.

A Mr. Blake lived on the Sandy Beach road and moved to Chichester. He came back to Rye and carried half a bushel of corn on his back to Chichester, a distance of fifty miles.

The first two houses at Sandy Beach, it is said, were one where Job Foss lived (where Sylvanus Foss now resides), and one where Nat Foss lived, and there were no others until the Wallis place was reached, but the statement is doubtful as Berry was the first settler there.

Jacob Tibbets, who married Judith, daughter of Jotham Berry, was the first settler on Ragged Neck.

ANCIENT NAMES.

In 1631 Mason sent over fifty-eight men and twenty-two women to the Piscataqua river. Among them were William Berry, William Seavey, Francis Rand, William or Anthony Brackett.

The following were returned as belonging to Sandy Beach in 1688: William Berry, John Berry, John Marden, John Foss, 1st, John Foss, Jr., John Odiorne, Anthony Brackett, Francis
SOME OLD RESIDENTS AND WHERE THEY LIVED.

Ran, Thomas Ran, William Wallis, James Randall, William Seavie, Thomas Seavie, James Berry, Samuel Ran, John Seavie, Anthony Libbie, and Joseph Berry.

List of the Ancient Names in New Castle and Sandy Beach made 7 to 15 July 1696, for all Mail persons from the age of sixteen years and upwards to take the appointed instead of the oath of allegiance.*

| Berry, James, 2d. | Foss, William. | Joanes, Thomas. |
| Bell, Shadrich. | Foss, Samuel. | Knight, Richard. |
| Clark, Jacob. | Horn, Tobias. | |

**ANCIENT NAMES IN TOWN RECORDS.**

| 1726-7 Goss, Richard. | 1726-7 Lear, Tobias. |
| " Jenness, Thomas. | 1728 Johnson, Peter. |
| " Jackson, Joseph. | " Libbee, Jacob. |
| " Locke, James. | " Lane, John. |
| " Locke, Joseph. | " Libbee, Isaac. |
| " Locke, John. | 1730 Perkins, James. |
| " Locke, Francis. | 1731 Goss, Jethro. |
| " Locke, John, jr. | 1732 Jenness, Job. |

1732 Jenness, Joshua. 1751 Perkins, Abraham.
" Jenness, John, jr. 1754 Lang, Nathaniel.
1738 Goss, Thomas. 1757 Jenness, Nathaniel.
" Locke, Thomas. " Locke, Elijah.
1745 Jones, Samuel. 1759 Jenness, Benjamin.
" Philbrick, James. 1760 Libby, Joseph.
1746 Jenness, Richard. 1767 Goss, Nathan.
1749 Jenness, Samuel. 1768 Libby, Reuben.
" Locke, Jeremiah. " Libby, Benjamin.
1751 Philbrick, Ebenezer, jr. 1785 Locke, Richard, 3d.

RESIDENTS WHO HAVE REMOVED TO OTHER TOWNS.

The Berry family went to Farmington, Strafford, and Greenland; Caswells to Candia. The Foss family to Rochester, Exeter, Epsom, Greenland, and Barrington; Daltons to Deerfield; Dolbeers to Epsom; Downs to Wolfeborough; Hobbs to Epping. The Jenness family to Deerfield, Rochester, Pittsfield, Epping, and Canaan; Lockes to Epsom, Hampton, Barrington, Chichester, Chester, Concord, Dover, and Deerfield. The Marden family to Epping, Epsom, Barrington, Chichester, Chester, and Loudon; Perkins to Meredith; Philbricks to Epsom. The Randalls to Chester, Deerfield, and Moultonborough; Rands to Epsom, Greenland, Warner, Gilmanton, and Tuftonborough; Seaveys to Barrington, Chichester, Rochester, Deerfield, and Greenland; Saunders to Derry, Epsom, Ossipee, and Chichester; Towles to Epsom and Epping; Treffethens to Barnstead and Kittery, Me.; Websters to Epsom and Chester.

A greater number of our people settled in Epsom than any other one town. A number settled in the West, South, and Middle states besides in various parts of New England.
VI.

Ferries, Bridges, and Roads.

For a number of years after the Piscataqua settlements were begun there were no bridges, but ferries were early established, and among the first of these was that of Henry Sherburne, the court records showing that in 1643 "Henry Sherburne was ordered by the Court to Keep a Ferry And to have for his paynes from the Great House [the house built by Thompson at Little Harbor] to the Great Island 2^d, to the province* 12^d, to Strawberry Banke 6^d."

Fifty years later, Dec. 5, 1693: "Court of Sessions. Whereas the Ferry over to Great Island from Saunders Point was granted to Capt. Samuel Sherburne which is not found so convenient as where it is now kept, where the Bridge was made over; The Court granted Mrs. Love Sherburne the privilege Provided she kept a sufficient Bridge on the piece of marsh near their house where it is now passable for horse and man." The mention in this entry of a bridge that had been "made over" evidently refers to a structure that had been built over a salt marsh as an approach to the ferryway, and not to a bridge across the Little Harbor inlet, that had been rebuilt; had the latter existed there would have been no need of a ferry. That this bridge was to be kept passable for horse and man implies that Mr. Sherburne's ferry was to be of a capacity to transfer teams as well as travelers.

In 1759 a bridge was built by a corporation across the inlet, a few rods northwesterly from where the present Wentworth bridge is located, and toll rates established; but as a business venture it was unsuccessful, the receipts not sufficing to keep

*The "Province of Maine," on the other side of the Piscataqua.
it in repair, so it was allowed to go to ruin. Of the date of its destruction there is no record, but it was previous to 1789, for in that year certain petitioners to the general court related "that the Ancient Town of Newcastle has been greatly distressed and Impoverished by means of the late war, and the Bridge a cross Little Harbour which connected them to the Main has been demolished." It was in a petition for leave to conduct a lottery, to raise funds for building a new bridge in place of the one destroyed, that this statement was made, as is related elsewhere in this book under the heading "Public Lotteries." The petition was granted and the bridge was built, but it was not built until after 1791, for in that year several residents and landholders of Newcastle, living on the southwesterly side of Little Harbor and who had not been included in the parish of Rye when that parish was set off from Newcastle, petitioned the general court that they and their estates might be disannexed from Newcastle and set off to Rye, and in support of their request (which was granted to the legislature) urged the difficulty and sometimes impossibility of crossing the channel to attend town meeting or divine service, and the danger to their children in having to cross the water on their way to and from school. This is conclusive evidence that no bridge at that time spanned the channel separating the two towns. Probably the bridge was opened to public travel in 1792, and by reason of neglect, decay, and storms had disappeared at some time previous to the chartering by the legislature in 1821, of the corporation that built the toll bridges that still connect Portsmouth and Newcastle, and that are toll bridges still. The first and second Little Harbor bridges were both short-lived structures, neither of them lasting more than thirty years at the outside.

In 1797 a movement was initiated by private parties for the building of a bridge over Sagamore creek. If built it would not have been in Rye, but it would have been of as much advantage to Rye as to Portsmouth, and residents of Rye were interested in the project, as the following from the legislative records, of date Dec. 18, 1797, shows:
Petition to Build a Bridge over Sagamore Creek.

We the Subscribers inhabitants of Portsmouth and Rye in said state, humbly shew that were a bridge erected over Sagamore creek from Portsmouth to Rye near Benjamin Lear's house it would shorten the travel & facilitate the Communications between said Towns & be of Public Utility, Wherefore We Pray that Liberty be granted us to build and Maintain a bridge there by Subscription & as in duty, bound will ever Pray &c—

Billey Rand  Samuel Wallis  John Foy
Samuel Rand  Jeremiah Berry  John Foy Junr
Nathaniel Rand  Jonathan Hobbs  Joseph L. Seavey
Wm Marden  Amos S. Parsons  Joseph Locke
John Webster  Nathaniel Marden  Daniel Mason
Josiah Webster  Paul Seavey  Richard Webster
Joseph Rand  Samuel Rand  Alexander Salter
Joshua Brackett  Jacob Sheafe  John Salter
John Carroll  Joses Philbrick  Wm Seavey
Isaac Waldron Jr  Levi Berry  James Seavey
Wm Berry  John Seavey

Whatever action the legislature may have taken in regard to this petition—of which no record has been found—the promoters of the scheme apparently went no further; no bridge was built there at that time, nor until more than a half century later, in 1850, when the present Sagamore bridge was built by the city of Portsmouth, and Sagamore road extended from the bridge to the Rye line, where it was met by a highway built by Rye. The Benjamin Lear mentioned in the petition lived within a few rods of the southerly end of the present bridge, on the westerly side of the present road. He was for many years known as "the hermit of Sagamore," and died in 1802, at the age of eighty-two years. It is therefore probable that the location selected by the proposed bridge builders of 1797 was very near where a bridge was built so many years afterward, though most likely they would have skirted the hill at the northerly end of the bridge instead of carrying their road right over its highest point. Tradition says that for many years—perhaps right up to the time the bridge was built—a ferry was maintained there, the landing on the northerly side of the creek being at the foot of what is now Jones avenue in Portsmouth, and that this ferry was much patronized by resi-
dents of the northerly part of Rye, who thereby avoided the long detour around the head of the creek, and saved several miles of travel; but this ferry was for foot passengers only, the waters of the creek at low tide being too shallow to float a scow large enough to carry teams, and was not chartered.

In 1874 a new highway was opened from Sagamore road in Portsmouth to Newcastle, said highway crossing the northwest corner of Rye. The portion of this new highway that lies in Portsmouth was by that city's board of aldermen named "Mason Road," in honor of Capt. John Mason, and is so

On the Sagamore Road, Rye.

recorded; but no name board for the road has ever been put up, and probably few people are aware that it has an officially bestowed name, it being universally referred to as the "Wentworth road" or the "Wentworth House road." The opening of this highway necessitated the building of a new bridge across Little Harbor, and this bridge stands exactly where the lottery bridge of 1792 for a brief time stood. If this bridge has been, is now, or is likely ever to be, of the slightest benefit to Rye, that fact has never been demonstrated; but one end of it abuts on the Rye shore of Little Harbor, and a part of the new
road leading to it is in Rye, so Rye was obliged to contribute about $2,400 toward the expense of building the bridge, receiving from the county $588.89 as the county's share. The cost of keeping this bridge in repair is not light, and is felt by the taxpayers of Rye to be an unjust burden, of which they should be relieved; but no scheme of relief has yet been devised.

In the same year, 1874, a new wooden bridge was built by the town across Doctor's Channel (or Pass river) near Concord Point, at an expense of $1,250. This bridge was replaced in 1903 by a substantial structure with stone abutments, erected by the commissioners in charge of the construction of the state ocean boulevard.

Rye's London bridge has been known by that name for many years, it being so designated on the earliest plan of the town. Why it should have been given that somewhat pretentious title is not apparent, unless it was done as a joke, for neither in magnitude nor magnificence does it rival the structure across the Thames, it being merely a small highway bridge of stone, located a few rods from the new east schoolhouse at the junction of the three roads. If the name was originally bestowed in a spirit of derision or banter, it has clung well.

Concerning the time when the bridge across Seavey's creek was built, or who built it, the town records, which date back only to 1726, afford no information. It is probable that a bridge was built there at a very early period; possibly by the Pannaway settlers. Seavey's creek is the inlet from Little Harbor that, extending back to very near the ocean, at high tide almost makes an island of what was the Pannaway plantation; the only way of providing an easy means of land communication between the plantation and the settlements farther up the river and along the seashore was to bridge the creek, and where the bridge now is is the best place—indeed the only good place along the creek—to build one. It is also the best and only place where the creek could be dammed for mill purposes, and was so utilized in comparatively recent times, grist
and sawmills, owned by the Odiornes, having been there until September, 1862, when they were destroyed by fire, the remains of the dam being close beside the bridge. It is not improbable that a mill and dam were built there by the earliest settlers; they had to have a mill to grind their corn and grain, and here was an excellent location for a tide mill right at their door. But as to the ownership and date of erection of a mill there the town records give no more information than they do about the bridge. If bridge or mill, or both, were erected prior to 1652, there is probably no record of their erection in existence, for official mention thereof would have been made only in the records of Portsmouth, of which Rye was then a part, and the Portsmouth records were destroyed in that year by the selectmen. The bridge is called the Pine Tree bridge, but neither the origin of the name nor when it was bestowed have been discovered.

An old deed, showing the transfer by "Wm Seavey Senior to his son William Seavey Jr, both of Portsmouth in the County of Portsmouth," of a "Mill on the side of the Creek the mill stands on," was "acknowledged July 6, 1680 before Elias Stillman.
Witness Nathaniel Drake, John Foss, of the Council Port of N. H." While this deed does not enable us to positively locate the mill transferred, there is good ground for believing that it was at the mouth of Seavey's creek, the farms in that section of the town having been largely occupied by families named Seavey from a very early period of the state's settlement.

In 1785 Rye was taxed to pay part of the expense of supporting and keeping in repair the hoist of the Newmarket bridge; but this was a county tax, Rye being as little benefited by the Newmarket bridge as by the present one across Little Harbor.

**Names of Rye Roads.**

In 1893, one hundred and sixty-seven years after Rye was set off from Newcastle as a separate parish, and more than a century after its final and complete political separation from the parent town, it occurred to the people of Rye that it was advisable to do something that had never been done, that would probably prove a convenience and certainly could do no harm, and that would cost nothing, namely, to give official names to the highways of the town. In accordance with this idea, at an adjourned town meeting held the 15th day of March in that year, it was "Voted to accept the report of the selectmen in regard to naming the roads," from which it is reasonable to infer that the subject had been considered and some action taken at a previous meeting, although the town records do not say so, nor is the report of the selectmen given.

It was further "Voted, that the chair appoint three men to confer with Wallace S. Goss in regard to the names of the roads, and report later in the meeting," in compliance with which vote the chair named Henry Knox, Charles D. Garland, and Thomas W. Rand, who after consultation rendered two reports, one (the purport of which the records do not give) signed by Mr. Knox, the other by Messrs. Garland and Rand, upon which the meeting

Voted to accept the majority report of the committee appointed to confer with Wallace S. Goss in regard to naming the roads, which is as follows:
Lafayette Road, from North Hampton to Portsmouth line ........................................... 1
Dow Road, from Lafayette to Washington Roads ......................................................... ½
Washington Road or Avenue, from Greenland line to Sandy Beach ....................... 3½
West Road, from C. D. Garland's store [corner West and Washington Roads] to North Hampton line ................................................................. 1½
Garland Road, from West to Grove Roads ........................................................................ ¾
Grove Road, from Washington to Central Roads .......................................................... 1
Fern Avenue, [Drake's Lane,] from Washington to Grove Roads ............................... ¾
Central Road, from Rye Center to Farragut House ..................................................... 3
South Road, from North Hampton line to the sea near A. J. Drake's ...................... 2½
Wood Road, from South Road to North Hampton near A. G. Jenness' ...................... ½
Causeway Road, from Central Road to the sea by John Jenness' ......................... ½
Farragut Road, from Farragut House to North Hampton line .................................... ½
Ocean Road [still popularly called Sea Road] from Central Road to the sea .......... 4½
Bridge Road, from Central Road by J. Disco Jenness' ............................................... 4½
Perkins Road, from Central Road to the sea ............................................................... 5½
Love Lane, from Central to South Roads ....................................................................... 3½
Cable Road, [still generally called the Jenness Beach Road,] from Central Road to Straw's Point [Locke's Neck] .......................................................... 1½
Locke Road, from Central Road to Straw's Point ..................................................... 1½
Harbor Road, from Locke Road to Little Neck ............................................................ 1
Portsmouth Road, from Washington Road to Portsmouth line .............................. ½
Sagamore Road, from John O. Foss' [on Washington Road] to Portsmouth line .... 3½
Wallis Road, from Centre schoolhouse to Wallis Sands ........................................... 2½
Atlantic Road, from Washington Road by Concord Point to Wallis Sands life-saving station [now included in the state boulevard] .................................................. 1
Brackett Road, [formerly Brackett Lane, in part,) from Washington Road by East schoolhouse to Pioneer Road ................................................................. 1½
Clark Road, from Brackett to Sagamore Roads .......................................................... 4½
Marsh Road, from old East schoolhouse to Wallis Sands ........................................ ½
Pioneer Road, from Sagamore Road [at Foye's Corner, at the junction of Sagamore and Elwyn Roads] to Odiorne's Point ......................................................... 2½
Columbus Road, from Pioneer Road to the sea ............................................................ 1½
Wentworth Road, from Portsmouth line to Newcastle ............................................. 4½
Fair Hill Road, from Marsh Road to James Parsons' [the former Dow farm] ....... ½
Elwyn Road, from Orion L. Foye's [Foye's Corner on Sagamore Road,] to Portsmouth line ........................................................... ½

This table makes the aggregate length of Rye's highways approximately thirty miles. The words enclosed in brackets
are interpolations, and not a part of the selectmen's report as recorded.

The selectmen of 1893 appear to have acted very sensibly in their selection of names for the roads, for although some of the roads carry their names around a sharp corner, while the road under another name keeps straight on, or as nearly straight on as any Rye road runs, there is reason in every case for this apparent eccentricity, in matters relating to the earliest laying out of the roads, or other incidents in connection with the town's early history. For instance, Washington road, from its start at the Greenland line until it passes Rye Centre, has a general trend to the left all the way; but shortly after passing the Centre it takes a decided turn to the right, and runs down to the sea at Sandy Beach. Wallis road starts at Washington road, where the latter turns off to the sea, and continues on a fairly direct course until it crosses Sagamore road, when it too swings around to the right to reach the sea at Wallis Sands. Washington road and Wallis road both follow very closely...
paths that existed from an early period of the town's settlement, and were very early laid out as public highways. South road runs nearly parallel with the town's southerly boundary, from the North Hampton line to the sea; and Central road runs from the Centre, with many crooks and turns in its course, to the southeasterly corner of the town. Other roads bear the names of men or families who were prominent in the town's affairs in former days, or who laid out, or lived on, the roads named in their honor; and still others take names from their environment. The road from Odiorne's Point to Sagamore road is most appropriately designated Pioneer road; across Sagamore road its continuation becomes Elwyn road as far as the Portsmouth line, beyond which it is Rye road until Lafayette road is crossed, when the name again changes to Peverly Hill road, which name holds until Portsmouth Plains are reached. Peverly Hill, Rye, and Elwyn roads, and Pioneer road as far as Brackett road, were all a part of the first road between Portsmouth and Rye.

On Morrill's plan of Rye (1805) the part of Pioneer road from Brackett road to Odiorne's Point, and a branch from it to Frost's Point, are designated by two parallel rows of dots, as is also the old road from Pioneer road through the woods and pasture to Newcastle bridge,—which latter road, by the way, was slighted by the selectmen and town meeting when they were bestowing names, although it would have been easy to have chosen an appropriate one; Newcastle road would be significant, as this now almost forgotten road through the woods, with a gate across it at its junction with Pioneer road, was surely a highway as early as 1693, and probably for years before that date.

As to why these old roads should have been indicated by parallel lines of dots, while the others were all shown by continuous double lines, the only explanation we can think of is that they were "subject to gates and bars," which the roads marked by continuous lines were not. In the early days of the province, when roads were laid out there was no thought of fencing them by the town or towns that laid them out, or of
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compelling the settlers through whose lands the roads passed to be at the labor and expense of fencing their premises on both sides of the roads. Whenever a road cut the fence of a settler he could put up a gate or set of movable bars, or the town did it for him; the traveler, in his use of the highway, had a full right to open the gate or remove the bars, but he had no right to leave the gate open or the bars down; he was obliged to leave them as he found them, and if he did not do this he was responsible for any damage that might result from the straying of cattle, etc., in consequence. As the number of settlers along the line of a road increased, so would the number of gates and bars, and with the increase of travel between one town and another these obstructions would become more and more of an annoyance, and the main highways of communication would be fenced in and the gates and bars along them removed; and then, gradually, the side roads would be similarly improved, and highways subject to gates would generally be changed from mere public rights of way to open and unobstructed public roads.

But even at the present date the old-time gates across highways have not been wholly eliminated, and it is possible in this immediate vicinity to find such checks to free movement across roads that certainly have been highways for two hundred years, and probably much longer than that. A number of such roads, unfenced, and gate-obstructed, still exist in Kittery and York, just across the Piscataqua river in Maine; and there is one such road in Rye—the one for which we have suggested Newcastle road as an appropriate name, and which, running from Pioneer road to a junction with the new Wentworth road near the so-called Wentworth bridge, is not only closed by a gate at its junction with Pioneer road, but has gates at several other points along its route. Yet this road, up to the time of the opening of the Newcastle toll bridge in 1821, was the only highway for foot and team travel between Newcastle and Portsmouth; but there is no record that it was ever freed from gates, and no probability that it ever was, for if the gates had ever been removed by the town they would
not have been allowed to be replaced. Our "Newcastle road" is still subject to the same restrictions, and probably in about the same condition, as when it was first laid out as a public highway.

Other of the present roads of the town, namely, Garland road, Fern avenue, Love lane, Jenness Beach road from Central road to the sea, Wallis road from Brackett road to the sea, Marsh and Fair Hill roads, and Sagamore road from Wallis road to the Portsmouth line, are represented on Morrill's plan by a single line of dots, as also is the end of Pioneer road at Odiorne's Point, and the end of the road to Frost's Point. These single lines it is probable indicated that where they were drawn there existed, at the time the plan was made, lanes or private ways that were open to public use by sufferance, but which had not been declared public highways.

The roads of Rye are all "natural" or gravel-made roads, as distinguished from macadamized highways, but they will compare favorably with those of any country town, being better than are to be found in most of such towns, and the excellent condition in which they are kept is a source of just pride to the townspeople, and of approving comment by the many people from other states who annually pass their summers here. Although the cost of keeping them so is large, even as a business proposition the expenditure pays, the existence of good roads being a strong attraction to that large class of people who like to "go somewhere for the summer," and a great inducement to those who come once to return in succeeding years. Sixteen feet in width is sufficient for the easy and safe passage of two vehicles, and it is better that this width should be kept in good order than that forty feet should be maintained in inferior condition at greater cost.

The earliest pathways made by the white men were simply footpaths indicated by "blazed" trees short distances apart. In many places there were well defined trails made by the Indians in their travels from one hunting ground to another, or from the interior to the seashore for shellfish and such fish as
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the rivers did not afford; and these Indian trails, which were always well located, were very naturally utilized by the whites when they came to build roads. The Indians were tireless travelers, when occasion required, but much preferred an easy route to a difficult one when they had the choice. According to tradition the road from Frost's Point to Rye Centre and through to North Hampton, in general trend following the crest of a low ridge nearly all the way, is almost exactly on the line of an old Indian trail.

For years after the first settlements were made ordinary travel was attended by difficulties which at the present day would by most people be regarded as insurmountable. Wheel carriages were unknown. Even the most delicate woman had no resource other than a horse, or, in case of sore infirmity, a litter. The men used their sturdy legs, or hardy horses, to transport themselves from place to place. And travelers experienced no little inconvenience from the rugged nature of the country. The bank of a small river was occasionally torn away at the fording place by a freshet, or a swollen and rapid stream confronted the traveler and compelled him to await the subsidence of the flood, unless his knowledge of the country enabled him so to direct his way as to get around the obstacles. Bridges and roads laid out by scientific survey, cleared of trees and rocks, and graded, were productions of a later date.

Tradition, which does not confine itself to matters of record, nor always even to probabilities, says the reason our roads are so crooked is that they were laid out along sheep and cow paths; the domestic animals in their wanderings in quest of food chose the easiest routes they could find, and the settlers, trusting to the instinct of the animals rather than to their own reason and exploration, adopted for themselves the routes selected by the dumb creatures. But the early settlers knew that it was easier to skirt a swamp than to flounder through it, or bridge it or build a causeway across it; easier to go around a hill than over it, easier to turn out for a ledge than to remove it, quite as well as any animal. The distances to be covered by roads were long, the labor and expense of building them
very great, and the people few in number, widely scattered and of very limited means; no wonder they built their roads along the lines that presented the fewest obstacles, regardless of the number of curves and corners found necessary. Again, when a settler secured a grant of land he made a path thereto by the easiest way he could find; a few rods more of distance, or a few extra turns, did not count with him. Then another settler made another path to connect with that made by the first one, and in time the two or three or score of farm paths became a public highway. It is probable that to the immediate necessities and present convenience of the early settlers that Rye, Boston, and other places are indebted for the crookedness of some of their public ways, rather than to the vagrant wanderings of the gentle, useful, and inoffensive cow.

There was a road or pathway along the seashore from Portsmouth through Rye to Hampton as early as 1644; and probably many years earlier than that there was a road, or what passed for such at that time, between the Little Harbor settlement and Strawberry Bank, from Frost’s Point (as it is now called) or near there up through the present Elwyn and Peverly Hill roads in Portsmouth to Portsmouth Plains, and then in to the “Banke” by what is now Middle road. This was the only route by which Sagamore creek and the marsh at its head could be avoided, and there must have been more or less foot travel between the two settlements from the beginning; all communication could not have been carried on by water. This road would also accommodate the settlers on Great Island, who very soon outnumbered those at Little Harbor and Strawberry Bank; and the State Papers show that as early as 1643 a ferry was legally established between the island and Little Harbor, and fares fixed to various points, a reasonable presumption being that previous to that date the ferrying had been in the hands of unlicensed persons, who charged what they saw fit for their services. This pathway for most of its extent was a part of the seashore road which in 1644 extended through Rye to Hampton, and it is not an extravagance to assume that it is the oldest road in New Hampshire. Certainly all the probabilities
point in this direction. And not improbably the first bridge and the first grist-mill built by the settlers of New Hampshire were built on this road, near the mouth of Seavey's creek.

From the town records we learn that the road from Rye Centre to the present Farragut House (now Central road) was laid out in 1727, previous to that time there having been only a footpath a portion of the way. In early times that portion of this road from Meeting House hill to the Mill or Harbor road was known as Raghole road, perhaps from the quantity of ragweed that grew on the land there.

In the seventeenth century there was a way or path from Sandy Beach to Breakfast hill, and about 1728 the town laid out a short piece of this path as a road, "from the beach up to Nehemiah Berry's, near Brackett's Lane," Brackett's lane being the part of the present Brackett road between Washington and Wallis roads, and the piece of road then laid out the section of Washington road between Brackett road and the beach.

In 1743 John Jenness "gave a road to the sea on condition that they kept gates, &c., coming by David Moulton's to his Father's Hezekiah—to Richard Jenness Esq., Wm Locke, Francis Locke, John Garland, Ebenezer Philbrick, Isaac Libbee, Samuel Seavey, Joseph Brown, John Knowles, Joses Philbrick, Jacob Libbee, Joshua Jenness, Jonathan Towle, Francis Jenness, Richard Jenness Jr, Amos Knowles, James Locke, Charity Dow and Ozem Dowrst, all of Rye." Records and old documents show that all the persons named in Jenness' gift had holdings of land along the line of the pathway from Breakfast hill to Sandy Beach (which tradition says was originally an Indian trail), so Jenness' road must have been practically identical with the present Washington road. Eleven years later the following entry was made in the town records:

April 25 day 1754. Whereas there is no highway laid out as yet from the highway that was laid out through Nehemiah Berry's field to the Sea for the Convenience of the People. We the present Selectmen think proper to lay out a highway from that up as far as Amos Rands, which takes it beginning at Nehemiah Berrys little field, being two rods wide running by
Samuel Berrys being two rods wide to the north of Samuel Berry's fence as it now stands so running to the Widow Tuckers, to the North of her fence from thence to Samuel Berrys Wood field to the North of his fence, from thence through James Mardens grant and through Stephen Mardens land to his house—and from thence by said Mardens land to the S. E. Corner of Samuel Dowrst old grant, to the south of said grant to William Berrys House, two rods wide—So from the S. W. Corner of Wm Berrys pig stie to Ben Jenness N. E. Corner to Goss grant so to the north of Thomas Goss grant to his N. W. Corner from thence to the Wallis Corner straight, straight from thence on a straight course two rods to the south of the S. E. Corner of Berry Grant through said Berry grant as the way now runs to his S. W. Corner—from thence to Samuel Seaveys S. E. Corner of his old grant being two rods wide to the South by said grant to Jonathan Dolbees, from thence to Amos Rands—

Joses Philbrick
Eben Berry } Selectmen—
James Marden

This was a continuation of the road laid out in or near 1728 from Sandy Beach "up to Nehemiah Berry's," and carried that road (possibly over the exact line of Jenness' road and certainly very near it) as far as what is now West road, the two pieces of road, with the continuation to the Greenland line, being what is now Washington road. Amos Rand lived near what is now known as Garland's Corner, at the junction of West and Washington roads, although West road did not then exist, it having been laid out probably about 1770, and commonly called "the new road" as late as 1774. That the selectmen in 1754 declared "there is no highway laid out as yet" from Nehemiah Berry's to Amos Rand's does not necessarily conflict with the statement that John Jenness had previously given "a road to the sea" between those two points. Jenness could not lay out a highway, and presumably the road he gave was merely a right of way, which certainly was "subject to gates," and many of them. This right of way was found to be of so much convenience and benefit to many persons that the selectmen laid it out as a public highway, probably relocating and straightening it here and there, designated its boundaries, and provided for the removal of the gates. In one place in their record they mention that the new highway is to go "as
the way now runs," indicating that there was some kind of a road there, if not a public highway.

A petition was circulated in 1783 for a highway to connect Long lane (now Lafayette road) in Portsmouth and the road "which runs by Rye Meeting House," an attempt to secure the building of such a road by means of a lottery some years previously having failed. This petition was signed by Joseph Parsons, David Locke, and sixty-three other persons, and succeeded in its object, the court of general sessions ordering the laying out of the road, and appointing a committee to lay it out and assess the damages, the committee making returns to the court as follows:

We the subscribers appointed by the hon'ble Court of General Sessions of the peace to lay out a Road from that which runs by Rye Meeting House to Long Lane (so called) have done the same in the following manner Viz: Beginning at the South east Corner of land of Samuel Rand & Benjamin Marden, thence running on the Easterly side of said Land North about 31 degrees West 80 Rods—thence North 15 degrees West through a Corner of Samuel Dowse Foss land leaving as much of a Corner of said Rand and Marden's land into said Foss land on this point 11 Rods—to be fenced by the Parish of Rye, thence North about 40 degrees West 80 Rods to Portsmouth line—which road we have laid out two rods wide & have estimated the land being two acres & Twenty two rods at Ten pounds ten shillings to be paid to the said Rand and Marden, by the Parish of Rye—The removing and building 171 Rods of Fence to be done & paid by the said Parish of Rye—From the said Portsmouth line we proceeded North about 47 degrees West, on the Easterly side of Mark Lang's land 173½ rods, thence on the same Course on the Easterly side of Sherburne land 121 rods to the said Long Lane—It appeared to us that there was a priviledge of a road three rods wide from said long lane to New Castle & Portsmouth line, Nearly in the same place where we have laid out said Road—And we have Estimated the Making 173½ Rods fence at Thirty Pounds to be paid to Mr Mark Lang by the Town of Portsmouth, and the making of 121 rods of fence at Twenty one Pounds, three shillings to be paid to said Sherburne by said Town of Portsmouth. May 5, 1784.

Wm. Weeks
Ephraim Pickering

a Copy att'd Joseph Dow

—N Emery Jun'r Clerk Pro tem
Js. Peace
This is the "new road" of Merrill's plan of Portsmouth (1805) also shown on Morrill's plan of Rye of the same date, but without a name, and now Portsmouth road, from Washington road to the Portsmouth line. The town records inform us that in 1797

The road from Richard Lockes, 3d to Little Neck or the sea was laid out to be two rods wide to Nathan Goss Mill dam, thence one rod wide over said dam—thence two rods to the Beach, the town to make the gates to Jeremiah Locke's land—N. Goss gives the road through his land, reserving a Water Course under the Bridge two rods wide at the Mill—

\[\text{Wm Seavey} \quad \text{Nathan Goss} \quad \text{Selectmen} \quad \text{John Lang}\]

This is the present Harbor road. In 1802 the town "Voted to build a gate and hang it on the Bridge by Nathan Goss mill," showing that this road, although laid out by the town five years before, was still subject to gates.

The town in 1800 "Voted to lay out and make passable an open road from Lieut Sam' Wallis or Wm Rand to the sea after
the subscribers have purchased the land of said Wallis." This is the present Wallis road, and it is noticeable that the town voted it should be an "open road" from the start, meaning, presumably, that it should be free from gates. The road was not completed at once, for in 1804 the town "Voted that the road from Lieut Sam'l Wallis [who lived at the junction of what are now Brackett and Wallis roads] to the sea be done by Labor on the Polls and Estates," and on Morrill's plan of the town (1805) the piece of the road between Wallis' residence and the beach is indicated by a single line of dots, although the remainder, up to where the Centre schoolhouse now stands, is shown by two continuous parallel lines.

The road "from the South road by Brown's Grist Mill to the road leading from Rye Meeting House" was laid out two rods wide in 1804, the cost being $285.95. This road is now Love lane.

In 1809 the town "Voted to build the wall by the road through James Dow's land to North Hampton line within three years," this being now Dow road.

In 1811 it was "Voted to lay out a road from Peter Jenness Esq' barn to the sea, through Lieut Joseph Jenness pasture, laid out two rods wide." This is now Ocean road, officially, though its popular designation is sea road, extending from Allen's corner on Central road to the sea.

The section of Sagamore road from Lang's corner (at the junction of Sagamore and Wallis roads) to Foye's corner (where Sagamore and Pioneer roads meet) was laid out in 1811, and it is tradition that at that time it was called "the White Rock road." Quite extensive research and enquiry, however, have failed to disclose the existence along the line of that road, then or previously, of a white rock of sufficient size and prominence to account for the name. The white rock is mentioned as early as 1729 in deeds transferring title to "Marsh land joining the Creek [Seavey's creek] near unto White Rock," this evidently referring to the large rock or ledge on the northerly side of Brackett's road, a short distance southerly from Seavey's bridge. From this it appears
more probable that the name "White Rock road" was applied to Brackett's road than to the section of Sagamore road built in 1811.

The town in 1813 voted "to accept the road given by Abraham Drake from the South Schoolhouse by said Drake's to the road leading from Rye Meeting House to Greenland," this being the road generally known as Drake's lane, though Fern avenue is now its official name.

1825. "The new road laid out from Amos S. Jenness towards Hampton and the old Lafayette Road widened to Portsmouth."

1827. "Voted the selectmen lay out the road petitioned for by John Foye when they think proper (by Pinetree Mills) laid out that year at least two rods wide."

This refers to the straightening and widening of a section of Pioneer road near the bridge over Seavey's creek.

1830. "Voted to lay out the road from Deacon Philbrick's house to the fish houses and from thence to North Hampton line two rods wide through Ephraim Philbrick's land—laid out and built accordingly."

This is now Causeway road.

1833. "Voted to widen and straighten the road from Mr. Joseph Locke's, Jr., by Locke's Mills to Island Pond, so called, to lay out said road 2 ½ rods wide inside of the walls on the high ground and 4 rods wide on the Marsh."

This is the present Harbor road, which was laid out in 1797.

1835. "Voted the selectmen lay out the road from Locke's Mill to Island Pond so called."

1838. "Voted to lay out a New Highway from Little Harbor road so called, near the House of Ebenezer L. Odiorne, Easterly to the sea near Spring Cove so called."

This is the short road at Odiorne's Point extending from Pioneer road to the beach, now Columbus road, near the easterly end of which is a monument erected by the New Hampshire Society of Colonial Dames in commemoration of the first settlement of New Hampshire having been made at that place.

In 1848 the town "Voted that the selectmen shall open a
road on a suitable number of petitioners to them for that purpose near Nathaniel G. Foye's house to the town line, to be extended to Portsmouth." This refers to the piece of Sagamore road from Foye's Corner (the junction of Sagamore and Elwyn roads) to the Portsmouth line; and in the following year it was

"Voted that the Selectmen shall advertise and let the building of the road from N. G. Foye's to Portsmouth line to meet a road over Sagamore Creek to be done to the acceptance of the Selectmen—to the lowest proposal.

"Voted the Selectmen shall lay out the road from Mr. Foye's to Portsmouth line and assess the damages.

"Voted the Selectmen shall receive proposals for building said road fifteen days from date, and the road shall be completed by the first of July next."

The road was laid out Feb. 15, 1850, the building of it was let out at auction, the lowest bid being $495, and the road was ready for travel on the date named.

In 1856 the town voted "that a road or highway be laid out beginning at the East school house, thence east to the dwelling house of Albert and Eli Dow." This is now Fair Hill road.
The road from the Sea View House to the sea, a continuation of South road, was laid out in 1871.

Wentworth road, from the Portsmouth line to the then new bridge connecting Rye and Newcastle, was built in 1874, the town paying $800 for its construction.

The section of Sagamore road between Lang's corner (junction of Sagamore and Wallis roads) and Washington road was built in 1877, at a cost of $863. The late John Salter Marden, who was a very tall man, was largely instrumental in securing the building of this piece of road, and from the time it was built it was popularly known as "Long John's Avenue" a name that is still more frequently applied to it than its official one of Sagamore road. This was the last highway laid out in and by the town.

THE OCEAN-FRONT BOULEVARD.

The legislature having appropriated $10,000 toward the building of a state highway along the entire New Hampshire coast, from the Massachusetts boundary line to Fort Point in Newcastle, the governor appointed a commission to lay out the route in accordance with a previous survey, and to have general supervision of the construction work.

A principal object of the promoters of this shore-line road is said to have been to secure to the public, for all time, free and unobstructed access to the seashore of the state at all points; and when completed it will very nearly accomplish this end, and will not only be a superior road, viewed merely as a thoroughfare to travel over, but such a road as no other state in the union can duplicate. Other states may easily build longer highways, but none of them can build one to extend along its entire coast, and within view of the ocean nearly every rod of the way. It is laid out 100 feet wide; wrought for travel to a width of thirty feet, with a strip in the centre fifteen feet wide surfaced with crushed stone to the depth of eight inches. The land side is to be marked at short intervals with stone posts suitably inscribed.

The commission of 1900 commenced the actual work of con-
struction at the northerly extremity of Wallis Sands, and built about one half a mile of the road along the sea front of the Prof. James Parsons' place—the ancient Wallis farm and later the Dow farm—toward Odiorne's Point, the land for the road, and all between the road as laid out and the sea, having been given by Professor Parsons. Much blasting was required on this section of the road—more, probably, than will have to be done on the entire remainder.

An appropriation of $20,000 for the continuation of the work of building the boulevard having been made, and a new commission having been appointed by the governor to proceed with the construction, work was resumed, under contract, Dec. 1, and continued until Oct. 1, 1902, at which time the contract ended and the appropriation was practically exhausted. The contractor began work at the southerly end of the section built by the commissioner of 1900, and the boulevard was continued back of the dunes at Wallis Sands, and across Pass River at Concord Point by a substantial bridge to Sandy Beach, a distance of about one and one half miles, making a total of about two miles of the highway completed at the end of 1902. For a part of the distance crushed stone was used in the center of the road to the width of twenty-five feet, and the portion of the boulevard exposed to damage from the sea during severe storms was protected by a breakwater to a height of twenty-one feet from mean low water.

Another appropriation of $20,000 for the boulevard having been made, and the commissioners of 1901-'02 having been re-appointed, the contract for continuing the boulevard from Sandy Beach toward the North Hampton line was let early in December, and work was begun a few days later. The winter was unfavorable for road building, but something was accomplished, and Rye Harbor was bridged. With the arrival of spring, construction work was actively pushed, with the prospect that before the year ended the section of the boulevard east of Rye Harbor with the exception of the piece between the Parsons' estate and the Wentworth bridge would be completed.
VII.

Schools and Schoolhouses.

In the act of the provincial council setting off the Sandy Beach district of Newcastle as "the Parish of Rye in New Castle" it was provided "that the petitioners be empowered to make taxes for the Maintaining their Minister and Poore as other Towns in this Province are," and also "that the Petitioners are obliged to Maintain an able Orthodox Minister of the Gospell at their own charges," but that "the town of New Castle be at liberty about a Grammar schoole." From this it is clear that the new parish was to be entirely independent of the parent town so far as the support of the ministry and the poor was concerned—could assess and collect its own taxes for those purposes, and expend the collections at its own discretion, Newcastle having nothing whatever to say in the premises; but that Rye was to continue to be subject to Newcastle in school affairs, as was the case before the new parish was set off. There is nothing in the town records to show how Newcastle exercised the supervisory power over the schools of Rye granted it by the act of separation, or, indeed, whether that town ever paid any attention to the matter; but it is doubtful if there was any school organized in Rye until some time after the parish was set off.

The first mention in the records of any action taken by the parish toward the establishing of a school is that at a town meeting held March 23, 1729, it was "Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to hire a schoolmaster and move him several times, as they see cause for the convenience of the children going to school." And in 1731 it was "Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to hire a school teacher one-half of the year." In 1737 there was an article in the town-meeting warrant "To see what you will do concerning a school," but there is no record concerning what action, if any, was taken in regard to this arti-
In 1739 it was "Voted that there shall be a Moving school, and that every party that hath the benefit of the school shall provide a house to keep school in, and that the moving school shall be at discretion of the selectmen of the parish." From 1739 to 1751 appropriations were made annually for a school, and in the latter year there was an article in the town-meeting warrant "To see if they will do anything concerning building a school house in the parish," and in 1752 "To see if they will vote to build two school houses." The records do not show what action was taken in either year, from which it appears probable that the propositions regarding the building of schoolhouses were negatived both years.

That there was much trouble over the school question is evident, for in 1756 there was an article in the warrant "To see if Parish will vote the school money shall be divided, and let each party hire a school master according to their liking;" and in 1757—

"To see if the Parish will settle the school in two places, or settle the school at the Centre.

"1st Voted That the school be kept in the Centre of the Parish.

"2d Voted That the school be kept one half of the year to the Eastward of the Meeting House.

"3d Voted That the school be kept in two places above the Meeting House."

"Above the Meeting House" meant to the westward of it, and it is evident that the voters that year were given three propositions to vote on. How the matter was adjusted the records do not relate.

At the March town meeting, 1761, it was voted that the school should "be one half above and the other half below the Meeting House" that year; and in July, 1762, "that two schools be kept in the Parish each six months the present year."

In 1764 there was an article in the warrant "To see if they will buy a school house and lot with a house on it, or build a house for the school master," but there is no record of what action was taken.
In 1770 there was an article "To see if the Parish will vote to build a school house by the Meeting House in said Parish and vote a school to be kept there," and it was "Voted there shall be £850 raised for schools, one half for the upper end and the other half for the lower end."

At the March meeting in 1774 there was an article in the warrant "To see if they will build two school houses," and it was "Voted that the two school houses be repaired." From this it is evident that between 1764, when the first proposition for building a schoolhouse came before the town meeting, and 1774, the parish had become possessed of two schoolhouses, probably through the purchase of buildings previously used for other purposes, for had they been built by the parish subsequently to 1764 they could not have become so dilapidated by 1774 as to need repairing.
In 1775 there was an article "To see if the Parish will vote to have two schools for six months in the summer season," on which the vote was "There shall be but one school this year."

In 1778 there was an article "To see if the Inhabitants will pass a vote that there shall be a school this year or not," and it was "Voted that there be no school this year." This action was probably due to the general distress caused by the war with England, then in progress.

In 1784, on an article "To see if the Parish will build a School House or repair the old ones," it was "Voted that the Selectmen repair the School Houses and put them in order," which affords ground for supposing that school matters had practically been neglected from the time the parish had voted in 1778 that a school should not be kept that year. The war being now over, some attention and expenditure could be bestowed on the schools.

In 1786 it was "Voted there shall be a School House built near where the old one now stands between Mr. Johnsons and Mr. Nathan Knowles, near where the residence of Widow Oliver Jenness now is." The cost of this schoolhouse, which was on what is now Grove road and near Fern avenue, and was the first schoolhouse of which there is record of its having been built by the town, was £14, 9s., 6d., but it was not wholly finished at that time, for in April, 1789, it was "Voted that there be Winder Sheters at the South School House by N. Knowles," and in June following there was a town meeting called "To see what they will do to finish the School House by Mr. Nathan Knowles."

In 1791 it was "Voted to build a School House at the East end of the Parish," which was done at an expense of £34, 18s., 7d. This schoolhouse was located at Lang's corner (the crossing of Wallis and Sagamore roads) near the oak tree in the pasture eastward of Mr. Lang's house.

In 1796 it was "Voted the Town shall be divided into two equal parts for to hire schools for each district."

1797. "Voted the Selectmen shall keep eighteen months school, the school to begin the first of May at both school-
houses and keep on five months, and shall begin the middle of November, and keep on four months."

1798. "Voted There shall be eighteen months school this Year to begin at both School Houses the 15th day of April and Keep six Months, and then begin again in December and Keep three months. Voted Mr. Porter, Mr. Carroll and Capt. Joseph Parsons be a Committee to inspect the Schools."

1799. "Voted to repair the South School house. Voted to keep eighteen months School same as last Year. Voted Rev. H. Porter and Joseph Parsons Esq be a Committee to inspect the Schools with the Selectmen."

The first record of women being employed as school teachers in Rye was made in 1800, on March 25, of which year it was "Voted to keep eighteen months school this year and to keep two months at each School House by Women beginning the first of May next, and that the Mens school shall begin at both houses the first of July and keep seven months."

1811. "Voted to keep three months school by Women at each end of the Town and the time when they shall begin and places where kept shall be left to the Selectmen."
1812. "Chose Rev. H. Porter and Doct. Joseph Parsons school Committee. Voted to keep nine months at each school house by Men. Voted to keep three months at each end of the Town by Women." The following year the vote on school matters was the same, excepting that Col. Thomas Goss, John W. Parsons and Peter Jenness, Esq., were chosen school committee.

1816. "Voted that no scholar below the Meeting House shall go to the upper school and none above the Meeting House shall go to the lower school."

In 1826 brick schoolhouses were built in the South and West districts, the South building being very near the highway, east of the present South schoolhouse, and the West building being located on the northerly side of Washington avenue, between Grove and West roads.

In 1827 two more brick schoolhouses were built in the Centre and East districts, at a cost of about $500 each. The Centre schoolhouse was located on just enough ground for it to stand on, in the acute angle formed by the junction of Washington and Wallis roads, and nearly opposite the present Wedgewood school; and the East schoolhouse was built on a small hill about one eighth of a mile to the eastward of the present stone schoolhouse.

In March of that year the old South schoolhouse was sold to Jonathan Marden for $24.25, and in November the old East schoolhouse was sold to Ephraim Seavey for $25, Mr. Marden giving approved notes payable in three months for his purchase, and Mr. Seavey notes payable in thirty days for his. Evidently the amount of ready money in circulation among the people of Rye at that date was not very large.

1833. "Agreeable to a vote of this town all persons residing in the same west of Michael D. Goss, Joseph Philbrick, Jr., and John Jenness, Jr., inclusive, including the Abraham Drake house and the Garland Road will send their children to the West school. Those residing on Mill Road and Neck and all south not included in the West school, will send their children to the South school. All persons residing east of Jeremy
Websters and Nathaniel Berrys will send their children to the East school.”

In 1845 the town was redistricted and the boundaries of the districts defined; and in 1848 the town voted to build six schoolhouses. This was a very large order for schoolhouses for one small town to give, and it was never filled; probably it was not intended to be, by the parties who were instrumental in passing the vote, which may have been done as a grim joke, the East schoolhouse having been burned a short time before.

This schoolhouse was rebuilt, of brick, like its destroyed predecessor, but the other five voted that year still await construction.

In 1854 it was voted that the town convey, “by deed or otherwise, to each school district, the school house located in the same for their specific use.”

In 1871 the West district erected the present wooden schoolhouse on the southerly side of Washington avenue, nearly opposite the brick one built in 1826, and near the residence of the late William J. Rand, at an expense of $2,000. Mr. Rand gave the land to the district for the sole purpose of a district
schoolhouse being erected thereon, the deed of gift providing that if at any time the building shall cease to be used for school purposes for three years in succession the land shall revert to his heirs.

In the South district a new brick schoolhouse was built in 1881, at an expense of nearly $3,000. It is on Central road, between Cable road and Love lane.

In the Centre district a new brick schoolhouse was erected in 1893, the district voting to locate the building in the Wedgewood field, north of the old schoolhouse, and on the opposite side of Wallis road. The owners of the field offered to give a lot in the northeast corner of the field, not to exceed an acre in extent, as a site for the proposed new structure, a consideration in the deed to be that the building should be called the Wedgewood schoolhouse; and at a special meeting of the district it was unanimously voted to accept the offer. The total cost of the building was $4,172.99.

A handsome new schoolhouse was built in the east district in 1896, of sea stones, about one-eighth of a mile westerly from
the old one. The district appropriated $4,100 for the new building, and this was its cost to the district, although the actual cost was much greater. The building committee contracted with the late Prof. James Parsons to build the schoolhouse for that sum, Professor Parsons subletting the job, and making generous disbursements from his own purse.

The schoolhouses of Rye are maintained in good condition; none of them are old or of antique pattern, and each is large enough for the needs of the district it accommodates; and the schools will in quality and efficiency compare not unfavorably with those of other towns of the state.

The early settlers, and those who followed them during the first two centuries of New England's existence, progressive and far-seeing though they were in providing means of education for their children, did not recognize the need or desirability of a schoolhouse having any more land attached to it than it actually occupied, and consequently, cheap though land was in those days, all schoolhouses were built with their front sills
flush with the line of the roads they stood on, or very near it. Children were sent to school to study, not to play; and if they wanted to play at recess they could play in the road. Rye was the same in this respect as other towns, and it was not till toward the middle of the nineteenth century that the idea of having play grounds, more or less spacious, connected with school buildings, began to prevail; and the older residents of the town remember well that when they attended school they stepped from the road directly into the schoolhouse, and from the schoolhouse directly into the road again when the day's studies were over. It is different now, all the present school buildings of the town being provided with good ground room for the scholars to play in.

The appropriation of the town for school purposes in 1741 was £20; in 1744, £25; 1749, £60; 1792, £92; 1793, $177; 1797, $378; and in 1805, $467. The amount gradually increased, and in 1870 and for a number of years following the sum annually appropriated was $1,200; and in 1900 it was $2,000.

During the eighteenth century the amount paid for wood to heat the two schoolhouses ranged from $25 to $43 a year, although wood was then plentiful and very cheap, but when the roughly-boarded schoolhouses are considered, and the huge open fireplaces in which the fuel was burned, it does not seem surprising that a large quantity of wood was necessary.

In July, 1762, Christopher Gold (Gould) was engaged to teach school for six months, and it is probable that he continued to teach until March, 1773, when it was "Voted the selectmen shall not hire Master Gould." After the latter date there is no record of other teachers until 1786, when Doctor Joseph Parsons was employed; 1787, Joseph Parsons and Richard Webster; 1788, Peter Mitchell; 1789, Mr. Keys (or Cones); 1790-91, John Carroll; 1793, James Lane; 1794, John L. Piper. Then came in different years Samuel Willey, John French, Noah Burnham, Mr. Sherburne, John W. Parsons, Richard Webster, Jr., Phebe Ozel (needle work), Nancy Emery and Nancy Hobbs, Joseph Dalton, Joseph Dame, Noah Wiggin,
Levi Merrill, Thomas J. Parsons, John A. Trefethen, and others of later date.

Previous to 1825 Dr. John W. Parsons taught school several terms in the schoolhouse near Lang's corner, and being the only physician in town he was frequently called during school hours to attend the sick, on which occasions school would be at once dismissed and the children sent home. Frequently after teaching all day he would make professional calls until a late hour, and occasionally would walk over to North Hampton to see patients there, returning home in the evening on foot.

SELECT OR HIGH SCHOOL.

1840. The vestry in the basement of the Congregational meeting house having been finished this year, a committee was appointed to procure a sufficient number of scholars to warrant the undertaking of a school, whereupon the committee engaged Mr. Nason H. Morse to take charge of the same the first quarter, but as he could not attend at the time fixed upon for its commencement, Mr. Samuel French opened the school on Feb. 17, 1840, and continued in charge until March 9, when Mr. Morse entered upon his duties. The committee were enabled by the patronage bestowed upon the school to meet their engagements to Mr. Morse, and to pay the wardens of the Congregational society $8.22 for the use of the room. The following are the names of the scholars who attended the first term or a part of it:

- Ebenezer W. Marden
- Orion Foye
- John C. Philbrick
- Nathaniel M. Walker
- Thomas H. Parsons
- Gilbert Jenness
- Alpheas Green
- James P. Leavitt
- John I. Rand
- Isaac D. Rand
- Joseph P. Locke
- Sheridan Jenness
- Abby S. Parsons
- Anna Drake
- Abagail Brown
- Sarah Dow
- Ursula A. Locke
- Eliza Jenness
- Elvira Garland
- Martha Brown

The second quarter of the select school opened May 25, 1840, under the care of Mr. Morse, who took the school on his own responsibility, but owing to the busy season of the year many of the larger scholars were obliged to leave school to
assist their parents in farming, which so reduced Mr. Morse's income that he was not able to pay the wardens of the Congregational society anything for the use of the schoolroom. Mr. Morse closed his second term Aug. 15th, and soon after left town, leaving none but friends, all being satisfied with his efforts to sustain a select school here.

The third term of the select school commenced under the care of Mr. Simon L. Hobbs, Nov. 3, 1840, at $17 a month and board, a few persons who had taken an interest in the school having pledged that pay to him. At the close of the school it was found that they had not realized sufficient funds to meet the expenses, and the deficiency was made up by Thomas J. Parsons, Richard Foss, John T. Rand, and Jedediah Rand.

The fourth term of the school commenced Feb. 8, 1841. As no one felt disposed to pledge the tuition necessary for the fourth term, Mr. Hobbs took the school on his own risk, and, having a singing school in the room, they together paid him very well for his services.

It was not until 1846 that another attempt was made to establish an advanced school in the town. On April 16, in that year, Nathaniel Watson of Barrington opened such a school on his own responsibility, and taught one month, ending with a small number of pupils.

In 1847 a term ending May 1 was taught by Daniel Barbour, on his own responsibility. During the term he had about forty different scholars, at $1 each.

In 1848 a term commencing March 9 was taught by Edwin G. Wallace of Berwick, Me., he having been employed by Thomas J. Parsons at $18 per month, and board at $2 per week. The following named were pupils this term:

Berry, Woodbury  
Caswell, Warren  
Drake, Charles  
Foss, Henry D.  
Foss, John O.  
Goss, James G.  
Green, Woodbury  
Odiorne, William S.  
Parsons, Daniel D.  
Parsons, Charles H.  
Parsons, John Wm.  
Rand, Edward  
Rand, Albert  
Rand, James M.  
Walker, William C.  
Walker, Samuel J.  
Waldron, Franklin  
Dow, Harriet A.  
Drake, Martha M.  
Green, Mary J.  
Garland, Abby P.
Garland, Joseph W.  Rand, Thomas W.  Philbrick, Ann M.
Lang, William B.  Rand, Augustus Y.  Philbrick, Caroline A.
Locke, William H.  Rand, Isaac D.  Rand, Elizabeth J.
Marden, John S.  Remick, Charles M.  Rand, Mary T.
Otis, Charles  Shapley, Robert
Odiorne, Lewis  Trefethen, Dennis C.

In 1851 a term of four weeks was taught by a Mr. Rollins of Stratham; he was employed by Thomas J. Parsons and Jonathan T. Walker, who met with no loss.

In March, 1852, Charles J. Brown commenced a term at his own risk, closing in April. He had about fifty scholars, and this was considered the best and one of the most successful schools ever taught in the vestry. Mr. Brown taught several terms subsequently; also Edward Rand of Portsmouth, a Mr. Nowell, and others.

Later the town attempted to establish a high school in the town hall, but it did not prove a success. Now pupils desiring more advanced instruction than the grammar schools of the town afford, attend the high school in Portsmouth, the town, under the state law, paying the tuition.

RYE STUDENTS AT EXETER.

The following is a list of the students from Rye who have at different times attended Phillips academy at Exeter:

Joseph Parsons, 1783.
William Garland, 1794.
Hall Jackson Locke, 1796.
John Wilkes Parsons, 1796.
Samuel Huntington Porter, 1800.
Richard Webster, 1806.
John Porter, 1814.
Isaac Dow Parsons, 1816.
Oliver Porter, 1819.

Thomas Jefferson Parsons, 1819.
Charles G. Parsons, 1824.
William Harrison Parsons, 1827.
John Parsons, 1829.
Daniel D. Parsons, 1850.
John William Parsons, 1857.
John Drake Marston, 1865.
Frederick J. Frazer, 1900.
Inns, Taverns, and Hotels.

Lexicographers make a distinction between the inn and the tavern, the former being described as a house for the lodging and entertaining of travelers, and the latter as a house licensed to sell intoxicating liquors in small quantities, to be drank on the spot in the discretion—or lack of it—of the purchaser, the tavern-keeper or taverner being also required to provide lodging for guests, and shelter and fodder for animals. This distinction seems not to have been very closely observed in this country by the early settlers, an inn and a tavern having apparently been the same thing, and innholders and tavern-keepers synonymous terms; perhaps because all the early innholders sold liquor, in addition to providing shelter and food for man and beast. The more pretentious term, hotel, is of comparatively modern use to designate a public house of entertainment.

The first inn or tavern in Rye, of which any record has been found, was at the centre of the town, and was kept by Robinson Treferrin—probably a corruption of Trefethen, of which name there were many residents on both sides of the Piscataqua at that time. Treferrin came to Rye from Great Island in 1747 or '48, and in those years probably erected the house which he conducted as a tavern until September, 1756, when he sold it to Simon, Peter, and Benjamin Garland for £2,426 O. T. The Garlands managed the place jointly for three years, at the end of which time Benjamin bought the interests of his brothers for £1,000, and thereafter, for nearly forty years, conducted the business alone. For many years his tavern was the most popular place in town, and not only on week days, but on Sundays as well, was the resort for the minister and his parishioners to get their toddy. The main house is still standing; it is the building on Washington road at the Centre, directly opposite
the head of Central road, and some of its heavy oak timbers are apparently as sound now as when they were put in a century and a half ago. The place is now owned by the heirs of R. R. Higgins of Boston.

Colonel Garland's Inn, Where the Patriots Gathered in 1776.

Benjamin Scadgel owned and managed an inn for several years prior to 1755. It was situated on what is now Wallis road, a short distance toward the sea from Sagamore road, and near the location of the house now occupied by Joseph Langdon Seavey; indeed, judging from the positions of the ancient elms now standing near Mr. Seavey's house (from the most westerly one of which the large, heavy sign of the inn hung, decayed places in the trunk showing where the fastenings were driven), it is probable that Mr. Seavey's residence occupies the exact site of the inn. Scadgel sold the property to Ebenezer Wallis, and the latter, in 1758, sold it to Amos Seavey, the place having remained in the Seavey name since that time. It ceased to be an inn when sold by Scadgel.
John Loverin was an innholder in 1756-57, his inn being located east of the meeting-house, on the road to Portsmouth. He sold the place to Capt. Samuel Leavitt, who conducted it as an inn for a short time only.

Paul Randall was proprietor and manager of an inn in West Rye, on Washington road, between the present Grove and West roads, for some years prior to January 7, 1763, on which date he and his wife Abigail transferred his inn, barn, shop, and nineteen acres of land to Joseph Libbee, who continued the house as an inn until his death, about a year later. Abraham Libbee of Rye, farmer, administered on his brother's estate, and from that time himself conducted the tavern until it was destroyed by fire at night about 1787.

John Carroll in 1794 kept a small store a short distance eastward from the Centre, about where the present Portsmouth road commences, where the ardent was retailed. Whether there was as much of this article sold in Rye at that time as in the neighboring town of North Hampton there is no record, but probably the amount was not widely different in proportion to population. Rev. Dr. Jonathan French, in his half-century anniversary discourse delivered in North Hampton in 1850, says that forty hogsheads of the fiery New England rum was sold in a single year in one store of that small town. And besides this, some of the farmers brought back from towns in the vicinity, where they had been to market their produce, in many cases a barrel, and in a few cases a hogshead of the liquor and deposited it in their cellars.

But this does not imply that the people of Rye or of North Hampton were any more given to indulgence in strong drink than the residents of other towns. Practically, everybody at that time made use of stimulants, and there was nothing disreputable in their so doing; and men who never took a glass of liquor were few and far between, and probably were regarded as cranks. Drunkenness (if too often indulged in) was indeed regarded as discreditable, but moderate drinking was not; and what was regarded as moderate drinking in those days would not pass muster as such now. Temperance movements on the
basis of moral suasion were a product of the early part of the last century, and the prohibitory law idea is now only about a half century old.

Rye, from its position relative to other towns, did not require many inns in its early days. It was aside from the line of travel between towns in the interior of the state and Portsmouth; and after the establishing of stage lines it was still away off to one side, so the once noted stage taverns were never required in the town. The principal business of the Rye inns was probably the dispensing of liquid refreshments to the townspeople, and the providing of food and lodging for occasional travelers and their animals, but an incidental.

Atlantic House and Cottages, Rye Beach, J. C. Philbrick, Prop.
IX.

Rye as a Summer Resort.

To its location, away from any line of general public travel which made its inns and taverns in the early days of local interest and importance only, the Rye of the present day is undoubtedly indebted to a great extent for its popularity and fame as one of the most noted summer resorts in New England, attracting many hundreds of visitors annually from all parts of the country, and having a numerous and steadily increasing colony of summer residents whose private summer cottages, scattered all along the six miles of ocean front from Odiorne’s Point to the North Hampton line, add greatly to the taxable property of the town, and not a few of which are of such size and cost as would have won for them the title of “mansions” instead of “cottages” a century or less ago.

Not that Rye lacks natural attractions and advantages; on the contrary, it possesses many and great ones. Its shore line is largely composed of sandy beaches, divided from each other by rocky points jutting out into the Atlantic, with outlying rocks and ledges which, dangerous though they are to navigators unfortunate enough to be in their vicinity in times of fog or storm, afford during and after a storm magnificent surf effects that cannot fail to arouse the awe as well as the admiration of the lover of nature who views them from a vantage point of safety on shore. These beaches, sloping very gradually down to and far out under the sea, furnish at low tide a broad expanse of firm sand for strolling or pleasure driving, and at all times of tide for sea bathing—and such sea bathing as for safety can be found at few seaside resorts, there being nothing similar to the dangerous “pussies” that are common at the beaches along the Long Island and New Jersey coasts, and very seldom any undertow—never, excepting on rare occasions for a tide or two
after a storm of exceptional severity and duration. Seven miles away, off to the southeastward, the group of rocky islets known as the Isles of Shoals stand up boldly out of the sea; and all the water-borne commerce of the neighboring port of Portsmouth, which, during the summer season, is by no means insconsiderable, passes in plain view of the various beaches. Back from the seashore the town is pleasing in appearance, and restful in its attractiveness. There are no wonders of nature to astonish or appal the beholder, but everywhere well kept roads, well cultivated farms and neat farm buildings; school-houses and churches, by their exterior condition and surroundings, afford evidence that they are not neglected; broken down fences and overthrown walls are rarely to be seen, while shade trees, thrifty and moderately extensive orchards, and flower gardens in which modern floral favorites mingle with flowers such as our grandmothers used to tend and admire, are visible on every hand. The cattle in the pastures and the horses on the roads are generally of good quality and in good condition; the peo-
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people one meets of intelligent appearance and evidently self-respecting; in short, Rye in all its aspects presents the best features of a typical, thrifty New England town, where honest toil is honored and usually secures a fair recompense, where the church, the school-house, and the town-meeting are still important institutions, and which people to the manor born continue to regard as the best place in the world in which to live the year through, and which hundreds of others regard as the best place in the country in which to pass a month or a summer of leisure.

Rye as a summer resort has a social atmosphere differing widely from that prevailing at either Newport or Coney Island; neither fashions nor fakers rule supreme. It is essentially a resting place for those weary with the ceaseless whirl of society or the cares of business. Society "functions" of course there are, but few of the regular summer visitors regard them as the only essential of life; as incidentals they are acceptable, often brilliant, but they are only incidentals. Bathing, driving, out-of-door sports for the younger people, trips to the many other summer resorts and places of historic interest within easy reach, informal evening dances at the hotels, some boating and fishing, while away the hours; and for ladies who enjoy shopping—and what lady does not—Portsmouth is but a short drive distant, and though Portsmouth is not one of the great cities it has not a few good stores with large and well-selected stocks, and where the summer visitor, whether from Rye or elsewhere, is a welcome caller.

The summer colony of Rye is not wholly composed of people of wealth or fashion; many persons of moderate means have cottages here, and hundreds of others pass a few weeks each, or the entire season, at the various boarding houses which cater to such patronage. And all contribute to the general welfare and prosperity of the town. The hotels and large boarding houses furnish the farmers with a market for their summer produce right at their doors, and this patronage is of importance enough to be carefully catered to. A vast sum of money is annually expended in the town by the summer visi-
The Atlantic House has a good claim to be considered the first summer hotel of Rye, although not erected with that purpose in view, it having been built before there was any such thing as "the season of summer travel," as the term is now understood. A part of it formerly stood on the south side of the highway, nearly opposite its present location. It was a large, commodious farm-house, and was also conducted by its owner and occupant, Elder Ephraim Philbrick, as a house of entertainment for parties who came from up the country with their teams to buy fish at the numerous fish houses along the beach near at hand. These visitors came mostly during the summer and fall, but their visits were made for business ends only, recreation and rest not being thought of. This house was moved across the road to the present site of the Atlantic House, additions made to it, and the enlarged structure opened to the public about 1846 by Elder Philbrick's son, John C. Philbrick. Extensive enlargements have since then been, from time to time, made in the rear, but the main body of the building remains now in practically the same condition as it was more than fifty years ago.

The first Farragut House was erected by John C. Philbrick about 1864, and during the summer of 1866 Admiral Farragut was a guest of the hotel. The house was conducted by Mr. Philbrick up to the time of his death in 1869, after which it was managed by Mrs. Philbrick and her son, Frank A. Philbrick. The building was burned about midnight on April 18, 1882. The present Farragut was erected on the same site with all the speed practicable, and opened to the public in 1883; it was conducted by Frank A. Philbrick up to the time of his death, since which time it has been managed by Mr. Frank A. Hall. It is the largest of the summer hotels of the town.

The first Ocean House at Jenness beach was a comparatively small building put up in 1848 by Jonathan Rollins Jenness, whose brother, Job Jenness, made extensive additions to it and opened it the following year, and continued its manage-
ment with success until it was destroyed by fire on June 22, 1862. Mr. Jenness at once erected a much larger and more pretentious hotel, which, under the management of Job Jenness & Son, quickly became one of the most famous summer resorts along the New England coast, a position it retained, until it was burned to the ground on April 3, 1873. At the time of its destruction no summer hostelry to the eastward of Boston was more widely known or enjoyed a higher reputation, and the townspeople hoped and expected that a third Ocean House would soon arise over its ashes, but this never came to pass. For thirty years after the last Ocean House was burned the Ocean House grove, as it continued to be called, was a favorite resort for picnic parties, the grove being supplied with tables, benches, cooking facilities, etc., for their accommodation; but recently the land has been laid out into streets and building lots, and probably neither picnic parties nor summer hotel will have place there hereafter.

Not many rods westerly from the Ocean House, but on the opposite side of the road, Mr. Oliver Philbrick in 1853 built the Surf House, which was conducted as a summer hotel until October 22, 1872, when it was destroyed by fire and has never been replaced.

Easterly from the Surf House site and nearly opposite the location of the Ocean House, Mr. Carr Leavitt in 1853-'54 built the Washington House, which was conducted as a summer hotel until recently, when it was remodelled by his son, Mr. John E. Leavitt, into an apartment house, the first of the kind in the town. It is still a part of the town's accommodations for summer visitors, but for families only, or parties engaging for the season, transient patrons not being received.

At Foss Beach, the "Sandy Beach" of Morrill's plan of Rye, there was at one time a summer hotel of moderate size called the Prospect House. The date of its erection we have not discovered, but it was burned on July 10, 1862, and not rebuilt.

In 1869 the Sea View House was built by Mr. George G. Lougee, at the junction of Central and South roads, and since
that time he has managed it, with the assistance of his son, Gilman M. Lougee.

The Ocean Wave House at North Rye beach (which is shown on Morrill’s plan as a part of Sandy beach, and is not so far north as Wallis Sands) was built in 1879 by Henry Knox. It is very near the shore and so situated and so planned that every sleeping room has a window from which a more or less extensive view of some part of the ocean can be had. At this beach and at Concord Point, which makes its northern boundary, there are many summer cottages; and perched here and there along the huge ridge of sand on the land side of Wallis Sands are many others, and new ones are being erected every year. On the ancient Wallis farm, which extends from the northerly end of Wallis Sands nearly to Odiorne’s Point, is a large and costly cottage erected by the late Prof. James Parsons, professor of law in the University of Pennsylvania, as a summer home, the place being now owned by his heirs.

The Sagamore House at Frost’s Point, Little Harbor, had its commencement in a one-story farm house of large area on the ground, built about one hundred years ago by one of two brothers named Frost, who occupied adjoining farms at the point and from whom the point took its present name. These brothers one year got into a dispute over the ownership of a heifer, valued at $5, carried the dispute into the courts, and kept up the legal warfare until both contestants were ruined (the heifer having, it is said, in the meantime grown to cowhood and finally died of old age), and both farms were sold to pay lawyers’ fees and court expenses. The farm of fifty acres, including the point and on which the Sagamore House later stood, was bought by Stephen Foye of Portsmouth, and the smaller farm of thirty-six acres by his brother, John Foye, the latter farm having since remained in the Foye name. By the usual custom, this change of ownership should have changed the name of the point to Foye’s Point; but this change seems never to have taken place. In 1842 Stephen Foye sold his farm to a man named Odiorne, but again no change of name resulted. There was already one Odiorne’s Point close by, so
Residence of Francis E. Drake, Rye Beach.
the name continued to be "Frost's," as it had been during the ownership of Mr. Foye. A few years later Mr. Odiorne sold the place to Capt. Thomas R. Clark, who, about 1850, (perhaps a year or two later), put the old farm-house in complete repair and added another story to it, making it quite a large house; built a bowling alley, and opened the place as a summer resort. Much of Captain Clark's patronage came from Portsmouth, and even during the winter he entertained many sleighing parties; he was very popular personally, but he did not know how to keep a hotel so as to make it pay, and it only took him two or three years to find that out, when he gave up the attempt and sold the house and farm to Capt. George W. Towle. Captain Towle conducted the house as a summer resort for two seasons, or three, and then concluded that he, too, was unlikely to accumulate a fortune as a hotel keeper; and from that time until 1868 the house was closed to the public. In that year the place was bought by George W. and James S. Peirce, who greatly enlarged and improved the house and re-opened it as a summer hotel. Col. James S. Peirce, who assumed the entire control, was an experienced landlord, and under his management the house enjoyed such a measure of success that in 1870 a large extension was built; but on June 12, 1871, the building caught fire while being made ready for the summer opening, and was totally consumed, with the extension and a large stable, the only building to escape the flames being the bowling alley, which was at some distance from the house, and a portion of which was afterward fitted up as a dwelling and occupied by one of the owners for many years. The Peirce brothers estimated their loss at $60,000, with $29,000 insurance, and they never rebuilt. About 1890 the place was bought by Dr. W. D. McKim of New York, who had erected for his own use as a summer home, not far from where the Sagamore House formerly stood, a large and handsome cottage. And it has one of the most beautiful situations along the coast. Toward the sea from the McKim cottage is another handsome one, which Mrs. Martha M. Jones of New York had built for a summer residence; and still nearer the sea, far out toward the
Summer Residence of George L. Allen, Rye Beach.
end of Odiorne's Point, is the large and handsome cottage built some thirty years or so ago for Col. Charles F. Eastman of Concord, N. H., and now owned by his estate.

Very large and handsome new summer homes at Rye beach are those of Henry Diblee, George L. Allen, A. A. Carpenter and Francis E. Drake, the latter one of the finest and most costly cottages on the New England coast, having been completed in 1903. Rye as a summer-hotel town has perhaps reached its full growth, although it may be otherwise, but it has almost unlimited room for individual and family summer homes, and the number of these is certain to be on the increase for many years to come.
X.

Town Affairs.

COMMON LANDS.

Two hundred years ago, in the days when our ancestors were contending with the hard facts of life, and striving to make a home in the wilderness, there were no highways. All land belonged to the colony in common, every family having its rights, and all byways laid out were for the common benefit. In those days the herdsman blew his horn in the morning and, gathering the cattle, drove them to the common pasture, returning with them at night.

In 1640, seventeen persons, among whom were Anthony Brackett and William Berry, made a deed of fifty acres of land in Portsmouth for a glebe or parsonage.

In 1649, there was granted unto Anthony Brackett a lot between Robert Puddington’s and William Berry’s, at the head of the Sandy beach, Fresh river, at the western bank thereof. William Seavey had given him three acres at a town meeting held at Strawberry Bank (Portsmouth) in 1652. “It is granted by common consent that William Berry shall have a lot upon the neck of land upon the south side of the little river at Sandy Beach.”

Land was granted by the town of Portsmouth to William Seavey in 1652. Coming by south side of the Mill creek at the head of Hodges’ land and run west to “White rock,” fifty acres, the same laid out to his son William Seavey in 1721. At a town meeting held in Portsmouth in 1653 a committee was chosen to lay out the lands unto the people of Sandy beach, viz: “Unto William Berry six acres of meadow unto his house that is by William Seavey’s; to Anthony Brackett, thirty acres
upland adjoining unto his house and twenty acres of meadow; to Thomas Seavey eight acres of meadow and eight acres of upland; to Francis Rand eight acres of meadow and twenty acres of upland for a lot; to James Johnson twenty acres of meadow; also to William Berry from the little Creek next to Goodman Brackett's so much as shall amount to ten acres of meadow; between said Creek and the Creek's mouth, and four acres of land where he hath already ploughed."

In 1660 land was apportioned at Sandy beach as follows;— "Anthony Brackett, thirteen acres; James Johnson, and Mr. Wallis, one hundred twelve acres; John Berry, thirteen acres; Tobey Langdon, thirty-eight acres; Joseph Berry, thirteen acres; John Odiorne, forty-three acres; John Foss, nineteen acres; Mr. Mason, thirty-five acres; Frau Rann (Rand), fifty acres, thirty extra; Nathaniel Drake, fifty acres; Anthony Brackett 1st, one hundred acres."

At a town meeting held March 1, 1720-'21 at Rye in Newcastle, Jotham Odiorne was chosen moderator and Daniel Greenough, clerk,

Voted, "That William Seavey, William Wallis, Jotham Odiorne, John Leach, John Sherburne, Samuel Brackett and Theodore Atkinson be a committee to lay out the common lands of this town in as short a time as can be conveniently done & that they be laid out according to the town rates in the year 1708." Land was laid out as follows;— "To Jotham Odiorne, one hundred and fifty-two acres, which contained his own right and Shad Walton's, Mrs. Weymouth's, Thomas Paine's, John Card's and Edward Randall's as appears by their deeds to said Odiorne; to Thomas Rand and Thomas Barnes, Jr., twenty-four acres, commencing at the highway run 20\(\frac{1}{2}\) rods by it, then N. W. to Portsmouth line 192 rods, then N. E. 20\(\frac{1}{2}\) rods, then 192 rods to starting point by the road."

In 1722 land was laid out as follows; "To John Stevens, William Kelley, Barnabas Cracy, Henry Pain, John Underwood, Widow Ospaw, Widow Perkins and Shadrach Bell, in different lots, 78 acres, one tract ran to Sandy beach old road. To Richard Goss, common right with ten acres bought of Captain
Odiorne, beginning at Jeremiah Wallford's easterly corner and run N. W. 112 rods to a maple tree which is Walford's north corner on the Portsmouth line, then N. E. 29 rods to an elm tree, then S. E. 116 rods to the highway, then 29 rods to the starting point, making 21½ acres."

In 1723 land was laid out as follows; "To Joshua Foss, Jacob Clark, Widow Clark together with the share of Mr. John Foss, deceased, beginning at stake in road east to Rag hole, 106 rods, to Joseph Locke's corner and then by said Locke's line east, 24 rods, then N. by W. 124 rods to Joseph Locke's corner, by said highway. West by said Berry's land 36 rods square up with William Berry's land, to the south end of Goss's old grant, then east 30 rods to Rag hole highway and the remainder of Hodge's common right and Robert Jorden's being 18 acres together with the above makes their quantity 25 acres."

VOTED IN TOWN MEETING.

In November, 1739, an article was inserted in the warrant to see "whether you will bye a town stock of the dimensions as the law directs." No vote recorded.

During the year 1750 the records show that a "Leather Seater" (sealer) was appointed, and in 1764 the first poor person was "let out to the lowest bidder."

In 1761 the town voted "To give widow Hannah Dolbeer £300 old tenor in part of her great charge or expense by reason of smallpox."

An article was inserted in the warrant for the March meeting in 1777, "To know whether they will vote that no tavern keeper or retailer shall sell speritous liquors in this Parish on the Sabbath or Lord's day." No vote recorded.

Voted, in 1783, "that John Foye's Rats [rates] be abated with others."

During the year 1794, it was voted, "That there shall be no sea-weed hauled up by night, noone shall be hauled up before
day light and noone after day light is down in the evening, forfeting a fine of three pounds."

In 1801, it was voted to pay Michael Dalton Goss $14.50 to collect the taxes.

A town-meeting was called in 1816, owing to the great sickness.

In the warrant for the town-meeting of 1820, the following articles were inserted:

"Several of the Inhabitants of the town in 1820, taking into consideration the circumstances of the town and being alarmed in view of a number of vices and discord prevalent among us, such as profane swearing, intemperance, gambling, profanation of the sabbath, which in their opinion serve very much to injure the reputation, morals, and interest not only of individuals and families but of the town at large, are therefore convinced of the necessity and propriety of some measures being adopted by the Inhabitants of this town in order to check, or as far as may be these prevailing vices and disorders. No servants or minors to be trusted for any ardent spirits without leave of their parents or guardians or masters, and likewise that they should shut up their houses and stores at nine o'clock in the winter and ten o'clock in the summer, except when the town or publick business may require a longer time, or when young persons of both sexes may occasionally meet together for singing or civil amusement and then not to keep unseasonable hours.

"To see if the town will give directions to the Selectmen not to grant license to any person as tavenors or store keepers for retailing speritous liquors, unless they come under the above obligation.

"Voted the above resolve as it now stands."

In 1834 the town voted to build a wharf at the harbor.

An article was inserted in the warrant for the meeting held in 1836; "To see if the town will change the name of Rye to that of Rockville or Greenville, or any name they see proper to adopt." It was voted to postpone the article to change the name of Rye to that of Rockville or Greenville indefinitely.

At the same meeting it was voted that a committee shall be
nominated by the selectmen to purchase a town farm. Capt. Samuel Jenness, Capt. John Clark, and Samuel Walker were chosen on said committee and authorized and empowered to purchase a farm for the town.

In 1838 the town voted "To purchase Lieut. Amos Seavey's farm and pay him the sum of $4,000, on condition that he leave the manure on the same and give possession in the course of this month and that the Selectmen take a deed of said Seavey's farm as soon as convenient."

The town passed the following vote in 1842: "That all persons that do not pay their taxes shall be sent to the town farm to work it out."

During the year 1866 it was voted: "That the Selectmen see to the boys that are running up and down the road."

The records do not specify what road was meant.

In 1869 the town voted to sell the town farm.

It was voted in 1886 "That the thanks of the town be presented to Aaron Rand for the faithful manner in which he has for twenty years performed his duties as collector of taxes."

POUND.

The first pound, probably built about the time the town was incorporated, was made of logs. The following, taken from the original copy, shows that even that at early date the poundkeepers had animals to impound for trespassing, or going at large, in violation of law: "1736, July ye 9th. Mr. Jonathan Marden—Sir. Please to deliver Mr Job Jenness Mare [mare] out of pound to John Jenness, he paying you for having the Kear [care]. I am yours to serve, Richard Parsons."

In 1782, the old log pound was evidently in a dilapidated condition, for at the March meeting in that year the town voted to build a stone pound, thirty-two feet square within walls. There was considerable opposition to building a stone pound, and on the following June the town voted to build a log pound, thirty-two feet square within walls, and the log pound was probably built.

In 1803 the town voted to build a pound of stone. The next
year the town voted "To build the pound where the old one stands, thirty-seven feet long each way, six feet high, three feet thick at the bottom and one and a half foot at the top." It was located slightly east of the present Christian church, cost $257.25, and would have answered very well for a fortress in those days. The old pound was bid off by Edmund Johnson for four dollars and ten cents.

In 1859 a petition was circulated to have the pound removed, and the town voted to move and rebuild the same. In 1859 it was taken down and removed to Levi W. Marden's pasture, and about twenty years later it was destroyed.

COMMON.

It is not known just when the common or training field was laid out, but probably at a very early date. The continental militia received their first lessons in discipline and field exercises on the common. And later it was customary for the state militia to drill there, and some of our citizens remember well when the captain gave the order for his men to fire their guns while on the "double quick" around the elms in front of Isaac D. Rand's.

In 1798 the town voted: "The Selectmen may sell the training field." It was not sold, and eight years later the town enlarged the grounds by purchasing more land at a cost of $67.50.

GUN HOUSE.

In 1821 the town voted to build a gun house fourteen feet long and ten feet wide, and that the gun house be put on the town's land near the pound. It was located just east of the present Christian church.

During the year 1853 the old gun house was sold at auction and bid off by Orin Drake for the sum of four dollars.

SHEEP.

In the year 1779 the town voted: "That the rams in this parish be confined by the owners thereof from the first of September until the last of October next. And if any ram be
found loose in that time, he that takes him up shall notify the owner thereof, and if he refuses to pay the charges thereof the person who took up said ram may sell said ram in eight days after proper notice is given." Each owner probably had an earmark for his sheep, and it was his duty to notify the town clerk of the earmark used by him for marking his cattle and sheep, for it must be remembered that all the stock was turned out on the commons together, and the town clerk was required to keep a record of the different earmarks. Here are a few "sheep marks" as recorded on the town records in 1794:

William Berry's earmarks. slit in the end of each ear and top of left ear.
Jonathan Locke, Jr.'s earmark, in the under side of each ear.
Nathaniel Marden's earmark is a swallow's tail in the left ear and two slits in same.

JENNESSTOWN.

The township was granted by Massachusetts, in 1735, to Thomas Stevens and others, many of whom were residents of Amesbury in that province. It was called No. 1 and New Amesbury. The Masonian proprietors claimed the territory after the settlement of the province line, and granted it to seventy-six men, March 14, 1749. These grantees were nearly all residents of Rye and Newcastle, and as many of them bore the name of Jenness the town was called Jennesstown and New Rye. It was incorporated by the governor and council August 30, 1774, and Governor Wentworth named it Warner for his intimate friend, Col. Jonathan Warner of Portsmouth.

JURORS.

The first record of jurors was April 22, 1758. One grand and ten petit jurors to serve at the superior and court of common pleas at Portsmouth.

LIBERTY POLE.

The liberty pole on the common at the Center was erected when Gen. Franklin Pierce was nominated for the presidency in 1852. The stick came out of the schooner Boutwell,
wrecked at Ragged Neck, April 8, 1851. The pole was blown down January 25, 1874.

FAIRS.

The secretary of the agricultural board of 1876-'77 says the first fair was held in the town of Rye one hundred and fifty years ago.

TAX LISTS, TOWN ACCOUNTS, ETC.

Tax, 1701.

A town rate was assessed by the selectmen of and for the town of "New Castle to be Collected for paying Debts ye 15th May 1701, to be paid in 3 months:"

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His Province and parish rate, 6 6 4  
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Henry Elkins, 1753, “ “ “ “ 16 11 0  

Joseph Brown, Constable.

Copy of the Account of the Selectmen for the Year 1739.

The account that the Selectmen hath brought in for the year 1739 to the committee chosen, viz.:

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TOWN AFFAIRS.

Paid for sweeping the Meeting House,
Paid for mending the Parish fence,
& it is charged ten shillings for Paper,
& charged £3. 10s. for serving,
& 3 Pounds for the Constable fees,

& being added up makes,
Whereof the sum raised is but,

Due from the Parish to the Selectmen,

Whereof Jno. Garland, jr., had not paid,
as also Amos Rand has not paid,

New Emission Tax About 1776 or 1778.

The following people lived from the center of the town to Breakfast Hill:

The following lived on the Garland road:

The following lived on the road leading to Locke's Neck:

The following lived on the road leading from Daniel Webster Philbrick's by Abraham Perkins' to the south fish houses:
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Receipts and Expenditures for the Year 1833.

Paid the County tax, $129.06

Paid for Schooling, 412.00

- Repairs on East School house, .52
- " Center " 6.68
- " West " .79
- " South " 5.55
- South school lot and expenses, 17.60
- Superintending school committee, 7.00
- Military expenses, 31.58
- for expenses of the mill road, 72.06
- " killing Crows, 18.60
- " Foxes, 3.00
- Ebenezar Taylor for the widow Sally Rand for 1832, 5.00
- Sally Rand for 1833, 17.82
- for clothing for John Saunders, 12.98
- support of Joseph Tucker, 38.80
- " John Mace, 48.93
- " Mercy Shapley, 15.42
- Joseph Crooms for two children of E. Mow, 29.00
- Support clothing Betsey Mow, 27.39
Paid funeral expenses Josiah M. Batchelder,  
- Doctor's bill,  
- Nicholas Mason support of Daniel and Lucy Mason,  
- Support and clothing Patience Saunders,  
- Benjamin Lear and wife,  
- Mary Saunders,  
- Hannah Hall,  
- Olive Jarvice,  
- Joseph W. Downs,  
- Josh Rand Jr. as bid off,  
- Saml Rendall & Betsey Smith,  
- Geo & Reuben Shapley,  
- Judith Shapley,  
- Sarah Ann Shapley,  
- Doctoring of the Poor,  
- Wood for Widow Polly Philbrick,  
- House lot for do,  
- Wood for Widow Jane Foss,  
- Mehitable Foss,  
- Sally Shapley,  
- and candles for Meeting House,  
- Repairs of  
- Wood and candles for little  
- Ringing and tolling the Bell,  
- Repairs Pine tree Bridge 1832,  
- Joseph Seavey's Bridge,  
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- Locke's Mill  
- Brown Mill  
- the Appraisers Bill,  
- for Inventory Book and Copying,  
- Recording Inventory,  
- Ichabod Bartlett's bill on Hampton Cause, 4 years,"  
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- Guide Boards and Repairing,  
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- Examining Road to E. Philbrick's,  
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TOWN AFFAIRS.

Paid collecting Taxes,
  " Cloth for the Poor, $18.00
  " Tools & Powder blasting Rocks, 1.00
  " Collecting Paupers Money 1832-3, 3.72
  " Advertising Town Paupers, 3.34
  " Stationery, 1.00
  " Thomas J. Parsons note, .75
  " Abatements in 1833, 58.29
  " Expenses Olive Mow Complaint and committing Wm Rendall to gaol, 8.79
  " Going to Hampton for Joseph Tucker, 10.66
  Money on hand, .50

Amount of Notes due the Town,
Money on hand, 28.47

List of Money due the town by note due from Nathan Knowles for balance tax list,
Due from Thomas J. Parsons, 46.12
  " Sam'l Berry and J. M. Caswell, 75.20
  " Joseph L. Locke & Reuben Rendall, 25.00
  Notes for Literary Fund.

Due from Samuel J. Locke, 9.18
  " William Sleeper, 46.12
  " Nathan Knowles, 75.20
  " Ebenezer Leavitt, 25.00
  " Joseph Trefethen, 9.18
  " do, 46.12
  Money on hand, 39.40

Literary Fund Received and Collected.
Rec'd from the State, 39.40
  " Joseph Philbrick, 35.74
  " John A. Trefethen, 18.00
  " Samuel J. Locke, 1.32
  " Ebenezer Leavitt Interest, 5.94
  " William Sleeper, 7.22
  " Joseph Trefethen, 5.94

$152.01
Money Received by the Selectmen.

Raised by tax $1,522.11 and received, $1,475.99
Rec'd of Joseph Caswell and S. Berry, 50.00
  of the State for Crows and Foxes, 17.25
  for old Plank, 1.44
  from the County (Pauper money) 1832, 64.35
  Court for licenses, 4.00
  Hampton (Costs of Court), 27.29
  T. J. Parsons for Judith Shapley, 23.48
  for John Saunders, .04
  from the County for Paupers, 1833, 61.16
  Nathan Knowles for note, 13.17
  for interest of literary fund taken, 12.00

Due Capt. Samuel Jenness, Jr., from the town, $60.00
Balance in favor of the town, 123.97

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We certify, that we have examined the Selectmen's accounts, and find them correct and properly Vouched.

Samuel Jenness, jr.  
Ira Brown,  
Auditors.

$1,750.67
$183.97
XI.

Ecclesiastical.

DISCOURSE.

Extracts from sermon delivered on Thursday, January 1, 1801, at Rye, by Rev. Huntington Porter, on the settlement, increase, and prosperity of the town:

"The exact period when the first person fixed down as a settler within the bounds of Rye is not known, but is supposed to have been about the year 1635. The person who first became an inhabitant here, it is said, was by the name of John Berry. Others, who settled soon after, were of the names of Seavey, Rand, and Brackett. Those who soon followed them were of the names of Wallis, Jenness, and Locke, which names (except that of Brackett) are still retained among us, and most of them are numerous. For about ninety years the people of Rye had no settled ministry of the gospel among them, but attended public worship in some of the neighboring towns as it was most convenient, particularly at Portsmouth and Newcastle.*

"It has been observed that the inhabitants of this town were at first in very poor circumstances and continued so, or without much alteration for the better, for many years, and indeed that they never flourished or prospered to any considerable degree as to outward circumstances, until they formed a church, erected a house of public worship, and had the ministry and ordinances of the gospel among them. Although this increased their expenses, yet it was found that their wealth, numbers, and prosperity increased more rapidly than before, making it

*Rye was originally taken off from Portsmouth, Greenland, Hampton, and Newcastle (largely the latter) and was for many years styled the "Parish of Rye in New Castle." Only since the commencement of the Revolutionary war has it exercised town privileges; before that time it acted in conjunction with Newcastle in the choice of representatives and in usual town business.
evident that the support of the gospel ministry, though thought by many to be a needless burden, is no disadvantage to a people in general, even as to their temporal interest, but is really subservient, through the divine blessing, to their outward prosperity and reputation.

"We find that the first house of public worship was erected in this town about the year 1725,* although it was not completed until 1729. A church was formed July 20, 1726, and the first minister settled here was the Reverend Nathaniel Morrill, I am sorry to say, of unworthy memory. He was ordained September 14, 1726, continued in the ministry about seven years, and was then dismissed. He was a man of acknowledged abilities, and considerable might be said respecting his character in life, both during his ministry and after his dismissal, but it is best, perhaps, on the whole, that a veil should be drawn and left over it. No church records, if any were kept by him, are to be found at this day, and consequently but very little is to be collected respecting the church or its proceedings at that early period.

"After Mr. Morrill's dismissal the people, as appears by the town records, were still desirous of having the gospel among them, and made considerable and honorable exertions to that end. Several candidates were applied to, and heard on probation, particularly Mr. Solomon Page, Mr. Jeremiah Fogg, and Mr. Nathaniel Gookin, the last of whom it seems had a call to settle with them, but for some reason or other was not ordained.

"Application was then made to Mr. Samuel Parsons, who, after preaching a short time as a candidate, had a call to settle with them, in the sacred ministry. He accepted the invitation, and was ordained on the third day of November, 1736. He officiated in the important work until the year 1784, making nearly half a century. On the 29th of December, of that year, your present pastor was ordained, in colleagueship with this, his worthy and respectable predecessor. The Reverend Mr.

*It has been said that the people, when preparing to build the first meeting house, either through want of oxen for the purpose, or for some other reason, actually yoked in man with man, and hauled together the necessary timber. Some evidence this of their zeal and resolution.
Parsons, though in the latter part of his ministry and life very infirm, by reason of age and repeated paraletic shocks, continued to the 4th of January, 1789, in the 78th year of his age, at which time, as we trust, he fell asleep in Jesus and entered into the joy of his Lord. His consort survived him about seven years and nine months. She deceased October 15th, 1796.
leaving behind her a respectable character both as a companion and as a Christian. The memory of the Reverend Mr. Parsons, I am sensible, is still dear to those of you who sat under his ministry and can recollect his virtues and his usefulness.

"During the ministry of the Reverend Mr. Parsons we find by the church records that two hundred and six persons were admitted into full communion with the church, sixteen hundred were baptized, and three hundred and ninety-one marriages were performed by him.

"From the close of the year 1784, forty-nine persons have been admitted to the table of the Lord and two hundred and fifty-four have been baptized.

"Our present communion consists of about eighty members. Since my residence among you twenty-seven members of the church have removed from this to other places and about the same number have died; so that several more, during that time, have died and removed from the church than have come into full communion with it. Let this be for a lamentation.

"The whole number of persons who in this town have been called off the stage of action and numbered with the congregation of the dead during the last sixteen years, is one hundred and seventy-one, of whom ninety-six were adults and seventy-five were children, ten of whom deceased the year past. Solemn warnings all, to their friends and to the living, to suitably consider and to lay to heart what by divine appointment is the end of all men. While on this part of the subject it may not be improper to look back to those early times, when our progenitors were so much harassed by the savages of the wilderness, who made repeated and vigorous attempts to destroy their settlement. In those times this town experienced some share of their sanguinary deeds. In the year 1694 a person by the name of John Locke, living at the neck, was ambushed and killed by them as he was reaping grain in his field, against whom it seems they had sometime before formed a particular grudge, on account of his having been very active against them and instrumental in defeating them in several of their attempts to destroy the inhabitants on the sea-coast, and who at this
time came eight in number, with an express design [as appears afterwards] to avenge themselves in his death. And having accomplished their bloody purpose returned again without doing any other material damage. In the year 1696, at one time twenty-one persons at Sandy Beach were either killed or carried away by them. About the same time a person by the name of Walford was killed in this town, as he was going with a message from Portsmouth to Newbury. The fatal eminence on which he received his death wound has ever since borne the name of Walford's hill.

"In the late American Revolutionary war, or war with Great Britain, this town experienced the loss of thirty-eight of its inhabitants;* partly by sea and the rest by land, most of them young men dear to their friends; and for whom the tears of affection and condolence have yet scarcely ceased to flow.

"Situated as we are on the sea-shore it may not be thought improper to take some notice of the number of those unfortunate persons who, within present recollections, have lost their lives on this coast. According to the accounts of the most aged among us, twenty-six persons, chiefly strangers, have, at different times, been drowned on or near the coast within the limits of this town, whose sepulchres in general are among us. To the most of whom, though strangers, a decent burial was given, attended with those solemnities which are usual on funeral occasions.

"Notwithstanding, the occurrences and events now related may serve to excite sensations that are sad and gloomy, yet we have, my friends, abundant occasion at this day to feel and express sentiments of gratitude and joy on account of the present increasing wealth, growing numbers, and rising improvements of this town.

"At the beginning of the century just closed there was, it seems, but little appearance here of any cultivation of any comfortable subsistence, or of any pleasing prosperity. The inhabitants, few in number, were low, destitute, and miserable. But now, through the blessings of God accompanying the industry and exertions of men, the change is very visible, and to be gratefully noticed. Where there was nothing then but a waste and dreary wilderness, there now are well fenced and well cultivated fields. Where there was then abject poverty, there now is smiling abundance and wealth. Where there was wretchedness and misery, there now is pleasing prosperity and happiness. Where there was nothing growing once but trees and shrubs, wild and fit only for fuel, there now are beautiful rows of trees, yielding fruit and wine to cheer the hearts of men! Where there were once stagnated ponds and dark, miry swamps, there now are luxuriantly growing grass for cattle and herbs for the service of man. Where there was formerly great ignorance and scarce any means of instructions, there now are free schools and good instructions, to train the youths to knowledge and usefulness. Where there was no temple erected for the divine worship and honor, there now is "a house of God," and where there were very few in number, to convene at the sanctuary for public worship, there now is beheld an assembly that is large and respectable.

"The general affairs of this town, both of church and state, have for a considerable number of years, at least, been conducted with great peace and unanimity; and public worship here, it has frequently been observed, is exemplarily attended, free from sectaries and in general of one sentiment. We have within ourselves enjoyed a good degree of peace and social happiness, as well as of outward increase and prosperity. It is asserted with confidence, and as worthy of remark, that no person ever died in the town of Rye whose estate has been represented insolvent.

"When we take a retrospective view, and consider the toils and hardships of our forefathers in this country and in this town, the difficulties and dangers with which they had to con-
tend, and the great scarcity of the means and comforts of life under which they labored, together with the inconveniences many of them experienced with regard to attending public worship and the ordinances of religion, and contrast our own situation at this present time with that of theirs then, how evidently does it appear that we are highly distinguished from them and have much cause of gratitude and joy.

"The number of souls in this town, according to the census last taken, viz., in 1790, is 865. The probability is that the number, since that time, has somewhat increased; which with the addition of several families within a few years from the bounds of Newcastle would probably increase it to about one thousand.

"The principal cause of this town's not containing a greater number of inhabitants at present than it does (besides the deaths that have happened in it) are the removals from it into the country. These removals, you are sensible, have been frequent and numerous. It is an observation that has been made (and I am inclined to think a just one) that this town, according to the bigness of it, if not without exception, has furnished a greater number of settlers for the interior parts of the country than any other town in the state. Witness, Epsom, Rochester, Barrington, Chester, and numerous other towns which recognize the origin of many of their inhabitants from this place. And the churches in a number of those towns were first formed, in part, by members removed from the church of Christ here. So that the connection between this town and the country, is very considerable; and, in many of the inland settlements, a traveler from this place may generally and pretty easily recognize a kinsman, cousin, father, son, or brother.

"This town has in times past been reputed unhealthy. Physicians and some others have observed that sickness and mortality have been more frequent here, in proportion to the number of inhabitants, than in other places in general. Particularly rheumatisms, agues, asthmas, phthisics, consumption, palsies and some kinds of fever have been unusually prevalent. And if so, the predisposing cause may, perhaps, have been the
large proportion of low, wet grounds and stagnated, miry swamps, with which this town has abounded, from which naturally arise noxious vapours and exhalations, injurious to the constitutions and healths of the people. But these low places being now more generally cleared and laid open to the genial influences of the heavens, than heretofore, the air is become more dry, pure and salubrious; and consequently the inhabitants in general more healthy than formerly.

"Since my residence here this town has not, I conceive, been very unhealthy. During the term of sixteen years there have been 173 deaths, which on an average falls a little short of eleven to a year; and is something more than one person to an hundred. Which is not, perhaps, a much larger proportion, if any, than what is usual in other places. The number of baptisms during the same term has exceeded the deaths eighty-one; and, all the children not being baptized, it is calculated that the births have exceeded the deaths about one hundred and twenty.

"No country, I believe, under heaven, experiences so great a share of civil liberty and of private happiness as this. For all our wealth and prosperity, therefore, both public and private; and for everything that adds to the peace, the happiness, and respectability of our country, of our towns, of our families, or of ourselves as individuals, let us feel and let us express our indebtedness to heaven."

Extracts from Mr. Porter's half century sermon, delivered January, 1835:

"A good degree of general health has been enjoyed, as much so perhaps on an average as towns in general, yet sickness has in some seasons prevailed. The deaths for fifty years past (1784 to 1835) have averaged about fourteen in a year; the smallest number in any one year was five, and the largest number thirty-five. One year in particular was remarkable for great sickness and mortality; the year 1803, more than two hundred and twenty persons were seized with diseases of various kinds, and of these thirty-five deceased.

"From the close of the year 1784 to the beginning of the
year 1835, making half a century, one hundred and eighty-four were admitted to the church, nine hundred and four baptized, and four hundred and four marriages were solemnized, thirty-six members having been dismissed to other churches.”

For nearly thirty years after his settlement, there was not one family of any other than the Congregational denomination in the town. In 1784, the church membership was one hundred and twenty. Mr. Porter estimates the number of births during the half century as about one thousand five hundred and fifty, and the deaths during the same period not far from seven hundred.

When Mr. Parsons was first settled the town voted “To give him £140 in bills of credit at the present currency, that it goes about silver money at 25 shillings an ounce yearly, as long as he continues our minister among us. Also 20 cords of fire wood brought to the Parish House yearly, and land and thatch ground yearly.” In the year 1780 the town voted to see what the committee could raise for the Rev. Samuel Parsons. The committee reported that “60 bushels of corn, 200 lbs. of Beef, two hundred weight of Pork” could be raised, and it was voted: “That Rev. Mr. Parsons shall have Six thousand dollars more than he was voted at last March meeting.” In 1782, voted: “That Rev. Samuel Parsons shall have two hundred and thirty-three doolers and two-thirds of a dooler this year in silver.” The same year it was voted “That the money due to the Parish and the money the Parish owes shall pas one silver Dooler for Seventy five Paper Doolers of old emission money.”

In the year 1828 the civil contract between Mr. Porter and the church was dissolved but his pastoral relation still continued. The town voted: “To give Rev. H. Porter $300 and the use of the Parsonage until next April if he will relinquish his contract with the Town.” He would not accept this proposal, but offered to take $350, and the use of the parsonage one year from the first of the next March and to relinquish the contract subsisting between him and the town.

The town voted to give him the sum of $350 and the use of the parsonage.
Rev. Bezaleel Smith, after supplying the pulpit for several months, was invited to settle here. Having accepted the invitation, he was ordained as colleague pastor of the church the 13th day of May, 1829, and continued about eleven years. He admitted to the church one hundred and eight members, baptized one hundred and fifteen, and the number of marriages was fifty-nine while he was in charge of the church.

Congregational Meeting House, 1888.

Rev. James F. McEwen, having received a call from the church, was installed pastor December 1, 1841, and dismissed April 8, 1846. Mr. McEwen admitted to the church thirteen persons, baptized seventeen, and performed the marriage service fourteen times.

Rev. Israel T. Otis preached after the dismissal of Mr. McEwen and was installed as pastor July 4, 1847, and re-
mained until April 24, 1866. He was a faithful and affectionate pastor and was held in much esteem by his people.

Rev. Giles Leach preached from October 4, 1867, until December 11, 1870. The next minister in charge of the church for any length of time was Rev. Jeremiah K. Aldrich, who was employed May 4, 1873, and dismissed November 16, 1876.


Rye Glebe.

In the early period of the settlements the connection between church and state was much closer than would now be endured, and the "parish" was, to a great extent, practically the town. The minister's stipend was raised by taxation of the inhabitants of the town, as the salaries of school teachers are now by taxation of the property owners of the town or the school districts; and every man, entirely aside from whether he attended church services or agreed with the religious sentiments of the preacher, or not, had to pay his share of the tax for the preacher's support. Hence it early became the practice to set aside a goodly piece of land as a glebe, or benefice for who ever might be minister of the parish for the time being, and for the benefit of the parish itself through the lessening of taxation; the glebe being sometimes set off from the common lands by the town or parish, and sometimes the gift of a number of the more opulent landholders. There was at one time a glebe established in Rye, but as to when and how this was done, or how large a tract of land it was, no record has been discovered to tell. It probably was not established until Sandy Beach had been set off as the parish of Rye, independent of Newcastle in all church affairs; and, judging from the number of participants in the glebe lands when division was made of them, it seems probable that it was established by the parish, and from the common lands. About
1750 or 1760 the glebe lands were parcelled out, and following are the names of the inhabitants who were recipients of one or more "rights" each:

Richard Rand  
Richard Jenness Esq  
James Marden  
Francis Jenness  
Jonathan Towle  
Robert Saunders  
Henry Dow  
Job Jenness  
Wm Thomas  
William Seavey  
James Seavey  
Samuel Jenness  
Jonathan Brown  
Wallis Foss  
Joseph Brown  
Zebede Hunt  
Samuel Knowles  
Francis Locke  
Amos Rand  
Jeremiah Berry  
William Berry  
Jonathan Towle  
Peter Johnson  
Joseph Yeaton  
Nehemiah Moulton  
Isaac Jenness  
Jonathan Goss  
Ozem Dowse Jr  
Ebenezar Marden  
Reuben Philbrick  
Daniel Philbrick

Reuben Moulton  
Amos Knowles  
Samuel Wallis  
Richard Locke Jr  
Thomas Watson  
Josiah Webster  
William Randall  
Benjamin Garland  
Nathan Goss  
Joseph Marden  
Richard Jenness Jr  
Stephen Marden  
Rev Samuel Parsons  
Samuel Sanborn  
Joseph Libbee  
Simon Garland  
Ozem Dowse  
Phillip Pain  
Joseph Blanchard  
Capt Samuel Frost  
Joseph Rand  
John Brackett  
Nathan Knowles  
Jeremiah Locke  
Samuel Elkins  
Christopher Gold  
William Palmer  
Ebenezar Philbrick  
Richard Locke  
Solomon Seavey  
Wm Temple

Peter Garland  
Amos Seavey  
Joseph Jenness  
Bickford Jenness  
Job Foss—  
Joshua Jenness  
Nathaniel Jenness  
Merrifield Berry  
Jacob Berry  
Richard Goss  
Joshua Weeks  
Samuel Murry  
Trustrain Coffin Sleeper  
Henry Elkins  
David Smith  
Benjamin Lang  
Capt. George Frost  
Samuel Jones  
Abraham Libbee  
Benjamin Libbee  
Samuel Rand  
Paul Randall  
Shadrach Weymouth  
Arthur Libbee  
Jonathan Marden  
Nathaniel Berry Jr  
Moses Seavey  
Samuel Wells  
Ephraim Rand  
Samuel Saunders  
John Nelson Esq

and Six rights left for others

(endorsed)

THE MEETING HOUSES.

The first meeting house was built in 1725 and was situated west of the present Congregational church. It had a tower in front and a steeple which was not finally finished until 1756. The entrances were on the side. About this time the house was badly in need of repairs and the town voted "To build a
meeting house 60x40 feet and not repair the old one." In March, 1755, the town voted to tear down the old meeting house and to build a new one in the same place. Joseph Locke, Joses Philbrick, William Locke, and Samuel Berry entered their dissent, which was referred to a committee. After hearing the report of this committee the town voted "they might take their pews to themselves."

There seems to have been a strong sentiment in town in favor of building a new meeting house instead of expending money on the old one, for in June of the same year another meeting was called, but the town finally voted "That the house be 58x40 feet, that suitable provision be made for raising the meeting house and that a number of Pews be sold off at vendue on said day; also that the persons against the Wall maintain the glass against their pews." There was also a notice in the warrant to "see if the town will buy land of Benjamin Jenness adjoining the meeting house."

In November, 1756, voted, "That there should be pews around the galleries of the house and that the owners should keep the glass in repair."

Undoubtedly extensive repairs were made at this time as the following, copied from the original, shows: "July 9, 1755: All persons that have taken boards, timber or anything for the building of a new meeting house in this Parish are desired to have all ready at the place appointed by the 24th day this instant July. And meet the committee for building said house at three o'clock on said day."

In 1781 the town voted to have five pews built back end of women's seats and the privilege to build them let out at auction. In March of same year the town voted to sell the five pews at vendue. Pew No. 1 was sold to Simon Jenness for $5,500, old omission money; No. 2 was sold to Simon Jenness for the same amount; No. 3 was sold to Jonathan Locke for $5,350; No. 4 was sold to Bickford Lang for $5,000, and No. 5 was sold to Isaac Dow for $5,425; all the money to be paid within six months. It required at that time seventy-five dollars of old omission paper money to buy one silver dollar.
On March 25, 1840, the old meeting house was sold at auction by vote of the town to Capt. Samuel Jenness and Joseph L. Locke for $280, one half of the amount being given to the pew holders and the other half to the town. The belfrey was sold to Jonathan T. Walker. On May 7, 1846, the building was taken down by Joseph L. Locke and hauled to Portsmouth. There it was used as a stable for many years and finally destroyed by fire. The writer has in his possession two pieces of white oak timber that came out of the belfrey and they are still sound and well preserved.

Congregational Meeting House, 1903.

Tradition says the first meeting house or house of worship in Rye was built in 1681, as a stick of timber in the one built and taken down in 1846 was marked 1681; this is doubtful as there are no records to show that fact.

The legislature of New Hampshire, in 1819, passed the Toleration act, so called, which left the people at liberty to act for themselves in regard to paying a tax for the support of a
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minister. A few years later a number of persons neglected their minister's tax and new societies were formed and churches erected.

The following is a copy of a petition for a new Congregational meeting house:

Whereas it is of great importance that the worship and ordinances of the Gospel which were for many years enjoyed by our Fathers and have been continued to us should be preserved among us and perpetuated to our posterity and whereas it has become necessary that a new house of worship should be erected, therefore, We the subscribers do hereby engage and agree to pay to the wardens of the Congregational Society in this town on demand, the sum affixed to our names severally, to be by them paid over to a building Committee chosen by us, when called for by said committee for the purpose of erecting and completing a house for the publick worship, on land given by Rev. H. Porter and Mr. Thomas G. Berry for that purpose, to be a house of worship for the Congregational church & Society, as long as said church and Society shall exist, and further more the conditions of these subscriptions are:

1st That our subscriptions shall not become due until the sum of Two thousand dollars shall have been subscribed.

2nd, That when said meeting house shall have been completed, the pews shall be sold at publick auction excepting such as may be reserved by the subscribers and on conditions agreed upon by the subscribers, and the money arising from such sales shall be paid to us in proportion to what we have subscribed.

3rd. That the said house of worship when completed & disposed of as above specified, shall be put into the hands of the Congregational Society in trust to be by them kept in repair for the object above specified.

Rye, March 28, 1837.

Rev. Huntington Porter subscribed for four shares, $200.00

Amos S. Parsons, 2 shares, 100.00
Joseph Rand, 2 " 100.00
James Marden, 2 " 100.00
Richard Foss, 2 " 100.00
John Foye, 2 " 100.00
John Drake, 2 " 100.00
Joseph Jenness, 2 " 100.00
Reuben Marden, 50.00
Jonathan Philbrick, 50.00
Cotton W. Drake, 50.00

John W. Parsons, $50.00
John T. Rand, 50.00
Samuel Jenness, jr., 50.00
Samuel Marden, jr., 50.00
John Y. Remick, 50.00
Amos Seavey, 50.00
Richard R. Locke, 50.00
Joseph Seavey, 50.00
James Dow, 39.00
James Dow, jr., 7.00
Nathaniel M. Walker, 25.00
Polly Brown, 25.00
Mary Jenness, 40.00
Thomas J. Parsons, -50.00 Jonathan Locke, $30.00
Simon Brown, 50.00 Jonathan Varrell, 25.00
John Philbrick, 50.00 Joseph Brown, jr., 25.00
Ira Brown, 50.00 Simon Jenness, jr., 37.50
Charles Green, 50.00 Joseph Philbrick, jr., 25.00
Jonathan T. Walker, 50.00 Reuben P. Jenness, 25.00
Jedediah Rand, 50.00 Reuel Garland, 25.00
Samuel J. Locke, 50.00 Samuel Odiorne, jr., 25.00
Bezaleel Smith, 25.00 Jeremy Webster, 25.00
Amos S. Garland, 25.00
Jonathan Varrell, 25.00

The total amount of cash received for building the meeting house was $1,329.50. Money collected after notes were given for subscription, and on said notes, $1,002. The total sale of pews December 27, 1837, amounted to $2,787.95. From the sale of two pews in 1832, $77.20. Total from the sale of pews, $2,865.15.

The following sums were paid out to persons over and above the cost of their pew where their subscription was more:

Lieut. Joseph Jenness, $46.90 Richard R. Locke, $11.40
Capt. John Drake, 46.40 Bezaleel Smith, 10.00
Col. Amos S. Parsons, 47.40 Samuel Odiorne, jr., 1.20
Joseph Rand, 4.80 Jeremy Webster, 1.20
Huntington Porter, 29.81 Huntington Porter, 52.49

The deed of land was as follows:

Rev. Huntington Porter and Thomas G. Berry, both of the town of Rye, do by deed of gift convey unto the Congregational church and Society a certain tract or parcel of land for the sole purpose of erecting thereon a house for the public worship of almighty God, so long as they shall exist as such. And if it should so be that the said Congregational church & Society as thus denominated should ever become extinct, then the said granted premises shall revert to the legal heirs and assigns of the said Huntington Porter and Thomas G. Berry.

The meeting house was raised in August, 1837, and dedicated December 27, 1837. A debt of some $500 remained on the society, which was raised by subscription in 1841.

In May, 1872, the sum of $1,466 was subscribed (with the exception of $300 received from the ladies' fund) for the pur-
pose of painting and decorating the interior of the church and repairing the meeting house and parsonage.

During the year 1891 extensive repairs were made on the church at an expense of nearly $2,400. The seven steps which extended the whole width of the church were removed, a vestibule erected, and an addition built in the rear. The old pews were removed and replaced by new black walnut ones, stained-glass windows were added, and extensive painting and decorating was done in the interior of the church and vestry.

The church was rededicated January 14, 1892. A new bell and clock were purchased and placed on the tower February 14, 1893.

THE VESTRY.

At the time the church was built the Congregational society did not finish a vestry, and it was not until October 28, 1839, at a meeting duly notified and held in their meeting house, that a vote was passed to finish a room in the basement:

It was Voted: That Thomas J. Parsons and other persons may associate with him hereby have the privilege and right to finish a Hall in the basement story of the Meeting House and that he and his associates have the benefit of and use and occupancy and rent of said room. Provided however the Society shall at any time enter into full possession of said room or Hall on refunding to the said Parsons and his associates the amount of money by them expended. Also that the Wardens shall direct in What Manner and style the said basement shall be finished. And this Vote shall not be binding on the Society unless the said Hall or room shall be finished prior to the next annual meeting of the Society.

Therefore We the subscribers desirous of securing accommodations for the purpose of a high school singing school and other purposes, hereby associate ourselves together and agree to pay to such persons as we may appoint to receive the subscriptions or sums set against our names severally, for the purpose of finishing said Hall or room agreeable to the conditions in the above Vote, and on the further Conditions that five dollars shall be considered a share and that each share shall be entitled to one Vote, and that a Majority of Votes shall govern in relation to the furnishing renting &c of said Hall—And in all business of the association that the subscribers shall meet When the sum of Two hundred dollars shall have been subscribed—and to choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting and a Treasurer who shall be Collector—And any three of said Subscribers may call the first Meeting at the Cong' Meeting House and all further Meetings be called by
the Clerk in a like Manner—Provided however that this sum shall not be binding on us until the aforesaid sum of Two hundred dollars shall be subscribed.

Rye N. H. Nov. 3 1839—

Subscribers

Thomas J. Parsons, $87.97 Cotton W. Drake, $6.00
Jonathan T. Walker, 35.93 James Marden, 6.00
Bezaleel Smith, not paid John T. Rand, 6.00
Ira Brown, 12.00 Amos S. Parsons, 4.00
Joseph L. Locke, not paid Jedediah Rand, 6.00
John Foye, 6.00 Richard R. Locke, 5.00
Joseph Rand, 5.00 Samuel Jenness, jr., 6.00
Mark R. Webster, 23.33 Samuel J. Locke, 1.44
Richard Foss, 12.00 Moses L. Garland, 5.00
Charles Green, 3.00 Reuel Garland
Simon Jenness, jr., 6.00 James Dow,
Jonathan Philbrick, 4.00 Nathaniel M. Walker,

Notice

Those persons who have subscribed to finish a room or Hall in the basement of the New Congregational Meeting House for School room and for other purposes agreeable to a Vote of the Congregational Society passed Oct. 28, 1839, are hereby Notified to meet at the said Meeting House on Monday the 9th day of December next at 5 o’clock P. M. to see in what manner they will finish said room. Rye Nov. 30. 1839.

Thomas J. Parsons, Charles Green, Simon Jenness, jr.

The subscribers met agreeable to the above notice, the meeting being called to order by Col. Simon Jenness. On motion of Thomas J. Parsons, Rev. Bezaleel Smith was chosen Moderator, Thomas J. Parsons, clerk of the association. Jonathan T. Walker, Treasurer and Collector. Voted that Jonathan Philbrick, John T. Rand, Ira Brown, and Jonathan T. Walker shall be a committee to procure materials and employ persons to finish the said room agreeable to the vote of the Congregational Society. Meeting dissolved.

Rye, Dec. 9, 1839.

Thomas J. Parsons, Clerk.

The following month a meeting was held to regulate the manner of leasing the room and to adopt some measures towards having a school. Rev. Mr. Smith was chosen moderator, and nominated three persons to lease the hall for the benefit of the association and act as committee to endeavor to get up a private school in said hall. Voted “That the building, committee purchase a stove and funnel.”
Very soon a weighty question came up before the committee. Application having been made to the committee to hold a Universalist lecture in the hall, the committee declined deciding whether they should occupy or not, and recommended the subject to the consideration of the Congregational Society at their annual meeting to be held March 30, 1840. Whereupon, after a lengthy discussion of the subject, the society voted to take the hall into their own hands, and authorized the wardens to borrow money to pay out to those who subscribed towards finishing the same, and it was done.

In 1841 the town voted, “To give the Wardens of the Congregational Society, $15 a Year for the school room in the Congregational meeting house to hold Town Meetings in the same.”

THE PARSONAGE.

The first parsonage was located slightly to the southwest of Isaac D. Rand’s house, and the Rev. Samuel Parsons was the first occupant. At a parish meeting of the freeholders in 1734 it was voted “That Richard Jenness and Joses Philbrick be a committee to By, [buy] or build a house and land for a Parsonage for this Parish.” And it was also voted “That there be £550 of bills of credit raised on the Poles and estates of this Parish forthwith.” In November of the same year it was voted “That Isaac Dow should be collector to gather the five hundred fifty Pounds of bills of credit for the purchase of a Parsonage and land.” The constable was not chosen and the money was not collected.

The following year in March it was voted “That Joses Philbrick be appointed constable to collect and gather in the money that was raised for the purchasing of a Parsonage House and land, that Isaac Dow should have done, which is Dropt.”

In 1738 the parish had completed the parsonage. And in the year 1740 the town voted to build a new parsonage barn, the dimensions of the barn to be twenty-eight feet in length and twenty-six feet in breadth. They also voted to sell the old barn to the highest bidder.
In 1737 the town voted there should be one hundred and twenty apple trees set out for parsonage trees.

The old parsonage being in need of repairs, the parish decided to build a new one. In 1809 the town voted "To raise two hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of building a Parsonage House." The following year the town voted "That the Parsonage House should be 38 feet by 29 feet with two stacks of chimneys;" also voted "To let out the timber for the Parsonage House at a vandev and to dig a Celler." The house was framed by James Marden.

In the March meeting, 1829, the town voted to sell the parsonage the first of June at public auction, and it was purchased by John Tuck Rand, and is now occupied by his son, Isaac D. Rand.

The Congregational church and society being without a parsonage, the following petition was circulated:

Whereas it is of great importance the worship and ordinances of God, which were for many years enjoyed by our Fathers & have been continued
to us, should be preserved among us & be perpetuated to our posterity & whereas it appears essential in order to do this, that a parsonage should be provided for the residence & accommodation of the Ministry & be fully secured for that special purpose. We the subscribers engage to pay the sum affixed to our names severally, to the Wardens of the third Religious Society of Rye in the course of three years, by three yearly & equal installments to be expended by a Committee chosen by us for that purpose, to procure a Parsonage to be held in possession by the above named Religious Society for the sole purpose of its being a Parsonage for the accommodation & towards the support of the Congregational Minister in this place for the time being. The Conditions of this subscriptions are that we shall not be held to pay our Subscriptions unless the sum of one thousand Dollars be subscribed & that if the Congregational church in Rye & said Society should at any time become extinct, the Property shall revert to the subscribers or their heirs in proportion to the sums severally given.

Rye, Feb. 27, 1832.

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Most of the above subscriptions were paid within the time stipulated.


The Committee who were appointed by the subscribers for a Parsonage to the 3d Religious Society in Rye give notice that they have purchased the House and five acres of land belonging to Amos Garland deceased and request the subscribers to meet at the Meeting House Wednesday evening next at seven o'clock to pay their Subscriptions and transact any business that may come before them. Rye April 14, 1833.

Thomas Rand jr Secretary.
A deed was executed by Thomas Garland Berry, of Portsmouth, to the committee, April 12, 1833, of the five acres of land with the buildings thereon, being the same land which William Garland of Portsmouth conveyed to his brother Amos, October 4, 1804, and the parsonage house was probably built in the latter year. In 1834 a new barn was built on the parsonage land, most of the lumber being given by the members of the society. It was framed by Jonathan T. Walker.

First Christian Church built at Rye Center.

It seems the Congregational Society were still in debt for their parsonage, for in 1837 the following appears:

We the subscribers engage and agree to pay to the Wardens of the third religious Society in Rye the sums set against our Names severally Whenever the total Amount subscribed shall be four hundred dollars, to complete the payments of the Parsonage Property.—Said subscriptions to be made and expended in conformity to the preamble for the subscription for the Purchase of a Parsonage. Rye, Feby 6, 1837.
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The following acknowledgment shows that it was a number of years before the committee were in a position to deed the property to the Third Religious or Congregational society.

State of New Hampshire

Rockingham ss—March 25, 1840. Then personally appeared the above named John W. Parsons, Jonathan Philbrick, Cotton W. Drake, Ira Brown, Richard Foss, Joseph Rand, Samuel Walker, Samuel J. Locke, John Foye, Samuel Jenness, Jr., Thomas Rand and Benjamin Jenness—and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their Voluntary act and deed.

Before me, Thomas J. Parsons Justice of the Peace.

Signed Sealed
in presence of us
Reuben P. Jenness
Bezaleel Smith
Thomas J. Parsons

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Methodism was introduced here about 1835, the friends of the society holding protracted meetings at their respective houses. A religious society, known as the First Methodist Episcopal Society in Rye, was formed March 16, 1839, and the meeting house was raised June 1, and dedicated October 9, the same year.

Rev. Mr. Cushing was the first pastor and Rev. James T. Adams occupied the pulpit in 1840-'42. Succeeding pastors have been:

Rev. Henry Drew, 1843.
Rev. Abram Palmer, 1844.
Rev. Mr. Blodgit, 1845.
Rev. D. W. Barber, 1846.
Rev. Mr. Allen, 1847.
Rev. Mr. Walingford, 1848.
Rev. Mr. Blodgit, 1849.
Rev. Mr. Heath, 1850-'51.
Rev. J. F. Adams, 1852.

Rev. David Mackends, 1853.
Rev. Elihu Legro, 1855-'56.
Rev. N. M. Bailey, 1859-'60.
Rev. Mr. Chase, 1861-'62.
Rev. W. T. Rogers, 1864-'65.
Rev. Abram Folsom, 1867-'68.
The society was without a pastor for several years and finally in 1873 decided to sell their meeting house to the town for a town hall.

BAPTIST AND CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

The Freewill Baptist first met for worship in private houses. A small meeting house was erected near Nathan Knowles', at the junction of Central and Grove roads, about 1817, and on May 1, 1820, Daniel Goss, Nathan Knowles, Ephraim Philbrick, and others formed a new religious society to be known as "The First Baptist Society in Rye." The little meeting house was standing at Knowles' corner as late as 1830, when the society voted "To let the meeting house stand longer if the lower end brethren will not join to move it," but it was soon moved to the Center, near the site of the present Christian church and was used as a place of worship until 1839. It was then found to be too small, cold, and inconvenient, and the society proceeded to erect a more commodious house for worship near the old spot. The new meeting house was raised July 16, and dedicated October 30, 1839.

In May, 1835, James Perkins, Joseph Philbrick, and others formed "The First Christian Society in Rye." Ephraim Philbrick, Carr Leavitt, and twenty-eight others joined the society in 1839. Their church building was destroyed by fire from an overheated furnace, on Sunday morning, February 19, 1888, and was a total loss, there being no insurance. The society with characteristic energy proceeded at once to erect a new house of worship, the work being prosecuted so vigorously that the building was ready for occupancy the following summer and was dedicated in August.

In 1897 the society purchased a plot of land nearly opposite their church and erected a handsome parsonage thereon.

The following ministers have preached at various times:

- Elders Ebenezer Leavitt, Ephraim Philbrick, and Pottle, 1827.
- Elder Philbrick, 1839.
- Elder Thomas F. Barry, 1840.
- Elder Abner Hall, 1842.
- Elder Clark Simonds, 1866.
- Rev. S. B. Bowditch, 1876.
- Rev. Ira S. Jones, 1878.
- Rev. Lewis Phillips, 1883.
ECCLESIASTICAL.

Elder William H. Nason, 1843.
Elder Mosher, 1845.
Elder William H. Ireland, 1850.
Elder Joel Wilson, 1855.
Elders Rowell, Pain, Cole, Hall, and Dixon, 1857-'64.

Rev. L. Walter Phillips, 1885.
Rev. J. E. Everingham, 1889.
Rev. H. J. Rhodes, 1893.
Rev. J. A. Beebe, 1895.
Rev. Joseph Lambert [the present pastor], 1899.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Episcopal church by the sea was built in 1876, largely by the summer residents, and the bell was hung in 1877.

THE SECOND ADVENT CHURCH.

The advent meeting house on the south road was dedicated May 23, 1872.

![Christian Church](image-url)
XII.

Industrial and Miscellaneous.

RYE HARBOR.

It is said that the harbor was formerly between Little Neck and the eastern end of the stones, that a trunk was put in and an outlet or harbor dug out, about 1756, from the deep hole, as it used to be called, but the present harbor was not dug out and completed until 1792. Before this harbor was opened the thatch pond and marsh was an alder swamp.

In May, 1792, the town voted a committee to dig out Rye harbor between Ragged Neck and Little Neck, and appointed a committee of seven “to dig out where they think it proper.” “At a legal meeting chose Samuel Jenness, Moderator to hear report of Committee chosen to view the harbor betwixt Little Neck and Ragged Neck. At said meeting chose Nathan Goss, Simon Jenness, Capt. Joseph Jenness, John Garland, John Webster, Reuben Philbrick, and Jeremiah Berry, a committee to dig out a harbor, where they think proper. The following are the subscriptions or work to complete the harbor.”

Dated April 9, 1792.

Nathan Goss, 15 days and 10 Gals. Rum.
Joseph Philbrick, 2 days.
Daniel Seavey, 1 day.
Thomas Rand, 1 day.
Amos S. Parsons, 1 day.
Ebenezer Seavey, 1 day.
Jonathan Hobbs, 2 days.
Jeremiah Berry, 3 days.
Joseph Rand, jr., 2 days.
Samuel Libby, 7 days.
William Marden, 6 days.
Robert Saunders, 2 days.

Richard Webster, 2 days.
Samuel Saunders, 2 days.
William Tucker, 2 days.
John Foss, 2 days.
Edward Hall, 2 days.
Elijah Saunders, 2 days.
George Saunders, 2 days.
Robert Saunders, 4 days.
William Foss, 1 day.
Ebenezer Foss, 1 day.
John Webster, 6 days.
Levi Goss, 6 days.
Nath'l Rand, 4 days.
INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Jeremiah Berry & Oxen, 3 days.
Jonathan Hobbs, 3 days.
William Marden & Oxen, 2 days.
Jonathan Locke, jr., 1 day.
John Foss, 2 days.
Jonathan B. Waldron, 4 days.
Solomon Marden, 2 days.
Ebenezer Foss, 1 day.
Wm Marden, 2 days.
Jeremiah Berry & Oxen, 4 days.
Josiah Webster, 1 day.
Jonathan Hobbs, 4 days.
Jonathan Locke, jr., 2 days.
Jeremiah Berry, 3 days.
Jonathan Hobbs, 4 days.
Thomas Rand, 1 day.
Joses Philbrick, 2 days.
Daniel Seavey, 1 day.
Jonathan Locke, 3 days.
Wm Marden & Oxen, 6 days.
Benj™ Marden & Oxen, 2 days.
John Foss, 1 day.

WHARF AT SANDY BEACH.

December 17, 1763, an act was passed appointing Francis Jenness, Ozem Dowrst, Joseph Brown, Jenness Marden, and Jeremiah Locke as a committee to construct a wharf to prevent the tide from destroying Sandy Beach. No record of the action taken by the committee, if they took any, or whether the wharf was to be built at the expense of the province or the town, or at the joint expense of both, has been found.

VESSELS OWNED IN RYE.

After Rye harbor was dug out numerous small boats were engaged in the fisheries, and later on schooners of thirty and forty tons did a considerable fishing business during the summer season and during the fall and winter freighted potatoes, hay, apples, and other produce to market, and many of the citizens at that date availed themselves of this mode of conveyance to make their first trip to Boston. Fish houses were erected at Ragged Neck and also at Little Neck. All the fish were caught with hand lines, and after being salted and dried were shipped to various markets.

Among the fleet of vessels were the following:

Schooner Rye, 1756, Captain Richard Foss.
Schooner Register, 1839, Captain Richard R. Locke.
Schooner Sarah, 1839, Captain William Verrill.
Schooner Tabithia, 1840, Captain Jesse Philbrick.
Schooner Fly, 1840, Captain Dearborn Locke.
Schooner Two Brothers, Captain Ivory Brown.
Schooner Echo, Captain Daniel Lord.
Schooner Globe, Captain Gardiner T. Locke.
Schooner Otis, Captain William Goss.
Schooners Four Brothers, Tyro, Eagle, and John Brooks (the last costing $650), and others.

VESSELS WRECKED.

Many vessels have been wrecked on our coast. In 1764 a schooner and a brig came ashore.

In 1768 a schooner commanded by Captain Grindiff came ashore and was a total wreck.

In 1778 a prize vessel was captured and cast away at Wallis Sands; fourteen persons were drowned and buried on the Wallis farm.

On October 9th, 1804, two vessels ran ashore, one on Jenness Ledge and one near where Albion Philbrick resided.

In 1819 the schooner Sarah went ashore on Jenness Ledge. March 5, 1834, the ship Emerald was ashore at "Little Cove."

The ship Margaret Scott, loaded with salt, was driven ashore at Little Boar's Head in 1833.

In 1836 the schooner Acton ran ashore at Jenness Beach.

In 1841 a brig ran ashore on Jenness Ledge and a vessel near Odiorne's Point.

On November 30, 1842, a vessel ran ashore at Wallis Sands, and five persons were lost. The following year the United States ship Saratoga was dismasted off Wallis Sands, the masts being cut away to avoid going on the rocks.

In 1845, during a severe snowstorm, the schooner William Wallace and Elizabeth ran ashore on Wallis Sands.

During a severe blow December 31, 1849, two vessels were ashore at Rye Beach and two at Little River.

December 23, 1850, schooner Rachael and Nancy ran ashore at Little Neck.

During the great gale, April 8, 1851, the schooner Boutwell came ashore at Ragged Neck and the British Crown on Jenness Ledge.

In 1872 the schooner Express ran ashore with lumber near Jenness Ledge, also a schooner at Wallis Sands.
September 12, 1882, a schooner with lime burned and sank near Wallis Sands, also two schooners ashore on the rocks at the eastward of Wallis Sands.

**ELECTRIC RAILWAY.**

Rye is off the line of the steam railroad between Boston and Portsmouth—the former Eastern railroad, now a part of the Eastern division of the great Boston & Maine system—and the inhabitants of the town have always depended and the summer hotels and summer visitors now depend upon the stations of that railroad in North Hampton, Greenland, and Portsmouth for their railroad facilities, the large stage-coaches of the hotels being regular attendants at one or the other of those stations at train time throughout the season of summer visitation to the beaches. There is nothing in prospect that will ever bring a steam road any nearer the town than the Boston & Maine is now. Rye will always be off to one side of any line of steam communication, and it may be doubted if a railway of any kind would ever have run its cars within the borders of the town but for the marvelous advance in the application of electricity as a motive power for the cars of street railways.

A petition for the location of tracks, etc., by the Boston & Maine's intermediary, the Portsmouth and Dover railroad, was presented, being as follows:

To the Selectmen of Rye.

The directors of the Portsmouth and Dover railroad, a corporation duly established under the laws of this state and having its principal office at Portsmouth in said county, respectfully represent that the supreme court of this state, upon the petition of said railroad and proper proceedings had thereon, has determined that the public good requires that an extension and branches and additions to its steam railroad, to be operated by electricity, be built in certain streets and highways of said town and upon and over the routes and public streets and highways in said town, described as follows, viz.:  

Beginning in Sagamore road in said Rye, at the line between said Rye and the city of Portsmouth, there connecting with an extension of said railroad and running southerly over and on said Sagamore road to a point nearly opposite the dwelling house of O. L. Foye, where the Wallis Sands road runs
into said Sagamore road, there connecting with an extension of said railroad, all in said Rye.

Beginning in Sagamore road in said Rye at a point nearly opposite the dwelling house of O. L. Foye where the Wallis Sands road runs into the Sagamore road, there connecting with an extension of said railroad, and running southwesterly and westerly over and in said Sagamore road and the road leading to Rye Center, also by the house owned by William Small, by the dwelling house of Supply F. Trefethen and the dwelling house of C. H. Lear to Rye Center, to a point near the Congregational meeting house, where the road runs from the last named road to the Farragut House, all in said Rye.

Beginning in said Sagamore road in said Rye at the point nearly opposite the dwelling house of O. L. Foye above mentioned, there connecting with an extension of said railroad and running southwesterly and westerly over and in said Sagamore road and the road leading to Rye Center by said Small's house and by said dwelling house of Supply F. Trefethen, to Lang's Corner so called, near the dwelling house of Joseph Langdon Seavey, thence turning and running easterly and southeasterly over and in the road leading from Lang's Corner to the Wallis Sands life saving station, by said Seavey's dwelling house and over four corners, so called, to the Beach road, which runs along the beach or ocean from a point near said life saving station; thence running southerly and westerly over and in said Beach road, over the bridge at Concord point, so called, and along the road in front of the Ocean Wave hotel to Foss beach or Sandy beach road, thence westerly and southerly over and in said last named road and connecting road to Rye Center, at a point near the Congregational meeting house, where the road runs from the last named road to the Farragut house, all in said Rye.

That the said railroad is to be built with single or double track as may be found necessary, with suitable side tracks, spurs and turnouts, to be of standard gauge throughout, to wit, of the distance between the rails of four feet eight and one-half inches; and that it will be necessary to stretch wires for carrying electric power along the streets and highways where said railroad is located and to erect poles and other structures to support said wires.

And said Portsmouth and Dover railroad has filed a copy of its petition aforesaid, and of the decision the Court thereon, in the office of the secretary of this state; Wherefore, Your petitioners pray you will locate the tracks, side tracks, spurs, and turnouts of said railroad and the necessary poles and other structures thereof on and over said public streets and highways upon the line of said routes.

Upon the petition a hearing was held at the town hall on Jan. 31, 1899, and after listening to the statements and arguments of all who desired to be heard, the selectmen voted to
grant the prayer of the petition, both for the main line, from its
junction with the tracks at the Portsmouth boundary on Sag-
amore road to Rye Center, and the Wallis Sand loop from
Lang's Corner; and they also specified on which side of the
highway the tracks should be laid, sometimes on one side and
sometimes on the other, on both main line and loop. But it
was not the intention of the railroad management to make a
terminal of Rye Center, and later another petition was filed with
the selectmen asking for the location of tracks and poles for an
extension over a route described as follows:

Beginning at Rye Center in the town of Rye at a point near the Con-
gregational meeting house, where the road leading to the Farragut house
runs from the road leading from Rye Center to Portsmouth, there connect-
ing with an extension of said railroad; thence running over and in said road
leading to the Farragut house, easterly, southerly, westerly, and in whatever
direction said road runs, by the store of E. C. Jenness, the dwelling house
of Abraham Perkins, the Sea View house and the dwelling house of E. B.
Philbrick, to a point a short distance easterly from said dwelling house of E.
B. Philbrick, where the road leading southerly and southeasterly to the fish
houses, so called, runs into said Farragut house road; thence running over,
in and along said road leading to the fish houses to the road leading along
the ocean to Little Boar's Head; thence running over, in and along said road
leading to Little Boar's Head southerly and southwesterly in said town of
Rye to the line of the town of North Hampton. Then followed details and
specifications as in the previous petition.

On this later petition several hearings were held at the town
hall, at the conclusion of which the selectmen granted the
request, locating the tracks on the easterly side of the highway
from the meeting house to opposite the house of the late
N. Gilbert Jenness, and on the westerly side the remainder of
the distance to the fish houses and the North Hampton line.
Among the conditions imposed by the selectmen were that the
railway should build and maintain its parts of all culverts and
bridges over which its tracks should be laid; that in case of
dispute over the grade of any highway or portion thereof, the
selectmen for the time being should have the right to determine
the grade, and that any change of grade ordered by the select-
men should be made by the railway and at its expense; and
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that no trees should be cut down or trimmed by the railway except by permission of the selectmen and under their direction. The railway extends through the town very nearly its entire length from north to south, the route as granted and built upon being in the following named roads: From the Portsmouth line on Sagamore road, through Sagamore, Wallis and Washington roads to the Center; and from the Center through Central, Causeway, and Farragut roads to the North Hampton line. The Wallis Sands loop still awaits construction.

On the first of April, 1899, a gang of railway construction laborers commenced digging up the ground near the Center, another gang starting at the other end, on Sagamore road at the Portsmouth line. On the 24th of August the first car was run over the line to Lang's corner, the junction of Sagamore and Wallis roads; on the 31st the run was extended to Rand's corner, the junction of Washington and Portsmouth roads; and on the 3d of September the first car to the Center arrived opposite the Congregational church. Work on the second section, from the Center to the North Hampton line, was commenced at the foot of Meetinghouse Hill on the 17th of April, 1900, and on June 28th cars were running over it and making connection with the cars of the Hampton Beach line; and on July 14th cars began running to North Hampton depot over a branch.

The railway, as was promised should be the case, was built in the best possible manner; rails heavier than are ordinarily used on electric railways were put in, and when the line was finished the Boston & Maine's civil engineers, under whose supervision the line was built, said that as far as anything giving away was concerned it would be perfectly safe to run the railroad's heaviest locomotive over it. The highways along which the tracks run were, as a whole, actually improved by the intrusion of the railway. The training field or common at the Center, in front of the meeting house, was graded, several feet being taken off near where the tracks run, and an evenly progressive ascent to the meeting house made; around the turn, on Central road, the highway was widened several feet and the grade cut down, the result being decidedly beneficial. In
many places the road was widened and the grade improved. On Sagamore road, in front of the house of Supply F. Trefethen, the tracks were laid behind a handsome and thrifty row of shade trees, the land for the widening necessary to allow this having been given by Mr. Trefethen; and in another place, on Central road, a similar turnout from the old highway is made to avoid damage to a row of very handsome maples.

This railway transports great numbers of people to and from Hampton beach during the summer, and is patronized to a considerable extent by the summer visitors at Rye. Since it was built quite a number of Portsmouth business men have had cottages erected at some of Rye's beaches, where during the warm months they pass the nights with their families, the electrics taking them to Portsmouth in the morning in time for the day's business. An early morning car is run every working day, which enables many Rye mechanics to have employment in Portsmouth or at the navy yard, and be at their homes every night. And its cars are a great convenience for many of the farmers of Rye and their families throughout the year.

A SUBMERGED FOREST.

Off the easterly or northerly, as the reader prefers, end of Jenness beach can be seen at extremely low tides, 150 feet or more from high water mark, the remains of what was once a forest of large trees, in the shape of great stumps that in the course of many years, perhaps of centuries, have been ground down almost to their roots by the action of the sand-laden waves, but which are still held in the positions in which they grew by their huge, gnarled roots, with a tenacity which the mighty force of the ocean in its wildest moods has never been able to overcome. These stumps of cedar and other varieties of trees are hidden from sight at ordinary low tides; sometimes at very low tide but few of them are visible, the larger number being covered with a coating of sand, which will be washed clear of them by the next storm from the right direction. How far the stumps extend out under the sea is unknown, the tide having never receded far enough to disclose the outer edge of
the group. That there was a heavy growth of trees there at some time, long ago, is evident; but how long ago, neither history nor tradition informs us. The place where they grew was then dry land; dry, that is, so far as the ocean is concerned, for trees of their kind do not thrive or even live in localities where their roots are frequently covered with salt water. The forest must have disappeared before the advent of the first settlers, for had it been submerged after their arrival,

![Cedar Stumps and Cable at Jenness Beach.](image)

even by the gradual encroachment of the sea upon its site, it certainly would have received mention in the writings of somebody. The submergence may have been due to a sudden subsidence of the coast, but this is a mere speculation. All that can be said positively of the stumps is that they are still there. Even when they were first discovered is not known. One of Rye's oldest residents of fifty years ago, being asked about them, replied: "Why, everybody in Rye always knew they were there."

In the accompanying illustration can be seen the Direct
United States Cable company's cable, washed out of the sand by a heavy sea, and showing close to the stumps.

THE CABLE STATION.

On the southerly side of Locke's neck, quite near the Rye beach life-saving station, is the receiving station of the cable of the Direct United States Cable company, a neat but neither large nor pretentious building. This company's cable, at the time it was completed in 1874, was the only ocean telegraph cable having one end in Europe and the other on the shore of the United States, and it was from this circumstance that the company took its name of "Direct" cable company. Previously-laid cables had all made their land connections on the westerly side of the Atlantic in the British provinces, all messages being sent from there to their destinations in the United States by overland wires. Even the Direct cable does not come direct to the United States, it touching first at Halifax, Nova Scotia, from which place a cable 540 nautical miles in length extends to Rye beach, the company's main cable, from Halifax to Ballinskelligs bay, Ireland, being 2,564 miles long, making the total length of cable between the Irish coast and Rye beach 3,104 miles.

The Direct cable was laid by the steamer Faraday, which was built expressly for the purpose, and subsequently laid at least six other Atlantic cables. In laying the Direct cable the Faraday was assisted by the steamers Ambassador and Dacia. The short cable, as the sections between Rye beach and Halifax is called, was the first laid, and the shore end at Rye beach was landed on Wednesday, July 15, 1874, and connection made with the end of the cable that had been buoyed off the Isles of Shoals a week or more earlier. The landing of the shore end had been announced to take place several days before it did, and on that day many thousands of expectant watchers gathered along the shore, but only to be disappointed, dense fogs to the eastward preventing the arrival on time of the steamer Ambassador, which was to land the shore end and make the connection with the cable already laid by the Faraday.
Notwithstanding this delay and disappointment, the interest aroused by the arrival in Portsmouth lower harbor on Sunday, July 12, of the *Ambassador*, was intense, and when the vessel steamed out to a position about 1,500 yards off Locke’s neck on Tuesday afternoon, and came to anchor there, a throng of people numbering many thousands, on foot, on horseback, and in carriages, was waiting along the shore to assist in the exercises as spectators, and a party of enthusiasts who had brought two small cannon from Kittery to fire a salute of one hundred guns as soon as the shore end was landed were all ready to begin their share of the celebration at any moment. But there was a vast amount of work yet to be done before the cable could be sent ashore, and as night came on the crowd gradually thinned out until by midnight very little of it remained.

On Wednesday morning the shore section of the cable, weighing about fifteen tons, was loaded from the steamer upon a platform laid upon two steam launches, and at about three o’clock in the afternoon the shore end of it was successfully landed, amid the booming of cannon and the enthusiastic cheers of the faithful few who had remained to see the work completed. It took about an hour to place the cable in the trench that had been dug to receive it, quite a number of ladies taking hold of the rope attached to the cable and assisting to drag it to high water mark; and the work of splicing took about two hours more. Then the *Ambassador*’s guns replied to the ones on shore, rockets were sent up from the ship and blue lights burned, and there was hearty cheering by the crowd that had again been attracted to the beach. The sea was as smooth as a mill pond all through the day, which greatly favored the work, and no mishaps of any kind occurred. And thus was completed the landing of the first Atlantic cable to be landed on United States soil.

After finishing her work in shore the *Ambassador* weighed anchor at about half-past nine o’clock that evening, proceeded to the Shoals and picked up the cable there, and made the splice. The entire line was completed and opened for business.
early in September following, and has been doing its fair share
of international telegraphing ever since.

Now there are many cables that land in the United States,
including the French cable, which lands at Duxbury, Mass.,
and the Mackay-Bennett cable, which lands at Rockport,
Mass. Cable laying attracts no larger share of public notice
than other large business transactions, and the starting of a
cable squadron at laying down a new line gets only a paragraph
or two in the general news columns of the daily papers; and
even the completion, not long ago, of the commercial cable
from San Francisco to the Hawaiian and Philippine islands, the
only ocean cable that has both its terminals on United States
territory and that is wholly under American control, did not
receive from the press of the country such extended and de-
tailed reports as were given thirty years ago to the landing of
the shore end of the Direct United States cable at Rye beach.

LIFE-SAVING STATION.

Life-saving service is a term specifically used to designate
organized effort and equipment for the saving of life in cases of
shipwreck upon or near the seashore of the United States, or
the shores of the great lakes; and the buildings where the
trained crews of the service, with their boats and other ap-
pliances, are housed, are termed life-saving stations. The
Danish government supports about fifty such stations, and the
Belgian government a few; with these exceptions the life-saving
service of the United States is the only government establish-
ment of the kind in the world, even the life-boat service of
Great Britain being entirely in the hands of the Royal National
Life-boat Institution, a corporation depending entirely upon
voluntary contributions for its support and the maintenance of
its beneficent efforts. The number of stations maintained by
the United States is now nearing the 300 mark, the number in
1900 having been 268, this great number being necessitated
by the vast extent of this country's coast on the Atlantic and
Pacific oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Great Lakes. New
stations are established every year, but there are still many
stretches—and some of them long ones—of dangerous coast not thus guarded, and if every place where a station is really needed had one the number would probably be several times greater than it is.

Not only is the life-saving service of this country the most extensive in the world, but it is a matter in which every American can justly take pride that it is conceded by the maritime experts of all other countries to be the best and most efficient. No other country has so extensive and continuous a system of beach patrol, and many of the most important appliances, in-
August following—a very shortsighted procedure on the part of the government, neither sensible, generous, nor just.

There is no service, public or private, of which the members are more devoted, faithful, and self-sacrificing than are those of our life-saving service; yet it is impossible that the surfmen engaged for only a limited term and to be sent adrift at its end, should take the same pride in the service and feel the same eagerness to always do their very best that they would if their employment was permanent, to be terminated only by misconduct or physical disqualification for further duty. And the dispersion of a disciplined crew, who not only know their duties but know each other and what each man can do, must be detrimental to the efficiency of the crew that takes its place two months later, even though the membership should be little if any changed. And after the surfmen have faced the storms and borne the hardships of the winter and spring months to discharge them when pleasant weather becomes due, for the sole purpose of saving their very moderate compensation during the two months they are expected to have few calls for their services, is ungenerous to the men, and a piece of cheese-paring parsimony unworthy a great and wealthy nation. The surfmen of the life-saving service will not have received from congress the consideration they deserve until they have been given permanent employment, with pensions for permanent disability incurred in the service and for the wives and children of men who lose their lives in the line of duty.

Of the four life-saving stations on New Hampshire's short line of sea-coast, two, the Rye Beach and Wallis Sands stations, are in Rye; another, the Jaffrey's Point station (it was the "Jerry's Point" station when established, and until within a year or two, when the government changed the name of the point back to the one it bore over two hundred years ago, when it was owned by George Jaffrey, who built the house still standing next to the government reservation at the new Fort Stark) is on the southeast point of Great Island; and the fourth, the Hampton Beach station (which when established was called the Great Boar's Head station, but had its name changed by
the department recently), is on the shore of Hampton, a mile and a half northerly of Great Boar's Head. The Rye Beach station, established in 1873 and the first built of the four, was originally located near the northerly end of Jenness beach, but in 1890 a larger and more modern house was erected on the southerly side of Locke's neck. The Wallis Sands station, established in 1890, is located about the middle of the beach from which it takes its name, one and three quarters miles southerly from Odiorne's Point, to which point the patrol of the surfmen of this station extends. As it would be very difficult, and in time of heavy snowstorms probably impossible, to transport life-saving apparatus from the station to the point, a small sub-station was erected there several years ago, in which are kept a fisherman's dory of large size, and a beach gun with the accompanying lines and other appliances, for use in case of wreck on or near the point. The boat would probably count for little in the broken water among the numerous rocks and ledges clustered about the point, but the other apparatus is as carefully looked after as that of the station, and is always handy for use should occasion demand it. The crews of the Jaffrey's Point and Wallis Sands stations are expected to use the gun and work together in case of disaster to a vessel at Odiorne's Point, and both the stations named are connected with the sub-station by telephone. To the southward the Wallis Sands patrol extends to meet that northward from the Rye Beach station; as does that from the latter, southward, to meet that northward from the Hampton Beach station, the latter's patrol southward extending to Hampton river.

Thus throughout the entire night, and every hour of the night, for ten months in the year, hardy men are traveling back and forth over every mile of the coast between Hampton river and Odiorne's Point. The worse the storm, and the darker the night, the more imperative the necessity of a faithful performance of the patrol duty; and during howling winter gales when the comfortable citizen would consider it a serious hardship did he have to step out of his warm house to cross the street, the surfman, battling with the tempest, the snow and the stinging
sleet from the boisterous sea, makes his laborious way over the uncertain footing in the inky darkness to the end of his patrol, keenly watching seaward all the time for any sign of a wreck, or, perchance, for a sight of some vessel rushing into unexpected danger, whose crew he can warn of their peril by burning his Coston light. To begrudge such men two months of easy duty during the pleasant season of summer seems dishonorably mean. In thick weather the beach is patrolled in the daytime the same as at night; and at all times, in the calmest and clearest weather, a lookout is kept from the stations.

When the stations are remanned in August, after the absurd and injurious summer vacation, there is a period of special activity in drilling with the boats, gun and line apparatus, etc., to freshen and limber up the old members of the crew, and properly break in any new ones there may happen to be. These practice drills are of much interest to many of the summer visitors, they being, of course, always in view of any who care to go to see them; and as it is always pleasant weather when the spectators are out in any number, possibly some of them carry to their homes the impression that the life saver's duty is pretty much like fun. If so, any surfman or shore resident could tell them differently.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM.

The following is a petition from the selectmen of Rye to the provincial government in 1754, praying for relief from taxation on account of the town having suffered greatly from a severe storm:

Province of New Hampshire

To his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governour and Commander in chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of New Hampshire, and the Honble the House of Representatives for said Province now in general court siting:

Humbly Shews—James Marden and Joses Philbrick two of the selectmen of the Parish of Rye in the Province aforesaid (being the Major part thereof in behalf of said Parish; That on or about the Nineteenth day of June last past there was a violent Thunder Storm and there fell a very considerable quantity of Rain & Hail which reach'd through the said Parish and Damaged all the
Inhabitants of the said Parish, (three or four familys only excepted) very much by Shattering their Houses and barns, breaking the Glass Windos, almost the one half thereof through the said Parish; Shattered the Meeting-House and Parish House and broke the Glass thereof, that one hundred Pounds old tenor will not be sufficient to repair the said Meeting House and Parish House; Destroyed almost all the apples in the Parish, with almost all the English and Indian Corn then and there standing and growing of one half of the said Inhabitants; By means whereof the said Inhabitants are reduced to Miserable Circumstances with regard to the fruits of the Earth this Year. And it will be as much as the said Inhabitants can do (and will be beyond the Capacity of many) to repair their buildings and provide sustinence for themselves and Cattle this year; And as the said Parish is but a poor place and the said Inhabitants are at a Considerable charge among themselves over and above the Province Tax, which in itself is very heavy, and Considering the Circumstances of the said Parish will be insupportable as their dependence is on the fruits of the Earth (which are now destroyed) Wherefore the said James Marden & Joses Philbrick pray in behalf of the said Parish that your Excellency and Honours will take care of the said Inhabitants into your wise consideration, and Relieve the said Inhabitants by abating the whole or so much of the said Province Tax as your Excellency and Honours in your great Wisdom shall think expedient, and your Petitioners in behalf of said Inhabitants as in duty bound shall ever pray

James Marden
Joses Philbrick

July 24, 1754

Province of New Hamp July 26, 1754
In Council read and ordered to be sent down to the Honble Ye Gen
Assembly
Theo Atkinson Secy—*

Neither the provincial nor the town records give any further information in regard to this matter, or whether the prayer of the selectmen was granted, from which it is reasonable to infer that it was not.

STORMS.

In the History of New Hampshire, Dr. Belknap gives an account of a very sudden and remarkable change of weather which occurred in the spring of 1658, when the apple trees were in blossom. The change was so sudden and the cold so severe that of the crew of a fishing boat "one man died before they could reach the shore, another was so chilled that he died in a few days and a third lost his feet." In October, 1770,

* Provincial Records.
after a very pleasant day a violent storm arose and many fishing vessels were lost. Among those who lost their lives were Joshua Foss, John Yeaton, Samuel Sanders and his sons George and Samuel, John Sanders and his son John and others of this town. They were fishing in what was called “Sheep Shears.” On November 24, 1792, a severe snow-storm, after that very pleasant all winter.

February 3, 1802, snow came for sledding. In February it snowed for eight days and roads were blocked for many days.

In 1803 there was no snow of any amount all winter. On October 9, 1804, occurred the most dreadful storm that was ever known in Rye.

April 4, 1807, ox teams with sleds went from Hampton to Portsmouth.

July 12, 1809, a great storm, and it rained until the 21st.

January 19, 1810, is known as the “cold Friday.” It was three degrees colder than we have any account of.

On September 23, 1815, a heavy gale, blowing down much timber and trees.

In 1816 there was a frost every month in the year, and a snow-storm and drifts the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June. In August ice formed nearly an inch thick.

During 1818 no snow all winter of any amount until March. then the roads were broken out with cattle and cart and wheels.

In 1819 very little snow until March.

December 15, 1839, severe gale; wind northeast with snow— the most severe since the famous gale of 1815.

1840. But little snow, the farmers using cart wheels all winter to get wood, etc.

July, 1844. Very dry, springs never known be so low.

April 16, 1851. A severe northeast gale and the highest tides ever known on this coast, causing great injury to the beaches and coast. Little Harbor bridge carried away.

Nov. 2, 1861. High tide and severe storm. Goss and Rand bridges were washed away.

1865. Very dry for a long time.

Sept. 8, 1869. Short, heavy gale blowing down many trees.
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PRIVATE GRAVEYARD AND CENTRAL CEMETERY.

Up to a comparatively recent date, graveyards were much more numerous in country towns than they are now. In the early days of the colonies there were private burial-grounds on many, if not most, of the larger farms; and even where there was a graveyard connected with the parish church, many of the parishioners, either because they were too far away from the churchyard to be able to reach it conveniently, or from sentimental reasons, preferred to bury their dead on the home farm. Family graveyards, larger than the ordinary farm graveyard, and to which were brought for interment the bodies of deceased members of the family and its near connections from all over its town, and sometimes from other towns, were not infrequent. As families decreased in numbers and importance, emigrated to other parts of the state or county, or died out altogether, and as farms passed out of the line of former ownership, the family and farm burial-grounds would cease to be the objects of any one's care, and the evidences of neglect soon became apparent in the disappearance of walls or fences, the overthrow of marking stones by the action of frost, and the growth of bushes and trees over the graves. With the establishing of public cemeteries, as distinguished from church burial-grounds, many of these private graveyards had the remains of those who had been buried in them removed for reinterment; but hundreds of them still exist, most of them in a sadly neglected condition, many of them forgotten; and not
a few of them have been obliterated from record, tradition, or memory, and are now beneath cultivated fields, pastures, or forests. At one time there were four graveyards at Rye Center,—one in the field adjoining the town hall; the Parsonage burying-ground, near the residence of Dr. Patterson; one where the old meeting house stood, near where the electric railway tracks are now laid, so near, in fact, that the remains of several persons buried many long years ago were disturbed during the excavations for the railway; and one on the northwest side of the residence of L. B. Parsons.

In 1890 there was circulated, and after being signed was duly presented, the following:

Petition to the Selectmen of the Town of Rye for a Public Cemetery.

The undersigned represent that there is a public necessity for the establishment of a new public cemetery in said town, and that a parcel of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point five chains and ninety-six links northeasterly from the highway and the westerly part of a field belonging to John O. Locke, and running southerly by said Locke's land five chains and sixty links to a passway, thence southeasterly by said passway three rods and ninety-two links to land belonging to L. B. Parsons, thence running northeasterly by said Parsons' land seven chains and ten links, thence northerly and westerly by land of A. M. Walker seven chains and fourteen links, thence turning and running southwesterly by land of Horace Locke six chains and seventy links to the point begun at—is a suitable place and the most suitable place for such cemetery. Wherefore your petitioners pray that said parcel, or so much thereof as in your judgment is necessary, be laid out for such a cemetery: and in case said land cannot be obtained at a reasonable figure or price by contract with the owner, that you appraise the damage to him as provided by law.

Rye, N. H., Oct. 1, 1890.

L. B. Parsons           Charles D. Garland
W. C. Walker            Blake H. Rand
H. A. Locke              William R. Mace
L. E. Walker             William J. Walker
S. A. Marden             Albert M. Walker
F. J. Locke              Edwin B. Walker

On this petition the selectmen appointed a hearing to be held on the 30th of October in that year; and at a subsequent town meeting, called to consider and act upon the matter, it was "Voted that the selectmen provide a Public Cemetery." And at the annual town meeting in March, 1891, it was voted
"That the care of the new Public Cemetery which was purchased of John O. Locke, Feb. 25, 1891, be left with the selectmen for the ensuing year," and "That the selectmen lay the cemetery out in lots and sell the same."

There are about six acres in the lot purchased, for which the town paid $140 an acre. Most of the land was laid out in blocks, each block containing four lots of sixteen by twenty feet each, there being some 304 lots in all.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1892, a board of trustees to have charge of the new cemetery was chosen, and at a special town meeting, on the 18th of April following, by-laws as follows were submitted and approved:

By-Laws Central Cemetery.

Article I.

The location selected and purchased by the selectmen under the authority of the town of Rye shall be designated and known as Central Cemetery.

Article II.

The cemetery shall be in charge of a board of three trustees, to be chosen for a term of three years, one to be chosen at each annual town meeting in March. Said trustees shall have full power to fill any vacancy in their body from any cause until the next annual March meeting, when the town shall elect to fill the vacancy.

Article III.

Said cemetery shall be under the direction, management and control of said trustees and successors, and it shall be their duty to establish prices for the sale of lots, to make regulations concerning interments, and all necessary improvements, and superintend the same in and about the cemetery.

Article IV.

Said trustees shall choose one of their body for clerk and treasurer; he shall record all deeds of lots and all transfers of lots, and receive from the town thirty cents for each original deed, and for each transfer thirty cents from the person procuring the same. The clerk shall keep a record of all sales, and a plan of said cemetery for the inspection of all citizens of the town of Rye; and all original conveyances of said lots shall be by deed of the town of Rye, signed by a majority of the trustees, and such deed acknowledged by them shall be a valid conveyance thereof from the town of Rye.

Article V.

All payments for the sale of lots shall be made to the clerk, who shall keep a correct account thereof, as also a correct account of all moneys ex-
pended on account of said cemetery: and all moneys furnished by said town, as well as all sums realized from the sale of lots, shall be appropriated by said trustees to defray the expenses incurred in the care and improvement of said cemetery; and said trustees shall annually make a report of their doings at said cemetery, which report shall be printed in connection with the town report.

Article VI.

No persons excepting proprietors of lots, or their families, or strangers accompanied by them, shall be admitted into the cemetery in vehicles or on horseback, and no riding or driving will be permitted in any part of the grounds, except upon the avenues, nor at a rate faster than a walk. All persons will be permitted to walk through the grounds, but will be required to confine themselves to the avenues and paths.

Article VII.

No horse shall be kept on the grounds, except in care of a suitable keeper, and no animals shall be allowed to go at large in the cemetery. No person shall gather any flowers, wild or cultivated, or cut or mark any tree or structure of any kind in the cemetery, except under the direction of the cemetery trustees. No person shall discharge firearms in the cemetery, or destroy or capture any birds therein.

Article VIII.

No fence of any kind will be allowed in the cemetery, and all heavy structures and curbing shall have foundations as low as the bottom of the graves, to be built of such material and in such manner as may be required by the cemetery trustees. All graves shall be dug at least four and one half feet in depth from the surface of the lot.

Article IX.

If any monument, object, or structure, or any inscription be placed upon any lot which shall be determined by a majority of the cemetery trustees to be offensive or improper, said trustees shall have the right to enter upon said lot and remove the same.

Article X.

Owners of lots will be required to cut the grass on their respective lots at least once a year, and weeds and other refuse growth shall be cut as often as the cemetery trustees may require. And said grass and weeds shall not be left in the avenues or paths, but taken from the cemetery. When said owners neglect or refuse to comply with this article, the cemetery trustees shall enter upon said lot and remove the same, at the expense of the owner of said lot.

Article XI.

The trustees shall cause all persons who violate the regulations and by-laws of the cemetery to be at their discretion prosecuted, and they are also
empowered to offer suitable rewards for information respecting any offence committed in the cemetery.

Article XII.

These by-laws (excepting the form of deeds of lots) may be altered or amended upon the recommendation of the trustees at any annual town meeting, by having an article inserted in the warrant for the call of said meeting relating to the alteration or amendment.

The town paid for the land for the cemetery about $800; for fencing it, $620, and for the stone and iron work at the entrance, $258. The number of lots sold up to December 31, 1903, was 210, at $20 each; and the total number of interments and reburials up to that time was about 400.

RECEIVING VAULT.

In 1893 the town by vote in town meeting instructed the cemetery trustees to build a substantial receiving vault, and appropriated $600 for the same; and a large and enduring vault of stone was built in the northeasterly part of the cemetery.

HEARSE AND HEARSE HOUSE.

The town being without a hearse, it was voted at the town meeting in 1893 that the town purchase one, and an appropriation was made for the same; and the cemetery trustees were instructed “to purchase a lot of land on which to build a hearse house, and build a hearse house upon it.” The hearse was bought, and a lot of land on which a hearse house was erected was purchased of Deacon Jonathan Locke on Washington road at the Center.

PUBLIC LOTTERIES.

The lottery is now generally regarded as one of the most objectionable and demoralizing forms of gambling, and is under the ban of the national laws, and of the laws of many, if not all, of the states. The transmission of lottery tickets, circulars, or other matter pertaining to lotteries through the United States mails is forbidden, and even newspapers containing lottery advertisements are excluded from mail privileges under the national law, and are liable to heavy penalties under the laws of some states. So rigidly drawn is the national law in this
respect that the publication in a newspaper of the list of prize
winners at a local fair or entertainment of any kind would
justify the local postmaster in refusing to receive at, and for-
ward from, his office, the offending sheet.

But this antagonism to lotteries is of comparatively recent
date. Up to the early part of the last century the public lot-
tery, duly authorized by legislative action and managed by men
of the highest standing in business and social circles, was
regarded as a legitimate and eminently proper agency for the
raising of funds for the effecting of important public improve-
ments; and entries in the Provincial and State papers and
various town records show that many towns, and among them
Rye, at different times availed themselves of this method of
procuring money for the prosecution of some work for which
private subscriptions could not be obtained to a sufficient
amount. The young man who played cards, though only for
amusement, was regarded as moving rapidly along the highway
to perdition; but the deacon could invest in the tickets of a
lottery, or even assist in conducting one, without detriment to
his standing in church or community.

About a century and a half ago the creation of a harbor of
refuge for small vessels at Rye was suggested, the needed funds
to be raised by means of a lottery; and the legislative record
concerning this proposition is of interest, as showing what was
proposed to be done, the class of men appointed by the gov-
ernment to manage such affairs, and the magnitude of some of
the "schemes."

Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to drain a pond:
Addressed to the Assembly, Dec. 31, 1756.

Humbly Sheweth Joses Philbrook of the Parish of rye that there is a
Pond in said Parish called the Little boars-head Pond situate about forty
rods from Sea Shore which by Cutting a Canal from the Sea at or near Fox
Hill so called to the Pond would open a Communication with the Sea & the
said Canal being Secured with rocks (which is feezable) would open a retreat
for any small Vessells where they might anchor with Safety & would be of
Great Service to Coasters & fisherman—Especialy such as should be
catched in the Bay with an Easterly Wind—

That your Memorialist has attempted the opening such a Canal in the
Place afore Said with out any asstance but finding it would be too Expen-
sive to be at the Charge of Compleating the Whole Without some Aid Desisted Imagining a Thing of such Publick advantage would meet with Publick Encouragement—Wherefore he humbly prays that he may so far have the Countenance of the Government as to be Indulged with the Liberty of raising (by way of Lottery) such a sum as will Enable him to Perfect the said Work the said Lottery to be under such rules and directions as Your Excellency & Hon* Shall think Proper—Your Petitioner is humbly of Opinion that he could (upon being admitted) give Your Excellency & Hon* Convincing Arguments to prove not only the great advantage such an Inlet would be to the Publick but also the feezableness of its being mad passable & Durable this granted Your Petitioner as In Duty bound Shall ever Pray &c

Joses Philbrick

In House of Rep Feb 18, 1757, the following Scheme was presented and Accepted, Hunking Wentworth and Elliot Vaughan were appointed Managers, to which the Council added William Knight and William Earle Treadwell—

Lottery Scheme

A Scheme to Raise by way of Lottery the sum of Six Thousand Pounds old tenor agreeably to Vote of the Gen¹ Assembly for Opening a Harbour at Rye—viz—

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The Above Calculation is three Blanks to one Prize & no Deduction.*

* N. H. State Papers.
As to the further progress of this ambitious scheme, if further progress was made, no record has been found. The pond mentioned by Joses Philbrook is still where it was in his day, but no vessel, however small, could reach it from the ocean without making an overland trip; and as there is no connecting canal, or trace of one, existing, and no record or tradition that one ever did exist, it is reasonably safe assumption that the only work ever done toward constructing the Rye harbor of refuge was that done by Mr. Philbrook prior to his appeal to the general assembly.

In 1764 the people of Rye and of the southwest section of Portsmouth, realizing that it would be to their mutual advantage to secure better means of communication between the two places, petitioned the general assembly as follows:

Petition for a Lottery to build a road 1764

To his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief in & over his Majesty's Province of New Hampshire, the Honble his Majesty's Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened this 8 day of May 1764,—

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye & of the Inhabitants the South west ends of Portsmouth Humbly Sheweth—

That it would not only be very beneficial to them, but to all other Travellers who pass from Portsmo to Rye, or from Rye to Portsmouth, provided a Road might be had & obtained across the Woods from or near Mr. Thomas Cotton's Farm in Long Lane so called to the high way in Rye near to Mr Wallis Foss' which would make the travelling from Portsmouth to Rye or from Rye to Portsmo much more convenient, as it will save eight miles in travel to & from nearer than the road now goes, as there is no highways from said Rye to Portsmo except at the North East end or at the South West end of said Rye, both of said highways being at the extreme limits of said Parish of Rye & being five miles distant from each other, Which makes it difficult for your Petitioners to send their Wood &c to Market, Which road if obtained they think would be a general good & Your Petitioners humbly conceive it might be had & obtained at the Cost & charge of Seven hundred & fifty Pounds new tenor, but that your petitioners are not at present able in & of themselves to purchase said highway altho. so beneficial: Wherefore your Petitioners humbly prays Your Excellency & Honours, to Grant them leave to bring in a bill for a Lottery to enable them to effect the same & to be under such directions & Regulation as you in Your Great Wisdom may think proper. & if any overplus arises thereby, to be disposed
of as may be ordered by Your Excellency & honours & Your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Joseph Jenness
Sam'l Jenness
Joseph Rand
Timothy Berry
Nathaniel Jenness
Christ Gold
Jonath^a Brown
Job Jenness
Peter Johnson Jun
Jonathan Fowl
Elijah Lock
Bickford Lang
Noah Seavey
Thomas Cotton
John Fumuel
John Tarlton
Richard Tarlton
James Tarlton
Elias Tarlton Jun
Jeremiah Berry
Richard Locke
Samuel Wells
Joshua Rand
Wallis Foss
Ebenezer Marden
James Marden
Nathaniel Berry Jun
John Seavey
Nathaniel Cotton
John Edmonds
Joseph Philbrick
Joseph Lock
Nathan Goss
Benja Garland
Jonathan Locke Jun
Stephen Marden
Benja Marden
Reuben Molton
Sam'l Meservy
Robered Sanders
Job Foss
Joshua Weeks
Joseph Yeaton
Joseph Edmunds
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Thomas Cotton
Elias Tarlton
Thomas Clark
Samuel Norton
John Norton
Nathan Norton
Benjamin Tarlton
Thomas Marden
Isarel Marden
Thomas Cotton Jun
John Bennett
Stephen Bennett
Elias Tarlton Sen
Joseph Langdon

In the House of Representatives May 10, 1764

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye & Portsmouth praying leave for a Lottery to enable them to purchase a highway thro' said Parish Voted That the Prayer thereof be granted & that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.  

Bill for a Lottery for a Road through Rye pass'd May 25, 1765.

The "Long lane" of this petition is nearly identical with the present Lafayette road, although the "lane" ended in Portsmouth at what was then known throughout its entire length as Rye road, some little distance westerly from the Gov. John Langdon place; Long lane having been extended so as to meet Middle street in Portsmouth in 1824-'25, and named Lafayette road in the latter year in honor of General Lafayette, who passed over it on his visit to Portsmouth and places farther eastward that year. The road sought for was built, but not until nineteen years later, in 1784 (and then not from the proceeds of the lottery, which probably was never drawn, the expense of laying out and building the road being by the court
of general sessions charged to the towns of Rye and Portsmouth, and is called on the maps of Rye and Portsmouth, made one hundred years ago, "the new road." It is the road which, starting from a point about one hundred rods northeastward from Rye meeting houses, runs in a practically straight line to Lafayette road; and which, until the opening of Sagamore road and bridge in 1850, was the principal route of traffic and travel between the two towns. It is now "Portsmouth road."

In 1789 there was another petition from inhabitants of Rye for leave to conduct a lottery, which is recorded in the State Papers as follows:

Petition from Inhabitants of Rye to raise money by Lottery to build a Bridge 1789

State of New Hampshire

To the Hon[b] The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled at Portsmouth on the 23 day of December—Instant

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye Humbly Sheweth That the Ancent Town of New Castle has been greatly distressed and Improvished by means of the late War and the Bridge a cross Little Harbour which connected them to the main, has been demolished and the Inhabitants thereof are by no means Able to Rebuild said Bridge without the aid of the Public which we apprehend will not only be Beneficial to the Inhabitants of said town, but to the Country in General as thereby a Communication will be opened with the only place Conveniently Situated for Carrying on the Fishery in this State, the necessity of said Bridge must be obvious to all as it will open a free Communication from the Country to the only Fortress in the State—Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that Your Honors would grant Liberty to Raise the sum of fifteen hundred Pounds lawful money, by a Lottery, for the Purpose of Building a Bridge a cross Little Harbour in New Castle aforesaid—And Your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Rye December, 1789—

Simon Jenness  
Isaac Dow  
Richard Jenness  
Benjamin Jenness  
John Jenness  
John Lang  
Nicholas Dolbur  
Francis Jenness  
Thomas Jenness  
Levi Jenness  
Rand  
Jacob Berry  
Reuben Philbrick  
Reuben Moulton  
Richard Berry  
Abraham Libbee  
James hobbs  
John Garland  
Bickford Lang  
Peter Garland  
John Garland
INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Jonathan Brown  
Job Jenness  
Jonathan Woodman  
John Brown  
James Perkins  
John Perkins  
Joseph Perkins  
Thomas Collier  
Samuel Jenner  
Peter Jenness  
John Lock  
Joseph Jenness Jr  
Wm Davidson  
Josiah Davidson  
Mikel Dalton  
Samuel Wells  
Simon Wells  
James Goss  
Benjamin Garland  
Benjamin Garland Junr  
Amos Garland  
Huntington Porter  
Joseph Rand Junr  
Alexander Lear  
Nathaniel Rand Junr  
Daniel Fitzgrell  
Jonathan Goss  
Nathaniel Rand  
Nathaniel Jenness  
Noah Jenness  
Stephen Rand  
John B. Jenness  
Jeremiah Brown  
Jonathan Philbrick  
Daniel Philbrick

Simon Lamper  
Simon Lampere Jr  
Samuel Elkins  
Isaac Jenness  
Jonathan Jenness  
John Brown  
John Marston  
Samuel Knowles  
Trustman Sleeper  
Thomas Sleeper  
David Smith  
Stephen Marden  
José Philbrick  
Joseph Rand  
Nathan Goss  
John F. Williams  
José Philbrick  
Jeremiah Berry  
Levi Berry  
Jonathan Hobbs  
Benjamin Marden Junr  
Solomon Berry  
Levi Goss  
John Goss  
Benjamin Lear  
Joseph Goss  
Jonathan Wedgewood  
David Wedgewood  
David Lock  
David Lock Junr  
Jonathan Lock "the third"  
John Fry (Foye)  
Jonathan Lock  
Jonathan Lock Junr

Levi Garland  
Jonathan Garland  
Peter Garland Junr  
Simon Garland  
Joseph Garland  
John Garland  
Nathan Knowles  
John Knowles  
Peter Johnson Junr  
Edmund Johnson  
Nathaniel Beary  
Peter Mitchell  
Simon Johnson  
Thomas Goss  
Elijah Lock  
Nathaniel Marden  
Ebenazer Seavey  
Mark Lang  
George Rand  
Amos Parsons  
Benjamin Marden  
Alexander Salter  
Daniel Mason  
Wm Norton  
Simon Johnson  
Richard Jenness  
Samuel Rand  
Thomas Rand  
Samuel Wallis Junr  
John Fry (Foye)  
Amos Seavey  
Wm Seavey

The legislature of that time could evidently make quick dispatch of business, on occasion, for this petition was introduced in the house on December 23, 1789, and on January 12, 1790, an act authorizing the lottery was passed and approved. Although Rye was then a town, the petitioners describe themselves as "Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye," though they speak of "the ancient town of New Castle;" and their plea for
the granting of their petition is that a bridge would be a public convenience for reaching the only place conveniently situated for carrying on the fishery, and for reaching the only fortress in the state. They say nothing of the desired bridge being a probable convenience for people wishing to reach the meeting houses in either Rye or Newcastle. Records of the drawing of the lottery and the building of the bridge have not been found, but the lottery was undoubtedly drawn, for the bridge was built. It stood about where the present Wentworth bridge, so called, is located, and was standing during the early years of the last century. On the "plan of Portsmouth, including Newcastle or Great island," drawn by Phinehas Merrill in 1805, this bridge is depicted and given the name of "Newcastle bridge"; on B. P. Morrill's plan of Rye, bearing the same date, the bridge is shown but not given a name; and the late Thomas J. Parsons remembered passing over the bridge when a boy. According to tradition it was allowed to go to decay, and was finally carried away in a great winter storm, probably at some time prior to the building of the "three bridges" between the northwesterly point of Great island and Portsmouth, which were opened to public travel in 1822. No record of a public lottery in Rye at a later date than 1790 has been discovered.

EARTHQUAKES.

The greatest earthquake that New England experienced after it was settled by the English occurred October 29, 1727. There was a great deal of lightning, thunder, and tempest this year, followed by very cold weather in October. The twenty-ninth (Sunday) was fair and pleasant,—in the evening the moon shone brightly and the air was calm. At about eleven o'clock at night a rush of air and a terrible noise followed by a roar woke the people. Houses rocked, chimneys fell, beds shook, doors flew open. Movable things were tossed about, and people ran out of doors in their night clothes. The shocks were repeated several times with less force, and the roar of the ocean was louder than usual. On June 3, 1744, there was a smart shock of an earthquake which lasted two minutes.
On the morning of March 18, 1755, at 4 o'clock people were aroused by an earthquake. It came with a roar like thunder, and shook terribly. It was immediately repeated, each shock continuing more than two minutes. (Taken from Daniel Pierce's Memorandum, Portsmouth.) The course of this earthquake was from the northwest to the southeast. Some thought of nothing less than being buried instantly in the ruins of their houses. Oxen and cows lowed and hastened to their barns. Dogs went to their masters' door and howled, and birds left their perches and flew about. The ocean was affected. The principal damage consisted in the destruction of chimneys.

THE DARK DAY.

The 19th day of May, 1780, was unprecedented in New England for its great darkness. Belknap says,—"It presented a complete specimen of as total darkness as can be conceived." The darkness became noticeable about eleven o'clock and it soon became necessary to have lights. Fowls went to roost and the cattle collected around the barn-yards. For some days previous the air had been filled with smoke, probably arising from vast forest fires.

September 6, 1881, was known as yellow day; the sun was obscured and lights needed at mid-day. Fowls went to roost and in some places it caused fear and excitement.

FIRES.

There have been comparatively few fires in this town since it was organized. The first of which we have any record occurred in the year 1784, when Samuel Jenness' house was totally destroyed. In 1789 Abraham Libbey's house, which was located in the field opposite William Cutter Garland's, was burnt. John Jenness also had a house destroyed by fire about this time.

The following is a list of the fires which have occurred each year:

1808. Samuel Wallis' house situated on the south side of the highway, opposite where Freeman J. Locke resided.
1821. Daniel Treadwell's barn struck by lightning.
1824. Jan. 18. Amos S. Parsons' store and house, which was opposite Jedediah Rand's.
1831. John Jenness' barn struck by lightning.
1838. Robinson Foss' barn.
1848. East schoolhouse.
1849. Carr Leavitt's mill at the Harbor.
1849. House of John Brown, 3d.
1850. James Marden's barn with contents; also the barn of Joshua M. Foss.
1852. John W. Tucker's barn and Samuel Foss' barn.
1853. James Thomas' barn.
1854. John Ira Rand's house.
1855. John Mace's house; Albion D. Parsons' house at Ragged Neck; and Simon Brown's barn at East Rye.
1858. William S. Odiorne's house.
    Sept. 4. Odiorne's saw and grist-mill, Little Harbor.
1865. John H. Webster's house struck by lightning.
1866. Samuel Rand's house and shed, located in the field west of William J. Holmes.
1867. Woodbury Seavey's house, East Rye.
1872. Surf House, Jenness Beach, Oliver Philbrick, proprietor.
    Sept. 28. Abraham Drake's house and barn.
    J. Curtis Philbrick's barn struck by lightning, slight damage.
    June 12. Louise Marden's store, and goods of Wesley and E. C. Jenness.
1882. April 18. Farragut Hotel, Frank Philbrick, proprietor.
1890. Daniel M. Foss' house.
    John H. Foss' house.
1894. Cottage near Jenness' Beach belonging to E. A. Straw.
    John Salter Marden's house.
    Jerome Butler's house at Wallis Sands.
    Turner House, built by Job Jenness.
STORES.

John Carroll, an Irishman and school teacher, opened the first store of which there is any record. It was located in the yard in front of the present residence of Fred D. Parsons.

The building was afterwards moved and is now a part of the house occupied by Thomas W. Rand. Carroll kept on sale a few needles, pins, and such small things in a little room. Later he was associated with his brother-in-law, Simon Goss, under the firm name of Carroll and Goss, and opened a store where T. W. Rand's store is now. Carroll moved to Hampton about 1800; then Goss carried on the business until 1810, when he built the house and opened a store where T. J. Parsons resided and continued there until he sold out to Amos Seavey and Jonathan Drake, David Wedgewood and Amazeen taking his old store. Amos Seavey sold to Jonathan Drake and went to Greenland; John Drake followed; then Hamilton Locke and Joseph L. Locke; then Thomas J. Parsons, who continued in active business for nearly sixty years. Major Thomas Rand took the old Carroll & Goss store and was succeeded by his brother, Jedediah Rand, and the business is still carried on by his son, Thomas W. Rand.

Abraham Nudd opened a store at Chesley's Four Corners, which was afterwards kept by Samuel Elkins, William S. Garland, William and Simon L. Chesley. At present there is no store in that section of the town. In 1798 Joseph Parsons had a store on the southerly corner opposite T. W. Rand's. Col. Amos S. Parsons continued the business until the premises were destroyed by fire. He then built a store and hall near the highway in front of the residence of Fred D. Parsons, and continued in business there several years, and finally sold the building; it was moved up in the field adjoining Albert M. Walker's house, and was occupied as a residence by Capt. Benjamin W. Marden, the latter keeping the post-office there and also a small library more than fifty years ago. The house was moved again down in the field west of Everett Odiorne's, and was occupied by Samuel Rand until it was destroyed by fire in 1866.
Otis D. Marden erected a store on the corner opposite his residence. He was succeeded by Wesley Jenness and Emery C. Jenness, they continuing the business until the building was destroyed by fire. Emery C. Jenness opened a store in the residence formerly occupied by his grandfather, and continues the business up to the present time. Charles D. Garland erected a dwelling house and store in 1879 on the corner opposite the residence of the late William C. Garland at West Rye. The store was opened the following year and he still continues in the business, carrying a stock of groceries, grains, and the different departments that go to make up a country store.

During the summer months R. Jenness Locke, in connection with his bathing pavilion at the beach, has a store for the sale of confectionery, cigars, and soda. Charles W. Spear, the existing postmaster at Rye Beach, has opened a similar store during the summer season.

**FIRST CARRIAGE.**

Probably the first wheeled vehicle in town was a chaise purchased shortly after the Revolution, and belonging to Amos Seavey. Mark Randall had the chaise to move his family up in the country in April, 1782. In July, 1800, Amos Seavey tried to ride in the old chaise and broke it. (Taken from his account book.) John Garland owned a chaise in 1825 or prior. Dr. John Wilkes Parsons bought a chaise about the same time.

The following is copied from the original:

This is to certify that Simon Jenness of Rye in the County of Rockingham, in the first collection district of New Hampshire, has paid the duty of two dollars for the year to end on the 31st day of December next for and upon a two-wheel Carriage called a chaise, hanging on Wooden Springs, owned by him and the harness used therefore. This Certificate to be of no avail any longer than the aforesaid Carriage shall be owned by the said Jenness, unless said Certificate shall be produced to a Collector and an entry be made thereon, specifying the name of the owner of said Carriage, and the time when he became possessed thereof. Given in conformity with laws of the United States this 24 day of Janu 1815.

Collector of Revenue for the first Collection district of New Hampshire.
NEGRO SLAVES.

Hannah Seavey in her will dated September 10, 1741, gives to her negro woman, Anna, one cow.

William Seavey, clothier, deeds in 1744 to his brother, Amos Seavey, joiner, besides land, one negro boy named Hampshire, about 12 years old, who ran away and was seen by Doctor Joseph Parsons in Rhode Island during the Revolutionary war. Joseph Libby owned a negro child called "Glocester"; baptized in 1749.


Phillis Wallis negro woman, aged 80, died March 17, 1821. Probably the same Phillis as above, who must have been in 1750 about 9 years old.

Portsmouth, July 11, 1778. Bill of negro boy bought for £150, lawful money, of Capt. William Parker, agent for owner of private armed schooner *Friends Adventurer*, by Mr. Samuel Wallis of Rye. Cæzar Wallis, a black man, alias Cæzar Seavey, died Nov. 18, 1821, aged 81 years; perhaps the same as above.

In 1769 Merrifield Berry bought Peter Long, a slave, for £30 of Samuel Whidden and wife Hannah. He afterwards ran away.

James Seavey had a negro called "Bow," and in 1806 a negro boy. He also had negro children, "Titus and Dinah," who were baptized September 13, 1772.

John Sandy, negro, baptized October 8, 1772. Col. Benjamin Garland had a negro called "black Prince" whom he fitted out and gave money to pay his expenses to see his relatives in Rhode Island, who went once and returned, but the second time he went he returned no more.

"Jenny, our negro woman, went away from us on the sabbath day morning, 1795." (Taken from Amos Seavey's account book.) He had also George, Phillis, and Dinah, negro servants.
Paul and Prince, two blacks, were given their liberty to enlist in the Revolutionary war by Job Jenness.

Madam Odion owned the Treadwell farm (where Gilman and Albert Rand live) and had a negro Jack, who married one of James Seavey's negresses.

Old Black Peter lived a while in the house near the blacksmith shop at the Center, built for Eben Berry and occupied by Reuel Garland, Albert M. Walker, and others.

MAIL SERVICE AND POSTMASTERS.

Previous to 1840 the residents of Rye obtained their mail from Portsmouth and North Hampton. From 1840 to 1845 the records at Washington show that the Rye office had "special" supply, but there is no data showing the frequency of service or the point from which supplied (probably Portsmouth). Beginning in 1845 and running to February 19, 1855, the office was supplied by "special" routes under contract from Rye to Portsmouth, two round trips a week.

From February 20, 1855, to June 30, 1857, the office was supplied by a regular star route from Portsmouth by Rye, to Rye Beach, three round trips a week.

The service following this by star routes is as follows:

From July 1, 1857, to June 30, 1868, Portsmouth to Rye, three round trips a week.

From July 1, 1868, to June 30, 1881, from Greenland Depot to Rye, six round trips a week.

From July 1, 1881, to June 30, 1885, from Greenland Depot to Rye, six round trips a week, with six round trips a week additional from June 21 to September 30 each year.

From July 1, 1885, to June 8, 1890, from Rye, by West Rye to Greenland Depot, six round trips a week, with six round trips a week additional from June 21 to September 30 in each year.

From June 9, 1890, to March 31, 1892, from Rye, by West Rye to Greenland Depot, six round trips a week, with six round trips a week additional from May 1 to October 31 each year.

From April 1, 1892, to January 13, 1895, from Rye, by West
Rye to Greenland Depot, six round trips a week, with six round trips a week additional from April 1 to November 30 each year.

From January 14, 1895, to September 5, 1903, from Rye, by West Rye to Greenland Depot, twelve round trips a week the entire year. From last named date the star service supply of Rye was discontinued.

From April 15, 1901, mail service was established on the electric car line from Portsmouth to North Hampton, twelve round trips a week, on which Rye and Rye Beach are supplied as intermediate offices.

The following is a list of postmasters with the dates of appointments:

Joseph L. Locke, May 12, 1840.
Jonathan T. Walker, March 26, 1841.
Benjamin W. Marden, July 31, 1845.
Thomas J. Parsons, December 21, 1848.
Jonathan T. Walker, November 21, 1849.
Albion D. Parsons, July 1, 1853.
Thomas J. Parsons, December 29, 1856.
Jonathan T. Walker, April 12, 1861.
Lewis E. Walker, December 21, 1884.
Annie D. Hodgdon, August 24, 1885.
Lewis E. Walker, July 15, 1889.
Annie D. Hodgdon, August 26, 1893.
William C. Walker (present postmaster), August 27, 1897.

A post-office was established at Rye Beach, July 27, 1875, with one mail a day from North Hampton, Gilman H. Jenness, postmaster. He was succeeded February 1, 1890, by Charles W. Spear, who still continues in office.

At West Rye the post-office was established in 1882, the mail service being supplied from Greenland Depot. Charles D. Garland was appointed postmaster and still retains the office.

North Rye Beach has a post-office and mail service from Portsmouth for a few weeks during the summer season.

A special delivery service was inaugurated from Portsmouth through the east and west part of Rye in 1903.
The first resident physician in Rye was Dr. Joseph Parsons, who commenced practising about 1770. Prior to that time physicians were called upon from Portsmouth and Hampton to attend the sick. Dr. Parsons studied medicine with Dr. Dearborn of North Hampton and was succeeded by his son, John Wilkes Parsons. His prominent traits of character were independence, decision, and energy.

Dr. John Wilkes Parsons was for nearly fifty years a practising physician in Rye. He acquired and sustained the character of a judicious and faithful physician. He was surgeon on the privateer Orlando in the War of 1812; also surgeon's mate of the Thirty-fifth Regiment, State Militia.

Residence of Dr. Warren Parsons.

Dr. Warren Parsons received his degree of M. D. from the Columbian university of Washington and practised in this and adjoining towns for about sixty years, and for fifty years was the only resident physician in Rye. He was successful in his profession and was held in much respect by the community.
Dr. Charles F. Patterson came to West Rye in 1896 and opened an office, where he continued to practise until 1900, when he removed into his new house at the Center, and at present is the only resident physician in town.

Other physicians have resided and practised in town temporarily.

Abenaqui Golf Club House.

Abenaqui Golf Club.

The Abenaqui Golf club of Rye Beach was organized in 1899 and the club house built the following year. The club was incorporated in 1903, and it is said will purchase the grounds upon which its links are at present located.

Rockingham County Light and Power Co.

The following articles of agreement of the Rockingham County Light and Power Co. were filed on the town records December 11, 1900. The principal place of business of said corporation is to be at Portsmouth. Its business is to be carried on in the cities and towns of Portsmouth, Greenland, Rye, and other towns, and said corporation is established for the purpose of manufacturing, creating, furnishing, and selling for light-
ing, manufacturing, heating, transportation, propulsion of cars, machines, and engines and for all mechanical, commercial, and business purposes, electricity and gas, and all other illuminants and motive power. Also to set poles and stretch wires to conduct and transmit the same, and to install and lay all necessary means or instrumentalities for conducting, storing, and transmitting the same.

MILLS.

Probably the first sawmill in the town was built in 1695. Dow, in his History of Hampton, says the contract for its erection was dated May 3, 1695.

"John Badson of New Castle, Millwright, agrees with Francis Jenness, Joseph Philbrook, James Stanyan, and Thomas Jen-

NESS SAWMILL.

ness to build for them a dam and Saw Mill to go with one saw on Cedar Swamp run, commonly so called, near said Francis Jenness' house, for which he is to receive twenty shillings a week, in good lawful money of New England, as follows: Ten
shillings thereof at the end of each week he works, and the other ten shillings a week at one whole intire payment at the now dwelling house of the said Francis Jenness, when the mill is finished and sufficient sawing has been done to amount to the required sum; the above company to furnish material for building, also sufficient meat, drink, lodging, and hands during the building, and pasturing for his horse while he is there at work."

This mill has been in the Jenness name, in whole or in part, since its erection, and is now owned by Charles Austin Jenness. It is not probable, however, that there is any material in the mill now that was put into it when it was built.

Deed, 1740-41. "John Jenness of Parish of Rye to James Marden of Rye one sixteenth part of the Saw Mill commonly called Jenness' Saw Mill, standing on Jenness brook, so called, with all the Iron dogs, Cranks, Crows, gear, &c., belonging to said Sixteenth, and one-sixteenth part of the land privileges for laying logs and boards and appurtenances and rights appertaining thereto.

"Witness, Richard Jenness, Job Jenness.

"Given in the eighth year of the reign King George Second."

The Cedar Swamp run of 1695 and the Jenness' brook of 1740 are identical. The stream takes its rise in the low land northerly from the junction of West and South roads, and empties into the sea near the terminus of Ocean road.

On this stream, about half a mile above the Jenness sawmill, is the Brown grist-mill, erected more than one hundred years ago; and there was also a grist-mill, changed a number of years ago into a shingle mill and now abandoned, about thirty rods below the Jenness mill. A fourth mill stood about half a mile farther up the stream than Brown's mill. It was erected by a Mr. Leavitt at an unknown date. Leavitt sold it, with the farm of three hundred acres or more, to Peter Johnson. Nathan Knowles bought the mill and took it down in 1844.

Prior to 1752 there was a tide grist-mill in Harvey Locke's pasture, between Harbor road and the road to Locke's Neck, where there was a dam to hold the water. This mill was
burned, and Nathan Goss bought the site and privilege, and on June 10, 1778, raised another grist-mill there. Goss' records state that he pulled this mill down in June, 1792; on June 12 the same year "raised the new mill;" on June 14 "got one mill [stone] to grinding. June 30 got the other to grinding." This mill took fire from a pitch pine torch which Mr. Goss left burning when he went to supper, and was destroyed.

After Rye harbor was dug out a tidal grist-mill was erected at the bridge, and remained until about twenty years ago, when it was torn down.

There was at one time a mill, probably a fulling mill, to the westward of the stone bridge on the road leading to Locke's Neck, but it long ago disappeared. Anciently a windmill was owned and operated by the Lockes, near where Central and Grove roads meet; this mill was taken down and moved to Hampton.

A sawmill built and owned by Amos and James Seavey, located to the westward of the small creek (a branch of Seavey's creek), near which they lived, was raised May 31, 1759. The Odiornes had both saw and grist-mills at Little Harbor, at the Pine Tree bridge across Seavey's creek; these mills were burned in September, 1862.

Doctor Joseph Parsons had a grist-mill and extensive salt works near Pass River point, from which circumstance the locality long bore the name of Doctor's Mills; this is what is now known as Concord point. The mill was standing as late as 1806, and vestiges of it can still be seen at the mouth of Pass river. Both mill and salt works were destroyed by a very severe storm.

Parson's mill, Seavey's mill, Goss' mills, and Jenness' and Brown's mills on Jenness' brook, are all designated on Morrill's plan of Rye (1805), but the Odiorne mills at Seavey's creek are not.

BELLS.

Although the first meeting house was built before the Sandy Beach district of New Castle was set off as the parish of Rye, it was not until many years later that the first bell was placed
in its steeple. At the annual town meeting in March, 1763, it was "Voted to raise £500, old tenor, towards buying a bell." Apparently this vote failed of being carried into effect, for at the March meeting in 1764 the town again "Voted to raise £500, old tenor, towards buying a bell;" and this latter vote, or the votes of the two meetings conjoined, proved effective, for in 1766 it was "Voted that the three men chosen to buy the bell hire persons to hang it;" and shortly after it had been hung, in the same year, there appeared an article in the warrant for a town meeting "To see if they will put a stop to ringing the bell at an unusual time on the Lord's day." From this it may be inferred that, the bell having been procured and hung, some of the people of the town, presumably the younger ones, regarded it as a sort of public toy, to be played with at unseasonable times, instead of being reserved to call the voters to town meeting, or the populace at large to the solemn duty of listening to almost interminable sermons and prayers. What action was taken by the town meeting to suppress such trifling is not recorded, but is indicated by the following, which is copied from an original document, dated 1767:

"To Mr. James Goss. Sir: There is a Complaint against you by Mr. Daniel Philbrick for Ringing the Bell the last Lord's Day. I believe you had better come & pay your fine, other Ways you May be Exposed to Court & trouble from ye friend and Servant, Richard Jenness 3d."

In 1775 it was "Voted to have the bell rung at twelve o'clock for nine months."

After the old meeting house was taken down the town voted "to hang the Bell on the Congregational Meeting House at the expense of the Town, and the Town to control the same."

The old bell, which weighed 889 pounds, having become cracked after many years of faithful service, was exchanged for a new one that weighed 891 pounds, the exchange, freight, and other expenses amounting to $101.70. Feb. 10, 1842, the new bell was broken while Esq. Jonathan Philbrick was ringing it, the day it was hung. In April of the following year another new bell, sent to replace the one broken, was hung in the belfry,
and this continued to do good service, especially on the Fourth of July every year, until the Congregational society ordered it removed.

In 1873 the town voted to appropriate $200 and the old bell to procure a new one to put on the town house, and on the 20th of August in that year the new bell was hung on that building, and is still in service.

In 1877 a bell was hung in the belfry of the Episcopal church, St. Andrew's-by-the Sea, and calls the people of that communion to worship regularly throughout the summer months.

In 1893 the Congregational society purchased a bell and clock, which were placed in the church tower on February 14th of that year. This was the first tower clock in Rye, and is the only one in the town.

Each of the four schoolhouses of the town is provided with a bell.

TOWN HALL.

In the early days of the parish and town of Rye, as in all other New England towns, the meeting house was the place appointed for holding town meetings, and in Rye this custom held until a comparatively recent date. At the time the old meeting house, where the town meetings had always been held, was proposed to be taken down, many persons were in favor of having it fitted up for a town hall, but the necessary vote for this could not be obtained, and the building was demolished, after which the vestry under the Congregational church was the place for holding the town meetings.

After the Methodist society ceased holding services in their church, negotiations were entered into by the trustees of the church and the town authorities regarding the purchase of the edifice by the town for a town hall; and at a town meeting held in 1873 the town voted to buy the Methodist church and land provided the property could be bought for $1,000. Some $3,000 was expended on the front and interior of the building to fit it for the purpose intended, and in 1890 the
town voted to put 14 1/2 feet on the rear, the amount expended for this purpose not to exceed $400. The town hall has proved to be rather an expensive building, as repairs have frequently been required, and will continue to be as long as it remains on its present foundation. It was dedicated as a town hall on November 19, 1873.

PUBLIC LIBRARY—SLEEPER LEGACY.

Of the thirty-seven towns in Rockingham county thirty-six have public libraries in successful operation, the one lonesome town that stands out in such splendid isolation being Rye; and yet Rye came very near establishing a public library so long ago that if it had then been established it would have put the town well up toward the head of the list of New Hampshire towns having such institutions, in the order of their creation.

Oliver Sleeper, a native of Rye, who died in Massachusetts, left to the town by will about $8,000 for a library, with the proviso that if the town declined to accept the bequest it should
go in equal sums to the two churches (the Congregational and the Christian) of the town. A special town meeting was called for August 1, 1883, to take action on the question of accepting the legacy. That was the farmers' busiest time of year—haying time—and as the meeting was generally assumed to be a mere matter of form, and the acceptance of the bequest by unanimous vote a certainty, only a handful of the town's three hundred and more voters attended the meeting, and the vote stood twenty-six against acceptance to six in favor of accepting.

Then came something very like a storm. The great majority of the voters who had failed to attend the town meeting were intensely dissatisfied with the action of the majority of those who did attend it, and said so. They declared that the outcome of the meeting was due to the shrewd work of a few persons who wished the churches instead of the whole town to benefit by the Sleeper legacy, and who had very quietly managed to have enough of the old voters who were in sympathy with their plan, and many of whom had not attended a regular town meeting for years, on hand at the special meeting to outvote the few who would probably leave their hay fields to vote for acceptance. The selectmen were induced to call another special meeting, at which the vote of the previous one was reconsidered, and acceptance of the bequest by the town approved almost unanimously, most of the voters who attended the first meeting ignoring the second one, claiming that the latter was illegal and any action it might take void.

The promoters of the second special meeting were evidently in doubt themselves as to what effect the action taken by that meeting might have, for early the next year a petition as follows, signed by Thomas J. Parsons, George G. Lougee, and one hundred and thirty-four other legal voters of the town, was presented to the selectmen:

"Being informed by the administrator that the late Oliver Sleeper has given and bequeathed to the Town of Rye about $8,000 for the purpose of founding a Public Library, and being in favor of the acceptance of said legacy by the town and believing that said bequest would be of great and lasting bene-
fit to the whole people and tend to the prosperity of the town, we, the subscribers respectfully request that you will insert in your warrant for the annual town meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of March, 1884, an article 'To see if the Town will vote to accept the legacy bequeathed by the will of the late Oliver Sleeper; also to see if the Town will vote to reconsider and rescind all votes taken at any previous meeting not favorable to the acceptance of said legacy.' The article was inserted in the warrant as requested, and at the town meeting it was voted, by a majority of about two to one, "that the Town accept the legacy bequeathed by the late Oliver Sleeper, and rescind all votes taken at any previous meeting not favorable to the acceptance of said legacy;" and at the same meeting it was also voted "that the Moderator appoint twelve persons to act as trustees of the Sleeper legacy."

Of course the executor of the will refused to pay over the legacy while there was any doubt as to who was entitled to receive it, and measures were taken to have the question decided by the courts; and at the town meeting in March, 1885, it was voted "that the twelve persons appointed by the Town at the annual meeting in March, 1884, to act as trustees of the Sleeper legacy, be authorized to act for the year ensuing; and that they make a formal request upon the Christian and Congregational societies to relinquish their claim to the said Sleeper legacy." The final action taken by the town, according to the records, was at the March meeting in 1886, when it was voted "that the committee on the Sleeper legacy be instructed to enquire whether the counsel employed by said committee has presented the claims of the Town before the Court."

It was about ten years from the time of the first town meeting to act in the matter before the dispute was settled by the court, the decision being that the legacy, which in the meantime had been much reduced by the litigation, belonged to the two churches, which together received about $3,000. All the benefit the town ever received from the legacy was three or four hundred dollars as costs of court, which it had to pay.

Every year since the movement for providing state-aided
town libraries began, an article has been inserted in the election, warrant for Rye to take the sense of the voters on the question "Is it expedient to establish a town library?" and every year the town meeting has voted "No" by a large majority.

**SOME STORIES.**

Mr. Joseph Seavey said Joseph Langdon had a horse that had good foreparts, and when he came up from the eastward he saw Mr. Banfield's horse, and wanted to get it to carry down East; that he rode there with the intention of exchanging horses, and intended to keep the forward part of his own horse towards Mr. Banfield; that at the door he was invited in, but declined. The old gentleman called for some cider, which was brought out in a silver tankard by the daughter. In the twinkling of an eye the swapping of horses was forgotten. He, knowing himself rather poor, dare not apply to the old gentleman for his daughter, but went down East to scrape something together. He then came back and became acquainted with the daughter, and eventually married her.

During Walter Barefoot's administration in 1684, the governor on a certain occasion struck Samuel Seavey, and some one remarked that it was well for the governor that Seavey's mother was not there, for if she had been there would have been bloody work for him. Samuel's mother must therefore have been, if not a virago, a pretty spunky damsel.

Joshua Rand owned the land formerly belonging to Eliza Ann Walker, and lived there. He met Minister Morrill one Sunday morning, when the latter was coming from the Isles of Shoals with a bundle of fish, and Rand took him to due for it. Morrill asked him to come to meeting and he would give him a bone to pick. He preached from the words, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

Old Betty Smith once went over to Esquire Peter Jenness' and wanted currants to make an apple dumpling, because her father and mother and Mrs. Mace were coming to see her. It must be remarked that her own mother was dead and her father had married Mrs. Mace.
Esquire Peter Jenness was very absent minded or forgetful. He went to Portsmouth and went into Samuel Elkins' store and asked if he would buy a quarter of veal. Elkins said yes. Jenness went out to his carriage to get it, but came back and said, "La, I left it hanging up in the porch." He was known to leave his vests in the field when he went out to work until he had seven out there. When hauling out manure he had at every load to get a new "tail board," never thinking to put it in the cart when unloaded.

It has always been said Master Richard Locke, when out fishing on what was known as half-way ledge, saw a man on horseback come to James Goss'. He said the horse was white and told who the man was. It proved to be right. He was a man from up country. It is also said one Downs could see the windows in a house at the Shoals from Sandy Beach, and told how many panes of glass there were in it. Old Master Locke also saw a boat coming around York Nubble, and told what boat it was and who were in it. It was some of our people who had been down East (Penaquid) fishing. They must have been very peculiar days to see so far.

Dr. Joseph Parsons on going after Richard Lang, Esq., met Lang who was going after the doctor for the laying in of his wife. The doctor spoke first and said, "You are just the man I was going after to help me to-day." The Esquire said, "I am engaged this forenoon, but if you will help me this forenoon, I will help you this afternoon," which the doctor agreed to. On arriving at Lang's house the doctor inquired what he was going about, and Lang replied, "You go into the house and they will tell you what they want you to do." The joke was in the difference of fees for services.

Deacon John Jenness was sitting on the seat which let down the pew door, and getting drowsy and by nodding and moving loosened the hook on the door in the old meeting house and fell out into the aisle during the service. Some one shouted out, "Take care there," which created quite a commotion, and probably awakened other sleepy members.

Minister Parsons missed hay from his barn and suspecting
old George Rand, who kept two cows with little or no hay, watched with a dark or concealed lantern. Seeing Rand going with a back load he slipped up behind and touched the light to it and stepped back and concealed himself. The next day old Rand came up to him and said he would not steal any more of his hay, as the Lord sent fire from heaven and burnt it up.

It is said Dowrst Foss was sick after moving to Rochester. One of his religious neighbors called on him and inquiring as to the state of his mind, etc., Dowrst replied, "I have nothing to do with my soul, I pay Dr. Haven [the minister] for taking care of that." The above Foss lived near the Center and had considerable real estate on the new Portsmouth road and was a son of Wallis Foss and Mary Dowrst.

Mr. Daniel Goss bought the Josiah Webster place and wanted to move the grave, and his widow, Sarah Webster, remarked she thought he (her dead husband) would not find any fault as it was a much pleasanter place where Goss proposed putting the remains. Webster lived on the Orin Drake place. Webster's wife, Mary Locke, was born in Fern avenue.

"An act for the Selectmen of each town & Parish & District of this Province to bring in a list of the Poles and Inventory of the Estates belonging to their Respective towns & districts—Negro, Indian & Mulatoe Slaves at £20 each, Women Slaves excluded, and the Value of Ye Trades. Ryes part be ten Pounds & New Castle Island £ fifteen, to make New Castle £25. Poles be valued at £25 each, all tillage, meadow & marsh land six Shillings pr acre."
XIII.

The Isles of Shoals.

By an act of the legislature, approved July 20, 1876, the town of Gosport was annexed to Rye. The territory of Gosport consisted of all that portion of the Isles of Shoals group situated within the boundaries of the state of New Hampshire; its transfer to Rye was not asked by this town, nor by the inhabitants of Gosport; the transfer added but little to the taxable valuation of Rye, and nothing at all to its voting list or population.

But though Gosport had ceased to exist as a town, except in name, before its legal existence was terminated by the legislature, there was a time when it was a place of importance, and for some 250 years the fisheries were extensively pursued there.

It is history that all through the sixteenth century the British, Hollanders, French, and Portuguese sent vessels across the Atlantic to fish in the waters along the coast of what are now the New England states and the British maritime provinces; and it is inconceivable that all that time the Isles of Shoals, with their favorable location for fishing and their excellent facilities for curing the product, was neglected by all these adventurers. But it is not until the following century that any recorded mention of them has been found.

Gosnold must have sighted them in 1602, and Martin Pring in 1603; but it is not until the voyages of Champlain along this coast in 1605-’06 that a distinct and unmistakable reference to them is to be found in the chronicles. Capt. John Smith, who in 1614 explored and charted this coast as far south as Cape Cod, and named the country New England, in his "Description of New England" says that "Among the re-
markablest Isles and mountains for landmarks are Smith's Isles, a heape together, none neare them, against Accominticus;" and later he describes the islands as "a many of barren rocks, the most overgrown with such shrubs and sharp whins you can hardly pass them, without either grass or wood, but three or four short shrubby old cedars."

Capt. Christopher Levett, in his "Voyage Into New England, 1623-24," says, "The first place I set my foot upon in New England was the Isles of Shoulds, being islands in the sea about two leagues from the main. Upon these islands I neither could see one good timber tree, nor so much ground as to make a garden. The place is found to be a good fishing place for six ships, but more cannot well be there, for want of convenient stage room, as this year's experience hath proved." Shortly afterward he crossed over to the plantation just began by David Thomson at Odiorne's Point (called "Pannaway" by Levett in his narrative), the first settlement on the main land of New Hampshire. Levett in his account informs us that the "fishing ships" he speaks of carried about fifty men each. It was the custom in the fisheries, in those days, for about one third of the company to stop on shore to cure the fish caught while the other two thirds were cruising in their boats catching more; of course the shore men had to have habitations of some kind, so Levett's story makes it apparent that at the very time David Thomson and his handful of companions were building the first permanent white man's dwelling in New Hampshire at Odiorne's Point, the Isles of Shoals had a population of about six hundred, of whom about two hundred lived on shore. But the men at the Shoals were not there with any idea of permanently remaining; they were not settlers, but fishermen; and it is not probable that the large party there at the time of Levett's visit and of Thomson's settlement of New Hampshire was the first one to so utilize the islands, although it was the first one to secure mention in the chronicles of the time.

After the time of Levett's visit the islands rapidly advanced in importance as a business and commercial centre. The extensive fishing operations continued, and in addition, as other
settlements were made along the coast, a large magazine or storehouse was established there, and the island became a receiving depot for the fish and furs from other localities, for shipment to England, and for the reception of goods for bartering with the Indians, clothing, rum, gunpowder and other necessaries of pioneer life for distribution to the other settlements. So valuable had the islands become at the time that Mason and Gorges made their final division of territory in 1635, Mason taking New Hampshire and Gorges taking Maine, that neither cared to surrender his entire interest in them to the other, and the group was divided between them precisely on the line of division that exists to-day, Gorges taking the northerly half to the province of Maine, and Mason annexing the southerly half to the province of New Hampshire. This accounts for the strange division of this cluster of barren rocks between two states, a matter which has puzzled a great many people to account for.

After the dissolution of the Laconia company and the separation of Mason and Gorges, the Shoals continued to prosper. Many persons settled there, many dwellings were built, and the resident population ran up to about 600 souls; "they had a meeting house on Hog island, a court house on Haley's island, and a seminary of such repute that even gentlemen from some of the towns on the sea-coast sent their sons here for literary instruction." [Williamson's History of Maine.] The meeting house is said to have been of brick; the dwellings of the more substantial residents were comfortable and of good size, the furniture as ample as then known in New England. An ordinary, or tavern, was kept on Smuttynose, a bowling alley on Hog island, and ale houses abounded. [York County Records.] The estates of the leading men at the islands were at this time among the largest in New England.

For the first fifty years the population of the islands was located mostly on the northerly or Gorges portion, although Star island had a few inhabitants. On the southerly slope of Hog island (now Appledore) was a considerable village, and the traces of cellar and garden walls to the number of seventy
or eighty can still be made out there. On Smuttynose were the dwellings and holdings of the most prominent and wealthy residents. Why the Mason portion of the islands should have attracted so few settlers during this period is not explained.

In 1652 the islands came under the domination of the Massachusetts Bay colony, and the following year about twenty of the principal inhabitants petitioned the Massachusetts general court for the erection of the islands into a township. The general court granted the islanders "liberty to determine all civil actions, where either or both parties are inhabitants, to the amount of ten pounds," but refused to create the island township asked for. In 1659 a general petition of all the inhabitants for the creation of a township was addressed to the Massachusetts authorities, but again a refusal was returned; but two years later, in 1661, the petition was renewed, with the result that the general court decided, May 22, 1661, that "for the better settling of order in the Isles of Shoals, It is ordered by this Court that hence forward the whole Islands appertaining thereunto wch doe lye partly in the County of York & the other parte in the Jurisdiction of Dover & Portsmouth shall be reputed & hereby allowed to be a Townehip called Apledoore, & shall have aequall power to regulate their Towne affaires as other Townes of this Jurisdiction have."

While the whole group was now one town for "regulating their towne affaires," the old division for county and provincial purposes continued until 1672, when in compliance with a petition it was ordered that the whole group "be adjoined unto the same county, unto which Star island belongs;" in other words, to the county of Dover and Portsmouth, in the province of New Hampshire. Thus was obliterated, temporarily, the old division line of Mason and Gorges.

In 1679 the connection between New Hampshire and Massachusetts Bay was terminated by the erection of New Hampshire into a royal province under the presidency of John Cutt, whose commission, however, did not mention the Isles of Shoals. In the commission issued to Lieut-Gov. Cranfield in 1682 it was held, by construction, that the southerly half of the islands was
included, though not expressly mentioned; and in subsequent royal commissions the southerly half was embraced by name. The original division of the group was now restored, the northerly half returned to Maine and the southerly half laid off once more to New Hampshire, and the township of Appledore was dissolved. The boundary line between the two portions, as subsequently confirmed by the commissioners of the two provinces, in 1737, and reaffirmed in 1820 by convention between New Hampshire and Maine, runs "through the middle of the harbor between the islands, to the sea, on the southerly side."

About 1680 there was a remarkable migration of the inhabitants of the northerly islands of the group to Star island, which up to that time had had but few settlers; no less than forty families, according to tradition, crossed over from Hog island to Star at one time, and in the course of a few years nearly the entire population of the group was settled on Star. That Star island was considered by the islanders as being more secure from Indian attacks than Hog or Smuttynose has been suggested as a possible reason for this general change of location, but it is hardly a satisfactory one, for the advantage of Star island in that respect is not apparent. The real reason for the sudden and wholesale migration of the inhabitants of the northerly islands to Star island is as obscure as the reason for the previous avoidance of that island.

Whatever the reason for the movement, by 1700 the population and wealth of the northerly islands had been in a great degree transferred to Star island; and ten or fifteen years later, in a petition of the inhabitants of Kittery for a remission of taxes, it was stated that there were seldom at "the Isle Shoals (the north half thereof) more than ten or fifteen persons, and they were all poor; had about three or four small boats for fishing, and they never paid half the rates and taxes that was added to the town of Kittery upon the account of their being annexed to it; and besides that, as soon as they joined to Kittery several poor families came from thence to the town for support, which cost the town more money than all the rates and
taxes that ever the Isle Shoals paid to Kittery, exclusive of the charges since their being so annexed. For several years past the Isle Shoals has paid no taxes at all, though the town was taxed for them every year."

But in the meantime Star island had so prospered that in 1715, by act of the provincial assembly of New Hampshire, it was created a town, by the name of Gosport; and in 1720, of every £1,000 raised in the province by taxation £20 was assessed upon Gosport, a proportion which was maintained with but slight variations for many years. In 1767 the number of residents of Gosport was 284, of whom four were slaves.

In 1745, on the breaking out of the French and Indian war, a small fort was built on a slight eminence near the westerly point of Star island, and mounted with nine four-pounders. This fort was dismantled at the outbreak of the Revolutionary war, and the guns removed to the mainland; and "as it was found that these islands afforded sustenance and recruits to the enemy" the inhabitants were ordered to quit the islands, and the greater part of them dispersed into the seaport towns along the coast, the exodus being so general that, according to Belknap, only forty-four persons were remaining on the islands at the end of 1775.

At the close of the war some of the former inhabitants of Gosport returned, but the town never regained its former population and prosperity. In 1790, Belknap informs us, the population had increased to 93; and in 1800, according to the Gosport town records, the number was 112, although another authority gives the number as 120, of families fifteen, and of houses eleven. In 1819 the number of inhabitants of the islands had become reduced to 86, and in 1824 to 69; and from that time till the end came the number slowly dwindled, year by year, until the last family and resident of the old Shoals stock disappeared.

The islanders, even when their number was largest and prosperity at its highest, never paid much attention to political affairs. While dominated by Massachusetts Bay the northerly half of the group, which then held almost the entire population,
was never represented in the Massachusetts general court but once [Williamson's Maine, Vol. II], and after the erection of New Hampshire into a royal province and the migration of the Shoals population to the southerly half of the group, "the south half rarely, if ever, consented to send deputies to the New Hampshire Provincial Assembly, and paid little or no tribute to the province rates."

In 1701 the provincial government designated one of the principal men of the islands "to settle the inhabitants, where he lives, under this government, and to call them together to appoint a representative for said place to sit in General Assembly," but the islanders paid no manner of heed to this order. Again in 1711, and still later, in 1716, the Star islanders were served with a warrant to send a representative to the house, but they paid no attention to the summons either year; and the government, apparently in despair and as a last resort, in 1716 annexed Star island to Newcastle for election and assessment purposes. But this attempt to arouse the islanders to political activity and the paying of taxes was as futile as those that had preceded it, for they neither attended the elections nor paid the rates; and in 1761, when the arrearages had mounted to the sum of £512 new tenor, the selectmen of Gosport induced the General Assembly to abate the entire debt!

"After the organization of the present state government of New Hampshire, at the close of the Revolution, the Shoals had fallen, as we have seen, into such decay as for many years to escape the notice of the officials; until, in a season of high political controversy, in the year 1851, a Democratic legislature, regarding the handful of fishermen at Gosport as natural upholders of 'free trade and sailors' rights,' admitted their representative to the House, since which they have annually elected one of their number to serve in the General Court."* 

About 1870 a large summer hotel, The Oceanic, was built on Star island by the late John R. Poor, who had acquired title

*This paragraph is taken from "The Isles of Shoals; an Historical Sketch," an interesting little book giving evidence of wide research, published in 1873 by the late John Scribner Jenness, and to which we are indebted for much concerning the islands contained in this article.—The Author.
to the entire island with the exception of one dwelling and holding of land owned by John B. Downs. Mr. Poor was desirous of buying that property, also, but Mr. Downs, who was born and had passed his life on the island and had seen a family of his own grow up around him there, was much attached to his home, and being in comfortable circumstances, financially, he declined to sell. The Oceanic, two or three years after it was built, took fire one night in the spring during a violent south-east storm, and was entirely consumed, as were also a number of uninhabited houses; but owing to the direction of the wind the house of Mr. Downs, though nearer the hotel than any others, escaped with a severe scorching. The Oceanic was immediately rebuilt, larger than before, but not on the same site. Mr. Downs had his house repaired and continued to live in it until a short time before his death, which took place at North Hampton on the 23d of April, 1888, in the 77th year of his age. He was the last of the old stock of "Shoalers" to retain a homestead in the town of Gosport, and he held it until the town went out of existence. After his death, and some years after Mr. Poor's hotel and surroundings had passed to other ownership, his heirs transferred his Star island property to the new owners of the island.

The last town meeting of Gosport was held on the 14th of March, 1876. The principal business of the meeting was, as had for some years been the case, the election of a representative to the legislature. There was no money to be raised for roads, because there were no roads on the island; nor for schools, or fire, or police department, or street lights, for a similar reason. With little to do, and very few voters to do it, a brief and orderly session might reasonably have been expected; but instead of this the meeting was disorderly and riotous to an extreme degree, the offenders being, it was alleged, a number of employees of the hotel who came down from Boston that morning by steamer to vote, and concerning whose right to vote at the island there was the gravest doubt. So serious was the disturbance that the moderator, after vainly endeavoring to restore order, peremptorily declared the polls
closed, thus ending what was not only the last but probably the most turbulent town meeting ever held at Gosport. The certificate of election was given to Levi W. Downs, a son of John B. Downs, who took his seat when the legislature assembled; but a legislative investigation into the affairs of the town was instituted, the report being that so few legal voters as the town possessed should not be allowed a representative in the legislature, and the abolition of Gosport as a town was decided upon. But the rocky islets which comprised the town's entire territory could not be abolished, and as they had to have a place in some town the bill which abolished Gosport annexed them to Rye, and declared vacant the seat in the legislature that had been occupied by the ancient settlements' representative. Not a single voter accrued to Rye in consequence of this annexation, no person ever claiming the right to vote in this town on the ground that he lived or ever had lived on Star island.

The annexation to Rye of New Hampshire's half of the Isles of Shoals put White Island lighthouse in this town. This lighthouse, which is a brick cylinder forty-six feet high from its base to the centre of the lantern, was built in 1859 to take the place of one built in 1821, and which, cut down to less than one third its original height, still stands close beside the new tower and is used as an oil storehouse. In the present tower is the first Fresnel lens ever brought to this country, and the machinery which revolves the lens, causing the light to send forth red and white flashes alternately every fifteen seconds, is the same that came from France with the lens. The focal plane of the light is eighty-two feet above mean high water, and the gallery at the base of the lantern seventy-eight feet, notwithstanding which kelp has been thrown upon the gallery by the seas in very heavy storms.

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

The first settlers of the Piscataqua region—indeed, all those sent over by Mason and Gorges to their provinces of New Hampshire and Maine—were "churchmen," or adherents of the Episcopal church, the Established church of England; and
up to the time that the Puritans of the Massachusetts bay secured control of the government of the entire region, hardly more than one or two Congregational churches, of the New England model, had been organized north of the Merrimac river. The settlers at the Isles of Shoals were also adherents of the Episcopal church, and the early clergymen at the islands were of that faith; and it was not until some time after the settlers on the main land had submitted to Massachusetts bay that the islanders fully acknowledged that colony's authority.

Prior to 1640 Rev. Joseph Hull, who was settled at Accominticus (now York, Me.), visited the islands occasionally and administered the sacraments of the Episcopal communion in the chapel on Hog (called by some at that time Farm) island, now Appledore. During the year 1640 Rev. Robert Jordan of Richman's Island, Me., officiated in a similar manner, about this time the first church at the Shoals being built on Hog island; and in 1641 and '42 Rev. Richard Gibson, the first minister of Strawberry Bank (now Portsmouth) was settled there. A church had been built at Strawberry Bank, and Mr. Gibson settled as its first minister, prior to 1638; the first church built in what is now Portsmouth, as well as the first one at the Shoals, having been an Episcopal church, and the first settled minister at each place an Episcopalian. Mr. Gibson was probably driven from his parish on the main land to the Shoals in 1641, as it was in that year that the Puritans of the Massachusetts bay colony succeeded in getting the Piscataqua settlements in their power, after which it is not likely that he was allowed to officiate on shore; but as to this there is nothing on record, as "the old Town Book" of Portsmouth was destroyed by the selectmen in 1652.

At the islands the Episcopal clergyman was safe from persecution, for though the New Hampshire towns had submitted to the rule of Massachusetts bay the Shoals people refused to do so, openly revolted against the Roundheads, and declared their independence. As Episcopalians they naturally were royalists; and Rev. Richard Gibson wrought zealously to confirm them in their ingrained theology and politics. But in the summer of
1642, being in Boston on his way to England, he was seized by the authorities there, and indicted for "exercising the ministerial functions at the Shoals according to the discipline of the Church of England, opposing the Massachusetts title to those parts, and provoking the people to revolt;" all which he admitted, but as he was then "upon the wing of removal" from the country, it was thought best to suspend further proceedings against him, and let him go.

The Shoals never had another settled minister of the Episcopal denomination, though after Mr. Gibson's retirement Rev. Joseph Hull renewed his occasional ministrations there, and, as appears from the inventory of his estate in the York County records, maintained such relations with the islands until his death, many years later. In doing this Mr. Hull ran little risk of being disciplined by Massachusetts bay, for he lived in the province of Maine, the people of which province sturdily combatted the pretensions of the bay rulers, and the islanders as stoutly supported their Episcopalian and royalist friends on shore; but after the death of King Charles on the scaffold in 1649, and the complete triumph of the Roundhead cause in England, the province of Maine could no longer hold out and was compelled to yield to the bay government, which also at the same time brought the entire Shoals group into a condition of nominal obedience.

One of the first results of this victory over the stiff-necked and rebellious islanders was the sending to them of a sound Puritan divine, Rev. John Brock, the first of a long line of Congregational ministers who rendered noble and self-sacrificing service at the islands until the settlement went down in hopeless decay. Of him Cotton Mather said: "He dwelt as near Heaven as any man upon earth;" and the following anecdote is related of him:

Rev. Mr. Brock persuaded the people to observe one secular day in each month as an extra season of religious exercises. On one occasion the roughness of the weather had for several days prevented fishing, but on the regular day of the special meeting the weather was favorable, and the men wished the
meeting put by. Mr. Brock, seeing they were determined not to attend, said to them: "If you will go away, I say unto you, 'catch fish if you can;' but as for you that will tarry and worship the Lord Jesus Christ this day, I will pray unto him for you that you may take fish till you are weary." Thirty men went away and five remained; the thirty caught but four fishes; the five who tarried went out afterward and took about five hundred.

Mr. Brock was settled at the Shoals from about 1650 to 1662, and was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Hall, and the latter by Rev. Samuel Belcher. It was during the pastorate of the latter that the population migrated from the northerly half of the group to Star island, and the old church on Hog island was allowed to go to decay. In 1685, the York County court records show the northerly half of the group was "presented at Court" for "their neglect in not maintaining a sufficient meeting house for the worship of God." No heed seems to have been paid to this presentment. Most of the inhabitants had long before abandoned that half of the islands; and the few who remained were as we have already seen, too poverty-stricken to pay the islands' share of the Kittery town taxes, or even wholly support themselves, not to mention the keeping in repair of a meeting house which they probably never attended. And the islanders as a rule seem never to have paid any more attention than they were obliged to, either as individuals or as a community, to official notification served upon them from the shore, whether the notification came from the colony of the Massachusetts bay, the county of York, the town of Kittery, or the state of New Hampshire.

About 1700 a new church was built on a lofty point of Star island. It seems reasonable to suppose that there had previously been a church of some kind on this island, for the population of the group had been centered there for years, and it is certain that the old church on Hog island had long been abandoned; but as to this there is nothing on record. The new church was a substantial structure of wood, twenty-eight feet wide and forty-eight feet long, with a steeple or bell tower and
bell; the tower, from the elevated position of the church, serving as a landmark for the fishermen by day, and the bell guiding them to safety in times of darkness or fog—services which continued to be rendered by the tower and bell of the present stone church on the same site up to the time that the fishing settlement at the island ceased to exist.

Rev. Samuel Moody was one of the first to minister in the new church. Rev. Daniel Greenleaf was there in 1705, the Massachusetts general assembly that year granting him fourteen pounds, and the New Hampshire general assembly six pounds toward his support. As the Star Island community was then in thriving circumstances, the fact that so large a contribution as £20 was at that period required to sustain the Congregational ministry there, is not indicative of strong religious fervor among the islanders. Mr. Greenleaf was succeeded in 1706 or 1707 by Rev. Samuel Moody, whose ministry continued to 1730 or '31; and he was succeeded by Rev. John Tucke, who was the first minister regularly ordained to the congregation upon the islands. He was graduated from Harvard in 1723, and ordained July 26, 1732, the ordination sermon being preached by Rev. Jabez Fitch of Portsmouth, who took as his text Matt. 4:19: "I will make you fishers of men." He died August 12, 1773, at the age of seventy-two years, and was buried on Star island. His grave was accidentally discovered in 1800 by Dudley A. Tyng, collector of the port of Newburyport, on a visit to the islands, and a stone suitably inscribed erected over it. During his long pastorate he was physician as well as religious teacher to the islanders, and his influence over them seems to have been very great, and wholly for good. Rev. John Tucke, Jr., son of the Shoals pastor, and like his father a graduate of Harvard, married Mary Parsons, daughter of Rev. Samuel Parsons of Rye. He was ordained to the ministry at Epsom in 1761, and remained there until the Revolution, when he left to join the army as chaplain, but on the way was stricken with smallpox at Salem, N. Y., and died there in the thirty-seventh year of his age.

Rev. John Tucke, Sr., was succeeded at the Shoals by Rev.
Jeremiah Shaw, who remained until 1775, when the inhabitants were obliged to leave the islands on account of the breaking out of the Revolutionary war. From that time to the close of the eighteenth century the ministrations of religion at the islands were suspended. The few people who remained at the islands, or who returned after the close of the war, were too poor to support a minister, if they had been disposed to do so; they neglected the annual choice of town officers; they had no regular schools, and paid little if any attention to the Sabbath; the parsonage, constructed for Rev. Mr. Tucke, was taken down in 1780 by his son-in-law, and carried to York; and as appears from the Gosport town records, the meeting house itself, which had stood during nearly the whole century, was wantonly set on fire about 1790 by a party of drunken fishermen, who held a wild revel by its light while it was burning. Rev. Jedediah Morse, D. D., the distinguished geographer, historian and divine, who visited Star island in the summer of 1800, made an entry as follows of this incident in the Gosport records under date of August 10th of that year.

"About the year 1790 some of the people of the baser sort, not having the fear of God before their eyes, pulled down and burnt the meeting house, which was a neat and convenient building, and had been greatly useful, not only as a place for religious worship, but as a landmark for seamen approaching this part of the coast. . . . By means of the exertions and benevolence of the society for propagating the Gospel, established in Boston, and some liberal minded gentlemen in Newburyport, Portsmouth, and other places, there is a prospect and hope that another place of worship will be erected on the site of the old one, and the means of religious and moral instruction be again afforded to the unfortunate and almost forsaken people of these islands."

The new meeting house, which cost about $1,400, was erected under the supervision of Mr. Dudley A. Tyng. It was somewhat smaller than the former one, being but thirty-six feet long and twenty-four feet wide on the outside, the walls being of stone, two feet thick, and eleven feet high in the clear. The
choice of stone as a material was advocated by Dr. Morse, as having, as he said, "two great advantages over wood; the inhabitants cannot burn it for fuel, and it will be imperishable."

The new meeting house was dedicated by Rev. Jedediah Morse on the 24th of November, 1800. The woodwork was partially destroyed by fire on January 2, 1826, but repairs were made through the generosity of people on the mainland, and the church was rededicated in 1830.

For about seventy years after the new church was built the ancient "Society for Propagating the Gospell among the Indians and others in North America," with headquarters at Boston, sent to the islands a succession of missionary ministers, some thirty in all, who followed each other at frequent intervals until the final extinction of the settlement. These pious and devoted men, besides their pastoral duties, often served as school teachers and in other capacities; and they were supported partly by the society, partly by the contributions of other religious organizations or individuals on the mainland, and partly by the
islanders. The first of these missionaries sent out was Rev. Jacob Emerson of Reading, Mass., who in 1799 acted as pastor and schoolmaster for about three months, and it was his report which caused the society to send out, the following year, Rev. Dr. Morse; and it was the latter's report of the religious, moral, and intellectual condition and needs of the islanders that resulted in the rebuilding of the church and the continued maintenance of missionary pastors at the island, a few of whom we will mention.

Rev. Josiah Stevens, one of the first missionaries, married, in 1802, Susanna Haley, daughter of Samuel Haley, Jr., of Smuttynose island, and engaged to serve as permanent minister. A parsonage was built and furnished for him, on the spot where Mr. Tucke's house had stood, and he was commissioned a justice of the peace. His ministry promised to be productive of much good, but he died in 1804 at the age of sixty-four years. Reuben Moody, a theological student, served as missionary for a few months in 1822; and Rev. Samuel Sewall served from early in 1824 until his death, which occurred in Rye on the 16th of March, 1826. Rev. Origin Smith went to the island in 1835, was joined there by his wife and family in 1837, and was settled as the minister, remaining until 1841 or later. Rev. Avery Plummer and others succeeded Mr. Smith, and in 1855 the missionary was Rev. J. Mason, who in his report to the society for that year said that among other duties personally performed by him had been the repairing and caring for the public buildings, making the fires on Sunday and for the day schools, sweeping the floors, ringing the bell, hoisting the bethel flag, and making coffins, filing saws, repairing clocks, etc., for the islanders, while his wife did much work on dresses and garments for them. Mr. Mason was succeeded by several other missionaries, one of the last of whom was Rev. George Beebe, whose wife for a time discharged the duties of schoolmistress. Mr. Beebe was succeeded in 1867 by Rev. Mr. Barber, and the latter was followed in 1869 by Rev. Mr. Hughes, who was the last of the long line of missionaries.

The close of Mr. Hughes' pastoral service ended for all time
the regular ministrations of the gospel at the Isles of Shoals, begun on Hog island by Episcopal clergymen more than two centuries before. Since his retirement divine service has occasionally been held in the old church on Sundays in summer by clergymen of various denominations passing a season at one or the other of the island hotels; and it has always been an object of interest to summer visitors. The tower, which had become much dilapidated, was a few years ago thoroughly repaired by voluntary contributions, and the little stone building, which has now withstood the storms of more than a hundred years, will not soon be allowed to go to ruin. Long may it continue to serve as a landmark for the passing mariner, and an interesting reminder to all beholders of other times and other conditions.
XIV.

Indian Depredations.

THE BRACKETT'S LANE MASSACRE.

Sandy Beach, in common with many others of the early settlements, suffered terribly from Indian raids. Men, women, and children were slaughtered or carried into captivity, houses and barns destroyed by fire, and cattle killed. The settler and his family, when they laid down for the night, had no assurance that they would not be aroused before morning by the war-whoop of the savages, to find their dwellings in flames and all chance of escape cut off. How many of the Sandy Beach pioneers perished through these sudden and deadly attacks is not known, but the number was large. The records of Indian depredations on the settlement are very meagre and incomplete, but the most disastrous raid of which there is authentic record took place in September, 1691, when a party of savages, variously estimated at from twenty to forty, came from the eastward in canoes and landed at Sandy Beach. They did not attack the garrison house there, but killed some of the defenceless families living on or in near vicinity to Brackett's lane (now known as Brackett road), took a number of persons captive, and burned several small houses. Anthony Brackett, who lived near Saltwater brook, was killed, and was buried on the eastern side of the highway; his will was proved in 1692. Goodman Rand's family also suffered in this raid, concerning which Dow, in his "History of Hampton," says:

Two messengers brought the sad intelligence to Hampton. On their return in the evening, on reaching Ragged Neck, about half a mile south of the Sandy Beach garrison house, they saw as they thought about forty Indians coming towards Hampton with five or six canoes on their heads. Having discovered them the messengers quickly retraced their steps and
gave the alarm at Hampton. Henry Dow, one of the town committee, immediately wrote and sent a letter to Salisbury, conveying the intelligence to Major Robert Pike, who commanded the militia of the county of Norfolk. Major Pike, having added a hasty note, forwarded the letter to Mr. Saltonstall, one of the magistrates, who was then at Ipswich on "court service," and by him it was sent to the governor. The next morning, Sept. 30, a company of men from Hampton hastened to the scene of carnage, where they met Capt. John Pickering with a company from Portsmouth. The enemy had gone. They were probably preparing to embark at the time they were discovered at Ragged Neck, the evening before. Their tracks were traced in the sand, as were also the tracks of two women and one child, whom, with others, it is supposed they carried into captivity. The companies found the dead bodies of ten persons, and thought from what they found in the ashes that three had been burned with the one house. Seven others were missing. The whole loss was twenty persons.

It is said there were two of the Brackett children carried off by the Indians. One of them, a girl, finally reached Canada, and after she grew up and was married there she came back to Rye and claimed a portion of her father's estate. She took a part of the cattle, and a piece of the land was sold to pay her off. It contained about seven acres; Jonathan Locke lived on it, and perhaps bought it; then Richard Lang, and later Samuel A. Trefethen. One of the Bracketts made up quite a number of verses about the woman coming back after her patrimony, which Thomas J. Parsons in his youthful days heard repeated. The brains of one or more children, too young to be easily carried into captivity, were dashed out against a large rock which stood on what is now Wallis road, near Brackett road. This rock, which tradition says bore the stains of blood for many years, was long ago removed in improving the highway. Thomas Walford was mortally wounded on the hill on Brackett road. After he was shot he crawled on his hands and knees to the house of a family named Foss, whose members had either fled to the woods or been massacred by the savages, and drank from a pail of swill he found on the kitchen floor. The hill was called Walford's hill for many years.

Belknap devotes four lines of his "History of New Hampshire" to this Indian raid, as follows: "On the twenty-ninth of September a party of them came from the eastward in canoes
to Sandy Beach (Rye), where they killed and captivated twenty-one persons."

**INDIANS AT BREAKFAST HILL.**

The most serious attack ever made by the savages upon the settlers at Portsmouth, so far as the number of persons slain and the amount of property destroyed was concerned, took place five years after the murderous raid upon the Brackett's lane district of Sandy Beach. Of this calamitous event Brewster, in his "Rambles About Portsmouth," in part says:

It was on the 26th of June, 1696, that the Indians made their way to this very spot (Portsmouth Plains), after their fearful predatory incursions on Dover. Cotton Mather and Belknap refer to the event in short paragraphs. Adams, in his "Annals," also records the incident in a single page. The following account has been furnished us, collected from history, old manuscripts, and traditions, and is the fullest that has ever been published:

In the afternoon previous to the Indians commencing their attack on the people and property of that vicinity, the clouds and chilled air portended rain. That night a thunder storm occurred; the cattle came frightened from the woods, and at an unusually early hour sought refuge around their owners' homes. Dover having suffered from the murdering hands of the treacherous Indians, the thinly settled neighborhood of the Plains had constant forebodings that they might soon be subject to like incursions. Their suspicions were awake, and whatever appeared to be ominous of the approach of the Indians was dreadful in the imagination.

Their cattle had been previously very frequently abused and lacerated by parts of wandering tribes, which had been skulking through the woods for theft and cruelty. When the cattle and sheep on the day before the attack hurried to the yards, their frightened appearance caused much talk and alarm among the villagers; and although they suspected and even believed that their herds had fled from Indians they had seen, yet, not conceiving danger to be so nearly awaiting them, they sought repose in their habitations for one night longer.

The people awoke at early dawn from their slumber and were greeted with the light of their burning barns. The Indians then sounded their warwhoop, turned their havoc to the houses, rushed upon the inmates, and seized such valuable property as could be made portable with them. Such of the women and children as could flee made their way toward the garrison house; while the sick and infirm could at farthest only absent themselves from their homes to some retired spot. The men fought the Indians with such implements as came nearest at hand, till contest became useless. The
enemy overpowered them in numbers, then burned their houses, and inflicted personal cruelties on all within their reach.

The men, when fully repelled from their desperate struggle, fled for the garrison to take firearms and swords, expecting there to find secure their wives and little ones. The Indians knowing the directions to be taken by those who would seek garrison protection, intercepted their course, and early lay in ambush to meet those who were passing by. By this means solitary individuals were taken prisoners. Some were maimed, some killed, and others secured and carried off. But those who sought for the garrison in company passed on without interruption. The garrison house is said to have been located about north of the present site of the schoolhouse, in the field between the barn of Mrs. Joseph Sherburne and the elevation on the east. A cellar and well are yet visible in the field not far east from the orchard. When they had armed themselves for meeting the Indians, on return none were to be seen. The dead and wounded they found in the pathway and around the houses. Of dwelling houses burned there were five, and nine barns.

When news was sent from the Plains to the Bank, the name by which the commercial part of Portsmouth was then known, Capt. Shackford rallied his military company, and the orders to the soldiers were that they proceed to a large rock which was then, and has been till within the last six* years, standing within a quarter of a mile east of the Plains, and was ever afterwards called "Valour Rock." The company was there organized and proceeded in pursuit of the enemy.

The Indians, about fifty in number, were observed in their canoes passing up the Piscataqua a day or two previous to their assault at the Plains. When the news of the attack reached the commercial part of the town, it was generally supposed by those who saw them when they were going up the river that escape from the inhabitants would be effected by the Indians passing down the river in their canoes to avoid justice for their barbarity. The strategem on the part of the Indians was too successful: it served to lead the attention of the people in an improper direction and prevented any effectual action. The savages had moved their canoes in the night time (unperceived in the town), carried them down the river to Sandy Beach, and secreted them in bushes.

Capt. Shackford pursued in the course supposed to have been taken by the Indians. Their direction was through Great Swamp, in a course for Rye. About four miles distant from the Plains the military company discovered the incendiaries with their plunder and captives; the four prisoners whom they had captured being placed in a position to receive the first effect

*This account was first published by Mr. Brewster in the *Portsmouth Journal* about 1856 or '57.
of a discharge of guns should a military force appear for attack. The company rushed upon the ground, rescued the prisoners, and retook the plunder; but the enemy escaped and concealed themselves in the swamp till night; then in their canoes took their departure. One party was sent out in boats, which were arranged in a line to intercept the enemy in their passage to the eastward. This enterprise would have been successful had not the commander indiscreetly given too early orders to fire. This caused the Indians to change their course and thus make their escape by going outside of the Isles of Shoals.

When Captain Shackford routed them at Breakfast Hill and the boats in the river were waylaying them in their preparations to return to the eastward, it was discovered that those who were seen going up the river toward Dover were but a small party, and the whole number which were then making escape was much larger. It was from the circumstances of the Indians and their captives being engaged in taking breakfast on the declivity of a hill near the bounds of Greenland and Rye, that the location was called Breakfast Hill, and has ever since been known by that name. The tribe to which these Indians belonged was never known, nor was it ever known what course they took for their homes after they arrived on the high seas.

Belknap, in his brief account of this massacre, says: "Fourteen persons were killed on the spot, one was scalped and left for dead, but recovered, and four were taken." Mr. Brewster's account, which gives the names and ages of the persons killed, and the names of the wounded, shows that Dr. Belknap was correct as to the number slain, but that the number who were wounded but afterwards recovered was six—one man, two women (including the woman who was tomahawked and scalped), and three children. The names of the persons who were taken captive and rescued by the rush of Captain Shackford's men at Breakfast Hill have not been preserved.

*It was reported that a body of six hundred Indians were preparing an attack on Casco and the head of Piscataqua river. No such force as this appeared, but small parties kept hovering on the outskirts. Ordered, that all the inhabitants of Little Harbor and Sandy Beach take their turns, two or three in a night, to watch and scout from Rendezvous Point along the sea side till they meet with the Hampton scouts, and to begin at midnight and continue till sunrise. And that Mr. Wm Wallis have a due inspection as corporal over the same. In consideration of which duty it is further ordered that the said several inhabitants of Little Harbor and Sandy Beach be ex-

emptied from doing any duty at New Castle, unless upon an alarm or an order from his excellency or the commander-in-chief for the time being. And that the secretary send a copy of this order attested unto the commander of his Maj'y Fort Wm. & Mary at New Castle and another to said Wm. Wallis ordering him immediately upon sight hereof to see said watch and scout duly performed.

Betty Quondy and John Quondy were, it is said, the last "tame" Indians who lived in the woods at Sandy Beach.

**GARRISON HOUSES.**

Garrison houses (which were simply two-story houses built of timber, usually somewhat larger than the ordinary dwellings of the settlers, and with the upper story projecting several feet over the lower, the heavy flooring of the projection being pierced with holes to enable an enemy attempting to force an entrance into the lower story, or to set fire to the building, to be fired upon from above) were thickly sprinkled among the settlements during the early years of the colonization period. These garrison houses were rallying points, and places of refuge for the families of the settlers in their vicinity, in case of Indian invasion, and history records many instances in which they were successfully defended from determined and prolonged attacks by the savages.

With the first settlement of Sandy Beach a garrison house was built, as a matter of course, and was probably located on or near the present Washington road, not far from the seashore.

It is tradition that at this garrison house the settlers had a "blunderbuss," or large gun, which they fired to frighten the Indians; but as powder was very precious in those days it is not probable that it was very often fired for this purpose, unless hostile Indians were known or believed to be in the vicinity. There are writings that show that the Sandy Beach garrison house had some kind of a gun much larger than was ordinarily found in such strongholds. When a settlement was made at Joslyn's (later Locke's) Neck, it was found that one of a number of tall trees there, from the branches of which a view could be had of the Sandy Beach location, had been worn very smooth, sup-
posedly by the climbing up of Indians to watch the garrison house and see when people left it and where they went.

The Locke garrison house at Locke's Neck and the Berry garrison house at Sandy Beach were in existence, as mention made of them in writings shows, as late as 1708; and the Garlands had one on Garland road which there is reason to believe was standing in 1720, and possibly later. That there were other such houses in the town is more than probable, but these three are the only ones of which mention has been found in the writings. It is not known that any garrison house in Rye was ever attacked, but if a full record of all of them had been kept it would have made interesting history of the times.

ANECDOTES, TRADITIONAL AND HISTORICAL.

John Locke, who settled at Joslyn's Neck, which thereafter for more than two hundred years was known as Locke's Neck, was noted among the Indians for the daring and success with which he fought them, and was correspondingly hated by them in consequence. A raiding party of the savages from the eastward landed one night at the Neck, concealed their canoes in the bushes, and proceeded inland to some point that had been selected to be attacked. Going into the bushes Sunday morning to read his Bible in solitude, Locke discovered the canoes, and immediately cut generous gashes in them with his knife, in places where the cuts would not be seen at a glance. The Indians, on arriving back at the place where they had left their canoes, after their murderous expedition, found the canoes apparently all right, not discovering in the darkness that they had been tampered with; but as soon as they put off from the shore the canoes took in water so fast that they were compelled to hurriedly land again, and finding the canoes damaged beyond repair the savages were obliged to make their way eastward by land, suffering many hardships and losing several members of their party on the way. Afterward a party came from the eastward with the express purpose of killing Locke, and surprised him as he was reaping grain in his field, his gun being some distance away, standing against a rock. Securing pos-
session of his gun they shot him through the thighs, and he fell prostrate, but as the savages ran up to tomahawk and scalp him he struck at one of them with his sickle, and cut off the savage's nose. This Indian, it is said, was seen in Portsmouth several times, years later, after trouble with the Indians had ceased in this section, and it was from his account of the manner in which he received his mutilation that the circumstances of Locke's last fight with Indians were learned. The date of Locke's death was August 6, 1694.

Jonathan Locke, a grandson of John Locke of Locke's Neck, was born in 1720, and lived in a house built by himself on what is now Washington road, near the Center. One day seeing an Indian not very far from the house he raised the window in the westerly end a little way, propped it up by putting a hymn book under it, rested his musket on the window-sill, took careful aim and shot the red man dead. On being accused by one of his neighbors with killing an Indian in time of peace he replied that the Indians killed his grandfather, and he would kill an Indian whenever he had a chance. Jonathan Locke's house was taken down many years later, and the present residence of Dea. Jonathan Locke was built by him on its site.

Mark Randall's mother when a girl was carried away by the Indians and held in captivity nine years. She sometimes suffered terribly from lack of food, and on one occasion, it is said, having got a kernel of corn, she kept it in her mouth nine days, not daring to swallow it during that time, fearing it would be the last morsel she would ever get to eat.

On one of the Indian raids the savages came when Thomas Rand was out fishing, killed his father and other members of his household, and took several captives. On returning to land and learning what had occurred, Rand, who was an energetic and daring man, followed the marauding party, which was a small one, came upon them near Brackett's lane, fired upon them and put them to flight, thus rescuing their prisoners. Rand lived on the Wallis place.

An old lady named Rand, who was nearly blind, one day protested against her husband making a proposed trip to the
mill with a grist of corn, saying she felt that Indians were lurking in the neighborhood, and if she was left alone they would kill her. Her husband made light of her apprehensions, saying there were no Indians nearer than Winnipiseogee, and went to the mill with his corn. On his return he found his wife dead,—tomahawked and scalped by Indians during his absence.

The Mr. Berry who first settled on the General Brown place on Washington road (now the residence of A. H. Drake) used to go up there from Sandy Beach frequently to work. At that time Indians were numerous and hostile, and one day, when he was going or returning, he heard the report of a gun not far away, and a wild turkey fell dead in the path at his feet. He saw no Indians, and picking the turkey up carried it home.

A girl named Mary — was stolen by Indians from her home in Newcastle, but was not carried far by her captors, who remained in the woods in this vicinity, and procured milk for their prisoner, who was very young, by slyly milking the cows of the settlers in the pastures. Her father bought her back with a gallon of rum, and when grown to womanhood she married a man named Waters, who after a time deserted her and ran away. Later she lived in Rye many years, in the family of Col. Benjamin Garland, who kept the inn at the Center.

RYE IN WAR TIMES.

THE FRENCH WAR.

Rev. Huntington Porter, in his New Century discourse delivered Jan 1, 1801, said: “In the Canada or French war (so called), fourteen persons belonging to this town were killed or died in the service of their country,” their names being as follows: “Job Libbey, Richard Parsons, Thomas Rand, Stephen Rand, Stephen Palmer, Joseph Chase, John Jenness, Simeon Wells, Joseph Towle, William Shannon, John Locke, John Berry, and Caleb Berry, and one whose name is unknown.”

There is probably no list or record in existence giving the names of all the persons belonging to this town who served in that war. It was a war between England and her American
colonies, on the one side, and France and her colonies on the other. Quebec was captured by General Wolfe's forces in 1759, and the conquest of Canada was completed the following year. Rev. Mr. Porter, writing only forty years after the close of the war, would be able to make up his record of the dead from information supplied by their families or friends; that he had no full official list is indicated by his failure to discover the name of one of the decedents. There is no record of a company having been raised in Rye to serve in that war; but a considerable proportion of the whole number of adult males in the town must have been engaged in it, when so large a number as fourteen lost their lives.

There is nothing in the town records in regard to the part taken in the war by the town of Rye or its residents, and but little in the Provincial Papers, from which the following extracts—all that could be found bearing on the subject—are taken:

Capt. Lock's Company from Rye at Fort.

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In House of Representatives May 21, 1747, the amount of the foregoing roll was ordered to be Paid.

In the House of Representatives:

Voted that such Inhabitants of the Towns of Portsmouth & Rye who are by Law subject to Common Muster & Military Exercises, them as are willing to be enlisted into the Service shall repair to Fort Wm & Mary ten days in a year and shall be by the Gunner & Quarter Master exercised in the Mounting, dismounting, levelling & firing the great guns.
THE REVOLUTION.

Jonathan Philbrick, Soldier, 1760.

In a petition dated March 24, 1761, James Philbrick stated that his son, Jonathan, was in the Province service as a private under Capt. Jeremiah Marston in the expedition against Canada in 1760; that he was taken sick at Crown Point. He asked for an allowance to pay for getting him home, and for the services of Dr. John Weeks of Hampton, which was granted to the extent of £4, 10s. sterling.

Joseph Towle, Soldier, 1761.

In a Petition dated Feb. 4, 1761, Jonathan Towle stated that his son, Joseph, was in the province service under the command of Capt. George March, in the expedition against Canada, and died on the way home, and "Everything he had was lost." He asked for an allowance, which was not granted.

THE WAR OF THE REVOLUTION.

We quote again from Rev. H. Porter's interesting and valuable New Century discourse: "In the late American Revolutionary war, or war with Great Britain, this town experienced the loss of thirty-eight of its inhabitants, partly by sea and the rest by land; most of them young men, dear to their friends, and for whom the tears of affection and condolence have yet scarcely ceased to flow." And his list of the lost, the only one in existence, so far as is known, is as follows:

John Lock
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John Rand
Edward Rendall
Samuel Rand
Ezekiel Lear
Jonathan Jenness
John Odiorne
William Hall
Richard Rand
Job Foss
Josias Rendall

Ephraim Rand
Michael Moulton
Richard Goss
Robert Morrison
Robbison Trefethen
Jonathan Goss
Joseph Trefethen
Ephraim Hall
Thomas Foy
John Lear
Aaron Seavey
John Rendall

Christopher Gould
Samuel Knowles
Tobias Trundy
Joseph Hall
Stephen Rand
Samuel Seavey
William Marden
Nathaniel Tucker
Samuel Moulton
Abraham Clifford
William Foss
Richard Tucker

and two blacks, Nimshi and Prince.

The first reference to the approaching conflict to be found in the town records is under date of July 16, 1770, when Joseph Parsons, Mark Randall, and Joseph Brown were "chosen committee men to stand by the Sons of Liberty."

In 1774, July 18, "chose Sam'l Knowles and Samuel Jenness
to go to Exeter to make choice of delegates to go to the Continental Congress, and voted to raise £3 towards paying the delegates that shall be chosen to go to the Continental Congress and to pay the charges of the men going to Exeter. Richard Jenness entered his dissent to the above."

In May, 1775, twelve minute-men were enlisted from Rye and went to Cambridge, Mass. Who these men were, or what organization they were attached to at Cambridge, is unknown, as no list of their names or record of their service is to be found. The town's action in regard to these minute-men is recorded as follows:

Voted, That twelve minute men be enlisted to go on any expedition that a committee shall think proper. Chose Joseph Parsons, Jeremiah Locke, Nathan Goss, Sam' Knowles, Benjamin Garland, Joseph Jenness, and Wm Seavey said committee, and as a committee of Inspection, and to have power to send the minute men on any expedition they think proper. Voted, the minute men exercise ½ day in a week and have two shillings each for every time they exercise. And that the committeemen enlist and discharge the men when they think proper, and that the minute men have 40 shillings per month from the time they are ordered on any expedition till they return, and that the committee shall find the minute men powder, balls, and provisions when out on any expedition.

A call having been made for more troops at Newcastle, to protect Portsmouth harbor, Joseph Parsons raised a volunteer company of which the following is the muster roll, all the members of the company except Abraham Clifford and James Ryan having been residents of Rye:

Joseph Parsons, Captain Timothy Berry, Serg't  
William Seavey, 1st Lieut Samuel Knowles, do  
Nathan Goss, 2d Lieut  
Abraham Libby, Serg't  
Alexander Salter, do  

Privates

Joseph Rand  
Samuel Jenness, Jr  
Job Brown  
Nathan Towle  
Peter Jenness  
Nimshi Locke  
\{ an Indian or negro

Elijah Lock  
James Seavey  
Joshua Rand  
Abraham Matthews  
Tobias Friendly  
Stephen Rand  
Richard Jenness  

Jeremiah Berry, Corporal  
Peter Johnson, Drummer  
Henry Shapley, Corporal  
William Rand, do  
Joshua Locke, do  

Robert Morrison  
John Jenness  
John Lock  
Edward Randall  
Jacob Tibbetts  
Thomas Lang
This company, which was stationed at Fort William and Mary during the summer and fall of that year, was, so far as is known, the first company organized for service in the Revolutionary war from Rye. And at the close of the company's term of service at the fort, most of its members enlisted under Captain Parsons and went to Cambridge, Mass., where they remained until February 1, 1776.

It is more than probable that Captain Parsons was one of the party that, under the leadership of John Langdon, on the 14th of December, 1774, assaulted and captured Fort William and Mary, overpowered the garrison—a feeble garrison indeed, but representing the authority and power of the crown—hauled down the British colors, and took from the magazine about one hundred barrels of powder, part of which afterward rendered good service at Bunker Hill. It is certain that men from Rye were in the assaulting party. Governor Wentworth, in a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated December 20, 1774, giving the most complete account of the seizure of the fort that any official document affords, says the Portsmouth party "went to the island, and, being found there by the inhabitants of Newcastle and Rye, formed in all a body of about four hundred men," and took the fort and hauled down the king's colors. He does not name any individuals of the party, and the names of but few are positively known: Concerning the second visit to the fort, on the night of December 15, by the party which took away the light cannon and small arms, the governor in the same letter says that party was led by John Sullivan, who came down from Durham that day; but in connection with the assault and capture of the fort on the 14th, "the first overt act of the American Revolution," he is silent as to the personal identity of the assailants.

But among them were "the inhabitants of Rye," and this in all likelihood included the Sons of Liberty of the town and the three men—Joseph Parsons, Mark Randall and Joseph Brown.
—who four years previous had been "chosen committeemen to stand by" them. On that day, as stated by Governor Wentworth and other authorities, the Sons of Liberty of Portsmouth paraded the streets of that town with drum and fife as early as twelve o'clock, collecting men to make the assault; and a letter written by a Portsmouth man, and published at the time, says "two hundred men immediately assembled and went to the Castle, in two gondolas, who on their way were joined by one hundred and fifty more," etc. Captain Cochran, who commanded the fort, in his report of the affair to Governor Wentworth, dated the day of the assault, said: "About three o'clock the fort was beset on all sides by upwards of four hundred men." The people throughout New England were intensely excited at that time, and none more so than those of this section; to carry from Portsmouth to Rye the news that the Sons of Liberty were parading the streets of the former town, preparatory to an attack on the fort, would take a horseman but a short time; and the three hours that elapsed between the parading of Portsmouth's streets with the drum and fife, and the attack upon the fort, afforded ample time for persons many miles away to get there in time to take part in the assault. It is no straining of probabilities to assume that the Sons of Liberty of Rye and their "standbys," as well as those of Newcastle, helped make up the one hundred and fifty men who joined the Portsmouth party on the latter's way to the fort, and that Rye was well represented by its patriotic residents in an act characterized by Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., in the following often quoted terms:

"The daring character of this assault cannot be overestimated. It was an organized investment of a royal fortress, where the king's flag was flying, and where the king's garrison met them with muskets and artillery. It was four months before Lexington, and Lexington was resistance to attack, while this was a deliberate assault. When the king heard of this capture it so embittered him that all hope of concessions was at an end. It made war inevitable."

Every man who took part in that affair placed his neck in a
noose by doing so, and no doubt most of them realized this; it is not to be wondered at that they did not take pains to place themselves on record as having been participants.

The following, from the Revolutionary papers at Washington, indicates the character of the employment of the Rye volunteers at Fort William and Mary during the summer of 1775:

Rye Account for Bounties, &c. paid to Rev. Soldiers.

To 162 days on the Battery at Portsmouth Harbour in 1775.

To 48 days moving Guns from Jerrys Point in 1775, at 3s.

To their 7 days building Barrack, at 3s.

The following is a roll of Capt. Joseph Parsons' company, mustered in at Portsmouth, November 22, 1775, which proceeded to Cambridge "and served until the evacuation of Boston," as an endorsement attests, the roll being copied from the original in the Bureau of Pensions at Washington, D. C.:*

| Joseph Parsons, Captain       | Joseph Seavey, Serje |
| William Seavey, 1st Lieut     | Simon Johnson, Corporal |
| Nathan Gilman, 2d Lieut       | Benjamin Lang, do |
| Samuel Wallis, Ensign          | John Foss, do |
| Abraham Libbey, Serje         | Richard Webster, do |
| Alexander Salter, do           | Joseph Marden, Drummer |
| Josiah Hall Bartlett, Serje    | Nathaniel Marden, Fifer |

Samuel Murry         Solomon Varrill         James Libby
Michael Dalton       Nathaniel Lear          John Foye
Nathaniel Tucker     Michael Moulton        James Randall
George Randall       Abraham Mathis         Semion Tole
Isaac Remick         Benoni Rand            Lott Wedgewood
Joseph Hall          John Varrill           Robert Mitchell
John Blunt           Edward Varrill         David Collcutt
Mark Randall         Henery Shapley          Jonathan Folsom
Richard Lock         Mark Foss              John Bartlett
James Seavey         William Trefatheren     William Buley
John Sherborn        John Rand              David Wiggins
Tobias Trundy        Edward Randall         Joseph Colcutt
John Rand            John Odiorn            Smith Chapman
Samuel Rand          Nimshy Lock, an Indian Walter Meal (Neal)
Andrew Sherburn      or negro Benjamin Stevens

To the Committee of Safety of the Colony of New Hampshire—Gentlemen: agreeable to Your order I have this day Mustered the Within Named Persons, they being good, able bodied and Effective Men and well accoutred.

Jo* Cilley, Muster Master.

This was one of the companies of minute men enlisted by order of the Committee of Safety dated October 12, 1775, some of which went to Winter Hill in December.

*Nathaniel Marden and Samuel Marden, In the Year 1775 were sick eight or ten days and Samuel Marden died being in the American servis and under Doctor hall Jacksons Care and the nursing of Samuel Marden £0—18—0 and Nathaniel nursing £1—0—0

They were in Capt. Joseph Parsons Company Wingates Regiment.

In the roll of Captain Parsons’ company that went to Cambridge, Nathaniel Marden is named as fifer and Samuel Marden as a private. The name of Samuel Marden does not appear in Rev. H. Porter’s list of Rye men who lost their lives in the war, though the official records prove that it should be there. Mr. Porter’s list was made up less than twenty years after the close of the war, but he probably depended mainly on the memories of the people in making it up, having little, if any, documentary evidence to assist him. That Samuel Marden’s name should be included in the list of the honored dead is certain.

†It is ordered that all Ye Inhabitants from Wm SeaviestoSandy beach to Little harbo shallbe undr Ye Comand of Ye Capt of Ye fort on Gr't Island & to be called forth by him to Ye exercise of Armes & such Exegents as may happen on any allarum at s'ffort.

*Rev. Rolls.
†Prov. Papers, 1775.
Rye.

1775 August 31. Disbursted for the Soldiers Enlisted in this Parish of Rye by the Select Men of 4th Parish, viz:

To one Blanket @ 13/2
" Four Ditto @ 12/
" Ten Ditto @ 11/

the Amount £ 8, 11, 0

Nathan Goss, Selectman

Exeter Septem' 2nd 1775. Received the Contents of Samuel Brooks. Nathan Goss.

†The following is a just account of the Poll tax the Non Commission officers and Soldiers pay to this Colony who were in the Continental Army in the Year 1775 from the Parish of Rye and still remain in the service.

Eight Soldiers at 1/8d price
Rye June Ye 30, 1776

Samuel Wallis
Francis Jenness
Selectmen

§In January, 1776, a committee was chosen by the town “to draw up a petition to the General Congress at Exeter that they would not assume Government at present; consisting of Richard Jenness Esq, Emos Seavey Esq and Robinson Treferrin Esq;” and March 27 it was “Voted Richard Jenness Esq, Samuel Knowles, Samuel Wallis, Richard Jenness, Simon Garland, Abraham Libbey and Jeremiah Berry be a committee of inspection, and the major part of them to act.”


We the Subscribers Dwe in List in the American Servis Vnder Mr Nathaniel Rand for oueir Captain or Lefnt

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mark
timothy Berey
James Lock
noar Shirboun
Solomon Verel

Samuel Morrison
Richd Rand
Elecq Lear
Elijah Tucker
Gashiem Loumbey
Nathl Harris
Henry Long

Tobq Trundy
Joseph Rand
Thomas Lang
John Lear
John Blunt
James Koyen
Stephen Barton

†Rev. Rolls, 1776.
‡Town Records, 1776.
Benjamin Marden, Jr
John Rand
James Seavey
Joshua Rand
John X Verrill
William Rand
Mark Rendall
Samuel Hunt
Samuel Molton

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Jonathan Dow
William Trefethin
Nathl L Tucker
Alexander Morrison
Henry Shapley
Nathaniel Lear
Peter grant

Leevey Gooss
Nathaniel Jording
John Trefetherin Jr
Stephen Lawry
Job foss
Joseph Yeaton
Samuel Rand
Nathaniel Tucker Jr
George Rendell
Joseph horl

*We the subscribers, do hereby solemnly engage and promise, that we will to the utmost of our Power at the Risque of our Lives And Fortunes, with Arms, oppose the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies against the United American Colonies.

Samuel Jenness
Wm Davidson
James Perkins
Jonathan Brown
Isaac Dow
Moses Seavey
Saml Seavey Jun
Robinson Treferrin
Nathan Towl
Saml Seavey
Jeremiah Berry Jun
Benjamin Garland
Nathan Goss
Peter Johnson
James Locke
Joel Ame
Jonathan Berry
Samuel Knowls Jun
William Seavey
Samuel Hutching
Joseph Rand
Arthur Libbee
Amos Seavey
James Seavey
Daniel Moulton
Thomas Wasson
William Seavey

Joshua Lock
James Goss
John Blunt
Levi Towle
Simeon Towle
Jonathan Lock
Trustham Sleeper
John Jenniss
Francis Jenniss
Jon Jenniss
Francis Jenniss
Job Brown
Bickford Lang
Nicholas Dolbeer
Joseph Seavey
James Hobbs
George Randall
Joseph Hall
Jonathan Towl Jun
Jacob Berry
David Smith Jun
Joseph Marden
Nathaniel Rand
Samuel Doust Foss
Paul Seavey
John Webster
Alexander Lear

Olem Lowell Jun?
Samuel Wells
Jonathan Goss
Merrifield Berry
Joseph Parsons
Benjamin Marden
Nathaniel Marden Jun
Samuel Marden
Robart Marden
Robert Saunders
Robert Saunders Jun
William Marden
Samuel Murray
Simon Johnson
Ben Marden
Job Foss
Alexander Salter
John Lock Jun
Benjamin Marden
Jeremiah Lock
Joseph Lock Jun
Richard Lock
Richard Lock 3d
Joseph Lock
Ebenezar Wallis
Joseph Rand
Mark Randall
Samuel Wallis

*Prov. Papers, 1776.*
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*Colony of New Hampshire,
Rye, July 5, 1776.

Searjeant Samuel Elkins: You are hereby required to Warn all persons belonging to Your district, to Meet at Mr. Benjamin Garland, Inn holder in said Parish, on Monday next at eight o'clock before noon, armed and equipped according to law in order to draft out Soldiers to join the Northern Army. And it is hoped every person who Values his life, liberty or property will punctually attend.

Joseph Parsons, Captain.

July 9, Rye. I have received orders from Col. Josh Wentworth for a Mediate Caul for the Committee to be togeather. You are desired to be at Mr. Abraham Libbees this day at six of the Clock afternoon. Richard Jenness Jr, chairman. Mr. Simon Garland.

July—Voted to raise money to pay the soldiers now gone to Crown Point to join Genl Sullivan, by vote.


Roll of Capt. Joseph Parsons' Company in Col. David Gilman’s regiment, commencing December 5, 1776, and ending March 11, 1777, inclusive:†

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*Town Records, 1776.
†Capt. Parsons' Papers.
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Geo Rundlett  Samuel Rand  David Remick
Robert Humville  Nathaniel Rand  Edward Varell
Benjamin Leavitt  William Rand  Eliphalet Veasey
Mark Maloon  James Neal  Archd Campbell

This is a true roll.  Joseph Parsons, Captain.

*Roll of Capt. Joseph Parsons
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It appears that the company went to New York, and served three months and eleven days.

†We the subscribers acknowledge this receipt of Forty eight shillings each from the first foot Company in the Parish of Rye, Commanded by Capt Joseph Parsons, which sum of Money is in Addition to the Continental Bounty all ready by us Rec’d for our Engaging as a part of the Proportion of men to be supplied by said first Company towards Compleating the Continental Army, the sums of forty eight Shillings each we this day Rec’d by the hands of Mr Nathan Goss.  Exeter, 2 April, 1777.

James Randall  his  John Norton
John Harrington  James X Worcester  his
Josiah Haw  mark  John X Marden  mark
Henry Langmaid

[Rye was to furnish 161 Men to fill up the three Continental Regiments, March, 1777.]

‡To the Honourable the General Court Conven’d at Portsmouth this 7th day of June A. D. 1785.

The Petition of Peter Ackerman of Rye in the State of New Hampshire and County of Rockingham Humbly Shews that Your petitioner Enlisted a Soldier in Capt Beel’s Company, Col Scamels Regt in the Year 1777 for the term of three Years; that on the 19th day of September, 1777, at the Battle of Bemous’ Heights, Your Petitioner was wounded by a Musket Ball entering at his Elbow and coming out at his Shoulder.

Rye, June Ye 7th, 1785.  Peter Ackerman

[Dr. Hall Jackson Certified the truth of the foregoing, and the legislature voted Ackerman twenty Shillings per Month.]


Joseph Lock age 22 Capt Bell’s Co.
Jonathan Lock 20 Blodgett’s Co.
Abraham Clifford age 22

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†Capt. Joseph Parsons' pay roll, Sept. 8, 1777, Col. Senter's Battalion.

Samuel Seavey  David Shaw  Richard Durgin
Josiah Lock    Benjamin Dow     David Miller
Ezekiel Knowles Robert Marshall  Levi Sanborn
Thomas Arnold  Daniel Weare    Benjamin Rand
Amos Eaton     Wm Mugridge     Jeremiah Brown
Caleb Brown    Benj* Young     John Going
Jeremiah Folsom James C. Dearborn
David Thomson  John Blake      Arthur Meloy
Benjamin Leach Levi Blake      Wm Haskell
Josiah Blake   Jewett Sanborn  Josiah White
Simon Lock     Abraham Shaw    Samuel Beck
Jonas Prescott Joseph Palmer  Samuel Philbrick
John Tilton    Benj* Swain Jr  Nathan Haines
Benjamin Swain Rowland Carr   John Dame
John Holbrook  Humphrey Flood  Levi Berry
Jeremiah Swain Thomas Sweet   Jonathan Goss
Robert Maxfield Alexander Lear
Abner Lock     William Wallis  John Nutter
Wm Palmer     David Philbrick  Richard Webster
Abraham Libbey Nathaniel Jenness
Job Haskell    Joel Leighton   Elisha Thomas
Joshua Brown  John Rollins    James Neil

†Capt. Joseph Parsons' roll of Dec. 18, 1777, Col. Senter's Battalion.

Joseph Dow, Lieut  John Holbrook  Jeremiah Brown
Jonathan Leavitt, Ensign L Blake    William Magrudge
A Gibbee         Josiah Blake    James Neal
Simon Towle     Jonathan Prescott
Job Haskell      Joseph Palmer
Joel Leighton Sergent Jonathan Goss
Benjamin Swain  (deserted Dec. 17) Abner Lock
Jeremiah Swain  John Nutter    D Philbrick

*Town Records, 1777.
†Capt. Parsons' Papers.
‡Capt. Parsons' Papers.
This company's service in Rhode Island was from June 26, 1777, to Jan. 6, 1778. One march of fifty miles was made in thirteen hours. August 3, 1778, Captain Parsons marched a company of volunteers to Rhode Island, but was in service that time only thirty days.

*Feb'y 3, Voted that the Articles of Confederation be accepted.  
Voted the form of Government stands as it is.  
Voted Nathan Goss, Ozem Dowrst Jr. and Simon Jenness be a Committee.

Apl 20, Chose Capt. Joseph Parsons to go to the Concord Convention for the sole purpose of forming and laying a permanent plan or system of Government for the future happiness and well being of the good people of this state.

Dec. —, Chose Capt. Joseph Parsons to Represent them in the General Assembly at Exeter in December for one year from the first setting to pursue such measures as they may think necessary for the Public good, and to Vote for members to represent us of this state in the Continental Congress.

†Voted Capt. Joseph Jenness & Capt. Joseph Parsons be a Committee of Safety to get our quota of Men during the War or for one year to fill up the Continental Army, and one quota to go to Providence in Rhode Island.


Sept. 16, Voted Capt. Joseph Parsons be the man to go to the Concord Convention to adopt some mode in order to give stability to our sinking Currency.

†Dec 5, Voted the Selectmen shall stop so much of the Continental Taxes as shall pay for the beef that is raised for the Continental Army.

*Town Records, 1778.
†Town Records, 1779.
‡Town Records, 1780.
Feb'y 1, Chose Capt. Joseph Jenness, Capt. Joseph Parsons, Lieut. Nathan Goss, Mr. Peter Garland, David Lock & Benjamin Garland and Mr. Abraham Libbee to get Soldiers and hire Men for the Continental Army, and Selectmen to find Money.

Feb. 12, Lieut. Richard Brown chosen Committee Man.

By order of the Committee of Safety a company of thirty-two men to serve three months was raised September 11, 1781, by Captain Parsons, and marched to No. 4, Charlestown, but served only one month and twenty-five days.

†Return Roll of Men raised from the first Regiment of Militia to serve three Months by order of the Hon'ble Committee of Safety Sept 11, 1781.

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†Master Roll of a Company of men Commanded by Captain Joseph Parsons in Col. Runnel's Regt of the New Hampshire Militia,

Charlestown, November 24, 1781.

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*Town Record, 1781.
†Rev. Rolls, Three-Months Men, 1781.
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Reuben Rundlett do Stratham
Isaac Moore, Drummer do Portsmouth
John Dearbon, Fifer Greenland
Enoch Butler Private Portsm
Joseph True do Portsmouth
Jeremiah Avery do Portsmouth
Samuel Cates Seabrook
Thomas Ayers do Portsmouth
Solomon Rundlett do Portsmouth
William Marden do Portsmouth
William Ham do Portsmouth
Ezekiel Knowles do Portsmouth
Theodore Marston do Portsmouth
Jonathan Blue do Portsmouth
Company discharged Nov 25,

Joseph Parsons Captain

Charlestown Nov 24, 1781. The Within Company were Mustered before Me—Daniel Reynolds, Lt. Col. Com'dt.

Rockingham ss, Dech'r 26th, 1781. The truth and Justice of this roll was sworn to before me.

James Betton, Just. Peace.

*Dec. 31. Voted Joseph Parsons David Lock, Samuel Knowles Nathan Goss Jeremiah Lock Esq and John Foye be a Committee to peruse the plan of Government offered to our Consideration and make report to this Meeting at their next adjourned Meeting.

A return of the Soldiers in the Continental Army engaged during the War for the Town of Rye.

Simon Knowles of Rye
David Morgan of Rye
James Worcester of Goramtown
John Norton
Abraham Clifford of Rye, Shot,
Joshua Locke of Rye, deserted,

Exeter, May 29, 1781.

A true Return:

Cæsar Wallis was a negro slave owned by Lieut. Samuel Wallis. He and his wife, Phyllis, after the liberation of the

*1781. Town Records.
slaves, went to Salem, Mass., but finding the delights of freedom fewer than its cares and burdens the pair returned to Rye and passed the remainder of their lives on the Wallis place, now owned by the heirs of Prof. James Parsons, dying there at a great age, and being buried on the farm. Caesar and Phyllis Wallis were the last slaves held in Rye. The dates of their deaths cannot be given, but it was probably some time after 1800. The late William Tucker of Portsmouth, a grandson of Lieut. Wallis, who was born on the Tucker place on Elwyn road, within a few feet of the Rye line, and died in 1864, at the age of seventy-three years, used to relate that many times when he was a child, but old enough to remember the circumstances distinctly, he was carried from his home on Caesar's shoulders to the Wallis farm to pass the day, and returned by the same mode of conveyance at night. According to his memory the ex-slave was a man of powerful physique, and although at that time evidently very old was still possessed of great strength and endurance.

*Jan. 4, Voted to accept the report of the Committee by a Vote of 36 for and 9 against.

Apl. 19, Voted Capt. Joseph Jenness and Mr. Richard Webster Committee to get Soldiers for the Army.

July 8, Voted Capt. Joseph Parsons, Capt. Joseph Jenness and Mr. David Lock shall be a Committee to get Soldiers for to fill up the Battalions for three years or during the War.

Voted Said Committee shall pay in any sort of pay Yearly as they shall agree with the soldiers for that purpose.

Voted the Constable shall go about and gather what money he can in order to hire Soldiers and let the Committee have it.

Dec. 2, Lieut. Nathan Goss chosen Representative for one year from then first Meeting and to vote in the choice of delegate to the Continental Congress.

Voted ten men for the Constitution and 17 against it.

Apl. 28, Voted To preserve the present plan of Government as it now stands, by a Vote of 33 for it and 9 against it.

March 22, Voted Samuel Jenness Esq to represent the parish of Rye and town of New Castle in General Assembly to be holden at Concord, on the first Wednesday of June next.

*Joseph Parsons of Rye appointed 2d Major of the First Regt of Militia Aug. 13, 1785.

*Town Records, 1782.

* N. H. State Papers, 1785.
Engaged himself under Capt. Robert Parker the 12th of September 1775 at Fort Sullivan in the Harbor of Portsmouth til the 2d of November and then under Capt. Joseph Parsons till the 12th—And then enlisted under Capt. Parsons for two months from said 12 of November, but was discharged there Dec. 2, and then enlisted to go to Cambridge under Genl. Putnam and was there until the first day of February and then discharged and arrived home the 3d of February 1776. Enlisted March 25 1776 under Lieut. William Cooper in Capt. James Calfe's Company and passed muster March 28, 1776, in the town of Rye and afterwards at Exeter. Chosen Corporal July 23—and was discharged from Capt. Calfe's Company Sept. 17, 1776, and was stationed at New Castle under Col. David Gilman.

Enlisted Sept. 23 under Col. Joshua Wentworth to go to New York as substitute for Simon Johnson Marched 27 September, under Capt. Jonathan Robinson and Col. Tash and arrived at the highlands New York October 16. Marched from Fish Kills the head quarters Nov. 9, with one hundred and twenty eight tories, arrived at Exeter the 22 and put part of the tories in Exeter Jail, thence to Dover with the remainder of the tories and lodged them in Jail the 26, and thence home to Rye the 27, November 1776.

Enlisted under Captain Joseph Parsons at Rye and Lt. Col. Senter July 5, 1777 marched to Portsmouth and passed muster—August 8. Commenced our March for Rhode Island Sept. 12 arrived at Boston the 13th to Providence the 15th to Worwich the 16 and there quartered to October 8, thence arrived on the 10 at Swanzey the 13 Howlands Ferry. 14 Little Compton 16 Tiverton 5 miles out and 5 miles back—19 to Foylon and laid out in the woods, then to Little Compton 26 set out for Rhode Island, 28 Captain Parsons taken sick—Nov 7 our Company marched and left Capt. Parsons to Worwich 8 to Little Compton, 12 to Howlands Ferry, 13 to Little Compton—20 Doctor Richmond drew a tooth for him—thence back and forth to Dec. 7, when he was at Little Compton, the 9th marched to Worwich by the way of Providence fifty miles in thirteen hours—12 at Worwich 14 at Little Compton, 19 to Swasey 20 miles—20th to Worwich 30 miles, the 21—Capt. Joseph Parsons was again able to join his Company at Worwich—26 commenced our March for home, 27 to Roxbury, 28 Salem 29 to Newbury Bridge—30 to Rye—Time out Jan. 6, 1778, 5 mos & 29 days was no where under the Command of Lieut. Col. Senter—

On August 1 1778 Marched for Rhode Island under Capt. Joseph Parsons as Volunteer and under Genl. William Whipple—to Ipswich the 6—34 Miles to Roxbury the 7. 34. miles—to Rehoboth the 8—38 miles—9th to Rhode Island 12 miles—23d to Swanzey 12 miles—24 to Rhode Island—27 to Norton—28 to Danvers, 29 to Rye. Served 23 days on this Campaign.
Feb. 26, Richard Webster sailed in Privateer *Portsmouth* under Capt. Robert Parker. Mch. 25, took a prize, a Brig from New York, of 10 Guns, and then had a fight with two ships, one Man Killed, one wounded; 29th took a Brig from Cork, went on board and got into Portsmouth April 20, 1777.

Jan. 12, Richard Webster of Rye intered on board Brig **"True Blue,"** Capt. Lawrence Furlong, sailed the 13th—14 to Casco Bay—26th sailed for a Cruise, 27th taken by the *Venus* and the *Apollo* and was put on board the *Venus*. Feb. 26 arrived at Rhode Island—27 put in Prison ship, Mch 30 redeemed by Cartel from New London. Apl 6 to Preston, 26 to Providence, 27 to Dedham, 28 to Ipswich, 29 to Rye.

*Relative to Continental Soldiers; addressed to the General Court June 10, 1783.*

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye in the state afore-said Humbly Shews—That Your Petitioners at the Commencement of the late War had their Proportion of Continental Soldiers Liquidated to them according to the Number of Polls in Sd Parish which made their Quota for the three Regiments twenty one men—Afterwards when the other Regulations took place and every town sent their men according to the tax they paid (which we conceive is the only equitable way) Your Petitioners Quota for two Regiments was eleven Men which makes it Evident their Proportion for three Regiments at the Most wou’d have been but Sixteen Men and one half—Therefore we had three Men and one half in the Service for three Years more than our just Proportion—And were also obliged to send out the Militia in the same proportion which put us to such an Expence as we have never been able to extricate ourselves from to the present day—Your Petitioners conceiv’d at the Time it was more than their Equitable Proportion yet imprest with a Zeal to serve their Country they without hesitation raised every Man, except one and sent them into the Service.

Afterwards when by the Misfortunes of War we were deficient four Men the Honourble Court oder’d us by a Resolve, to raise Sd Men or pay into the Treasury of this State Eight hundred dollars which sum we are unable to pay—We trust Your Honours upon Examination will find if the above representations be fact which we are ready to prove that we have had three men and one half in the service for three years more than our just proportion and are deficient four Men the remaining part of the time by which it appears we have had more than our full proportion of Men in the Service during the War Comparing one time with Another.

Also by being a Frontier Town we were expos’d to the frequent insults of the Enemy and were obliged to guard the Sea Coast a Considerable time at our own Expence, besides a Number of our Seafaring men engag’d on Board

Continental Ships and others of Private Property which depriv'ed Us of their Assistance and threw an additional Burden upon us—as we have always been ready to assist even beyond our Abilities in bringing about this important Era we would by no means shrink back or endeavor to throw any part of the Burden from our Shoulders on others but are entirely willing to pay our full part of the Expence—but no more—

Relying on the justness of our Cause Your Petitioners humbly pray Your Honours would take the same into Your serious Consideration and remit the foregoing Sum or redress them in such way as You in Your great Wisdom Shall see meet and Your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Joseph Parsons
David Lock
Isaac Dow

*Petition relative to Military Grievances: Addressed to the General Court Feb. 9, 1785.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye Humbly Shews—That Your Petitioners by Virtue of an Act passed the last session of the General Assembly, were dissolved from their Connection with the first Regt in this state and joined with the Regt Commanded by Col Moulton which is very inconvenient to the Town in many respects—Your Petitioners before the Commencement of the late War were an Independant Company—After the War began they were joined to the 1st Regt which though it was not so agreeable to the Town yet considering the difficulty of the Times they acquies'd in it and would still have remained happy in their station had not Your Honours seen cause to have alter'd their situation which besides other inconveniences it maketh our travel more than double—Your Petitioners can't conceive the Reason why they should be singled out as the only Time-serving Company in the state this being the Fifth Time they have been shifted about from one Reg't and station to another which they conceive has not been the Case with, any other Company in this State or even on the Continent—Being conscious that the have always discharged their Duty in every measure that tended to the Public good they imagine the Method now adopted will be a means of breaking up the peace and good order that now subsists in the town—Your Petitioners therefore pray Your Honours would restore them to the Station they were in before the War in being an Independent Company as they conceive there is the same reason for their being an Independent Company now there was then (as they never forfeited the Birth) But if that should be found inconsistent with the Public Weel Your Petitioners pray they may have the Liberty of reuniting with the 1st Regt again or if Your Honours for any particular Reason should not see cause to grant the prayer of this petition Your Petitioners pray they may have a day thereon and Your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

THE REVOLUTION.

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William Verrill
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Robert Saunders Juner
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John Seavey
Amos Seavey
Samuel Wallies
James Seavey
William Seavey
John Foye
William Berry
Robert Sanders
Simon Knowles
William Sanders
John Foss
Job Foss
Joseph Hall
Israel Rand
Edward Hall
Richard Green
Timothy Berry
Edward Varrell
Joseph Yeaton
Rich'd Webster
Nathaniel Marden Juner
William Trefethen
Josiah Webster
William Marden
Bickford Lang
Benjamin Marden
Steven Marden
Alexander Salter
George Rendell
Joatham Berry
George Rendall Juner
William Yeaton
Nathaniel Foss
Abraham Matthews
Samuel Libbee
Joseph Rand
Thomas Lang
Sam'l Wallis Juner
John Varrill
Ebenezer Walliss
Daniel Mason
Dudley Norton
Nehemiah Molten
Samuel Morrison
Peter Ackerman
Jeremiah Berry
Levi Berry
Jonathan Hobbs
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Job Jenness
Rich'd Jenness Juner
John Browne
John Lock
David Smith
Sam'l Elkens
Sam'l Jenness
John Jenness Jr
Peter Jenness
Jonathan Jenness
James brown
Jonathan Wedgewood
James Dow
Joseph Jenness
Nathaniel Rand Juner
HISTORY OF RYE.

*The following extract taken from the *Portsmouth Oracle* of Saturday, Nov. 2, 1805, speaks highly of the efficiency of the Rye company at Greenland while being reviewed:

The second battalion of the first regiment, under command of Major Goss of Rye, was reviewed on Tuesday last at Greenland by Colonel Walker. A large concourse of spectators were highly gratified with the military appearance and conduct generally of the companies composing the battalion, but the Rye companies were distinguished. The light infantry, commanded by Captain Wedgewood, did themselves and their captain great honor by their discipline and expertness in the military exercise. It was not thirty days since the officers of this company received their commissions. Much credit is due to Captain Parsons for his exertions in uniforming and equipping his company. They acquitted themselves extremely well on the field. We would not make invidious distinctions, and can say with pleasure that the performance of the battalion was worthy of the first regiment of New Hampshire. The manoeuvring, forming, and displaying columns, etc., were conducted by Major Goss with ability and correctness. Colonel Walker, accompanied with Majors Sparhawk and Long, and the officers of the First battalion in their uniforms, was met by Captain Dearborn's company of cavalry, who formed a very handsome escort to Greenland. His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Colonel Elwyn and Colonel Harris, was present.


In the War of 1812 there were twenty men from Rye in the army or navy of the United States, two of whom lost their lives.

†In 1808 the town "Voted to give twenty-four dollars to a teacher for the instruction of Marshal Musich in the two Companies in this town." Also, in 1809, it was "Voted to give Twenty-four dollars for instructing Marshal Musich in the Two Companies."

In Capt. Robert Neal's company of artillery from Rye, drafted or volunteered for six months, were:

- Samuel Foss, drummer
- Benjamin Philbrick
- John Sanders
- Reuben Philbrick
- Joseph Locke, 5th
- Joseph Locke, 3d
- Richard R. Locke
- John Jenness
- Theodore Seavey
- James Brown
- and probably others.

† At a town meeting July 7, 1812, upon the question "To see what compensation they (the town) are willing to allow those men who are called

* Furnished by Wallace S. Goss.
† Town Records.
‡ Town Records.
upon to bear arms in the United States service," it was "Voted, To make up the Men ten dollars pr Month including United States pay."

Concerning Captain Berry’s and Captain Philbrick’s companies of light infantry it was "Voted, That the Selectmen shall deliver to each man that Col. Goss shall allow to have a good fire arm one half pound Powder and balls in proportion. Voted that each and every man that doth not return the same Powder and balls when demanded by the Selectmen of the Town shall pay the Town a fine of five dollars if they have not fired it away in action with the enemy."

In the notice of a town meeting for the first Monday in November was an article "To see what Method the Town will take to pay detached Men or Volunteers that are now in Military service." This meeting adjourned to Friday, Nov. 13, and then "Voted, That the Selectmen hire Money as Wanted to pay the detached Soldiers agreeable to the Vote passed July, A. D. 1812."

On the second Tuesday of March, 1813, it was "Voted, the Selectmen shall purchase one hundred weight of good Powder and Led in proportion for the use of the Town."

"Voted to give to each Man detached in Rye fourteen dollars a Month including United States pay, providing they are called into actual service to defend the United States.

"Voted to deposit the Powder and balls that the Selectmen are to get for the Town in the raff (roof) of the Meeting house."

State of New Hampshire § This may certify to whom it may concern that Rockingham, ss. § a Meeting was holden at Major Amos S. Parsons’ this day for the purpose of forming an Alarm list Company. We the Under-signed have subscribed our names to join said Company And after making choice of Joseph Parsons Esq” as Chairman, did proceed to the Choice of our officers as follows, viz.:*

Rye, N. H., March 8, 1813.

Jonathan Wedgewood, Captain  Jonathon Philbrick Jr Lieut
John Foye Jr Ensign  John Locke 2d do

Privates.

Joseph Locke Jr  Nathan Knowles  William Foss
John Foye  Benjamin Jenness  Richard Locke 3d
Richard Lang  William Mathes  Edward Hall
James Dow  Richard Locke Jr  Asa Locke
John Foss  John Webster  William Tucker
John Bragg  William Trefethen  David Rand
John B. Jenness  John Marston  Joseph Rand
John Mace  Samuel Mow  Simon Locke

* Alarm List, 1813. Thomas J. Parsons’ Papers.
Edward Verrill    Jonathan Hobbs    Levi Berry
George Randall    Nathaniel Foss    Henry Shapley
Levi Garland      Benjamin Lear    Daniel Mason
Joseph Locke      Robinson Foss    Dowst Rand
Andrew Clark      Isaac Remick     William Foye
Joseph Locke      Jeremiah Locke   Richard Webster
Joseph Goss       Nathaniel Jenness Simon Locke
Jonathan Jenness  Thomas Sleeper  Isaac Remick
Eliphalet Sleeper Joseph Jenness Jr Ebenezer Odiorne
John Garland 4th   Stephen Rand     were the sergeants
Joseph Garland    Josiah Davidson

The above is a true copy of said names.
Richard Webster, Clerk.

The service of this company commenced April 1st in 1813 and April 5th in 1814, and ended in November each year.

* May, 1813, the following stationed at Little Harbor under Lieut. John Foye:

Sam^ Randall    Henry Trefethern    Jonathan Woodman
Mark Webster     Benjamin Lear      Joseph Verrill
Samuel Verrill   Nicholas Mason    William Tucker
Ithmar Mace

† June 22, 1813, it was "Voted, That Col. Thomas Goss shall inspect the fire arms belonging to the Companies, viz.:
" Capt. Wedgewood's Alarm list Co^m, Capt. Berry's Light Infantry Co^m, and Capt. Philbrick's Infantry Com^f."

‡ Capt. Ephraim Philbrick's Company:

William Seavey   Samuel Tarlton    Richard Lang, Jr
Stephen Rand     Nicholas Mason    Samuel Marden
Joseph Rand      Josiah Batchelder John Jenness
John Brown       Levi D. Randall   Nathaniel G. Foye
John Brown 3d    Nat Trefethen     Reuel Garland
E. S. Wedgewood  James Philbrick  Joses Philbrick
Joseph Jenness Jr John Y. Remick   Joseph Trefethen
Jonathan Jenness 3d Daniel Rand    Daniel Mason
William S. Odiorne Thomas Foye     Josiah Marden
James Thomas     Samuel Shapley    Josiah Perkins
Joseph Goss      Ebenezer Marden  Simon Garland
Amos S. Garland  David S. Marden  David Rand

* Prov. Papers.
† Town Records.
‡ T. J. Parsons' Papers.
Richard Berry  Richard Jenness  Ephraim Seavey
Samuel Mason  Joseph Remick  Thomas Jenness
Joseph Philbrick  Joseph Philbrick Jr

BATTLE OF RYE HARBOR.

April 5, 1814, the British ships of war Juan and Tenedos were reported off this coast, in the vicinity of Salem, Mass., and on May 29 two warships anchored off the Rye shore, on what has ever since been known as Gunboat shoal. The following day, May 30, a barge from one of the men-of-war chased a coasting schooner into Rye harbor, and this brought on a fight which resulted in the barge being driven off. The Rye men were stationed behind a stone wall on Little Neck, and one of them named Mowe, a resident of the Neck, hailed the barge as it entered the harbor, the barge’s crew replying with a volley from small arms, which in turn was promptly answered by the muskets of the men behind the wall.

The bell on the meeting house rang out the alarm, and rumors of the landing of the enemy struck terror to the hearts of many of the people, some of whom hastily packed up the most valuable of their goods in readiness for flight into the interior. Word was sent to Portsmouth of the supposed invasion, and a company under command of Capt. Joshua W. Peirce started from there for Rye harbor, but were met on the way by a messenger with word that the enemy had been driven off, and thereupon turned back. One of the cannon stationed at the meeting house was started for the harbor at the first alarm, but the horses became balky and the cannon did not arrive in time to be of any service, the fight throughout being wholly with small arms on both sides. Dr. John W. Parsons, with his instruments, bandages, scraped lint, etc., started from his residence at the Center on horseback; his son, Thomas J. Parsons, and the latter’s cousin, Isaac D. Parsons, made a straight run for the harbor on foot, and did not stop running until they reached the salt marsh, where they halted to watch the popping of the muskets from the barge, which was in plain sight. Hundreds of people were on the Neck, including some from Portsmouth.
The Rye men behind the wall were under command of Gen. Thomas Goss, and some of them worked so briskly as to fire away the whole sixteen or eighteen rounds that had been supplied them by the town. It was reported at the time that the coxswain of the barge was shot, but it was never definitely learned whether he was killed or not. No one on the American side was harmed, and the coaster schooner later made her escape in the darkness to Portsmouth harbor.

*At a town meeting July 18, 1814, upon an article "To see what method shall be taken for the defense of the seaboard of this town," it was "Voted to choose a Committee of Safety of five," and "Gen'l Thomas Goss, Capt. William Seavey, Col. Amos S. Parsons, Peter Jenness Esq" and Capt. William Trefethern" were chosen such committee. It was further "Voted that the Men that guard the Seaboard shall have fifty cents a night; also

Voted that the Committee shall apply to the Governor to see what he will do for the defense of our seaboard."

† Capt. Wm. Marshall's company in Major Pierce P. Furber's detachment enlisted to serve 3 months:

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‡ At the town meeting held on the second Tuesday of March, 1815, it was "Voted to pay the men that guarded the seashore before the Town Meeting which was on the 18 July the same per night as they had which guarded after the Meeting, except the Rum which they had is to be taken out."

§ Capt. Samuel B. Berry's Company, Light Infantry:

| Samuel B. Berry | Jonathan Goss, Jr | Benjamin Berry |
| Simon Chesley | Billy Rand Jr. | Samuel Walker |
| Benjamin Dalton | John T. Rand | Jonathan Jenness |
| Saml Rand | Samuel Jenness Jr | Joshua Rand |
| Simon Jenness | Stephen Green | Simon Jenness Jr |
| John H. Webster | Charles Green | James Marden |
| Richard Foss | Benjamin Jenness | David Wedgewood |

* Town Records.
† Private Papers, 1814.
‡ Town Records, 1815.
§ Private Papers, 1814-'15.
Richard Jenness Jr  John L. Seavey  Ephraim R. Hall
David W. Jenness  Joseph Berry  Samuel Jenness
Samuel Marden Jr  Trundy Rand  Bickford L. Rand
Samuel Foss, drummer  David Wedgewood, fifer

Company of Cavalry, Capt. James Coleman:
Jonathan Brown  Jeremy Webster  Solomon Marden
Abraham Drake  Levi Garland Jr  Samuel J. Lock
Amos Seavey  John Rand  Nathan Knowles
Josiah Perkins

RYE MEN IN PRIVATEERS.

John W. Parsons left Rye for Boston on Nov. 27, 1814; sailed from Boston to Cape Ann, and sailed from Cape Ann as surgeon of the private armed ship Orlando, of Cape Ann, on a cruise. The Orlando, after capturing several prizes, arrived back at Cape Ann about the 20th of March, 1815, and Surgeon Parsons, on his return to Rye, was the first to bring the news of peace between Great Britain and the United States.

Richard Rand Locke of Rye sailed from Portsmouth in the privateer Thomas, which was captured by a British frigate and taken to Halifax, Locke being sent to England and confined in the noted Dartmoor prison, where he was a prisoner one year and nine months. Jonathan Goss of Rye was also captured in the Thomas, and died in Dartmoor prison of smallpox.

Robert Robinson, another Rye man, who was imprisoned at Dartmoor, was captured in a prize which had been taken by the privateer in which he sailed from port.

In December, 1814, Thomas Green and Samuel Caswell of Rye sailed from Portsmouth in the private armed ship Portsmouth, and never returned, the vessel, which was one of the largest and finest privateers that ever left Portsmouth harbor, having never been heard from after sailing.

Many other residents of Rye sailed in privateers during this war, but of course no record of this irregular service was kept.

THE CIVIL WAR—1861-'65.

Thomas J. Parsons' records show the following list of men in the national service from this town during the Civil war:
James Goss, Capt. 7th Regt.
J. A. Rand, Co. F, 7th Regt.
E. D. Rand, Co. F, 7th Regt.
John T. Blazo, 1st Regt.
William Caswell.
Albert Caswell.
Augustus Y. Rand, Navy.
John Caswell, Navy.
Oliver Locke, Navy.
John H. Downs, Navy.
R. P. Shapley, Co. M, 1st Cav.
L. W. Hall, Navy.
D. M. Foss, Navy.
Joseph Youngs, Co. D, 3d Regt.
H. Frisbee, Co. E, 9th Regt.
Francis Rand, Co. E, 9th Regt.
Died July 20, 1864.
J. W. Berry, Co. K, 13th Regt.
John Poole.
G. E. Caswell.
Gilman N. Varrell.
Emery Dow.
John Caswell.
George H. Lang, Army.
George Hurdy.
J. Mow.
Benjamin Blazo, Co. A, Lincoln Guards.
Samuel Young.
O. P. Philbrick.
—— Miller.
Woodbury W. Mace.
Charles A. Mace.
Alfred Lang, 32d Me.
George N. Lang, 17th Mass.
R. V. Varrell.
S. Tarlton.
Charles R. Caswell.
R. P. Shapley, reënlisted.
J. H. Shapley, reënlisted.
E. D. Rand, Capt., reënlisted.
J. A. Rand, Lieut., reënlisted.
G. W. Johnson, reënlisted.

The following persons enlisted in the navy:

Oliver Locke.
D. Trefethen.
J. W. Marden.
D. W. Marden.
G. Seavey.
F. Marden.
C. E. Garland.
A. Locke.
J. H. Locke.
A. G. Locke.
Charles A. Abbott.
Alfred M. Lang.
Woodbury C. Green.

The following, who were drafted, furnished substitutes, most of them receiving $300 each from the town:

Joseph W. Garland.
Charles W. Jones.
N. Gilbert Jenness.
Sheridan Jenness.
Samuel W. Jenness.
Simon L. Chesley.
Thomas E. Latham.
Thomas H. Philbrick.
A. Dana Jenness.
George W. Jenness.
C. Austin Jenness.
David W. Philbrick.
John S. Remick.
Uri H. Jenness.
Oren Drake.

The following nine months men were mustered in Oct. 22, 1862, the town paying a bounty of $200 each:

Thirty-one men were drafted from this town Aug. 21, 1863; the following were accepted and paid commutation:


The following were also drafted Aug. 21, 1863, but were exempt from service:


Rye Center, 1903.
THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR—1898.

Edward L. Johnson enlisted in the Twenty-third regiment, United States Light Artillery, but was not called upon to leave the country, and consequently saw no fighting.
### Record of Town Officers

**Moderators**

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Town Clerks.

1726-1738 Ebenezer Philbrick was the first clerk and held the office for thirteen years.
1739 Joseph Locke.
1740 Ebenezer Philbrick.
1741-1766 Stephen Marden held the office of clerk for twenty-six years in succession.
1767-1772 Jeremiah Berry.
1773-1775 Joseph Parsons.
1776-1779 Robinson Treferrin. 1846-1852 John A. Trefethern.
1796-1803 Richard Webster. 1857-1858 James M. Goss.
1804-1805 Simon Goss. 1859-1860 Woodbury C. Green.
1813-1823 Richard Webster. 1869-1871 Emery C. Jenness.
1824-1826 Jonathan Drake, Jr. 1872-1873 Langdon B. Parsons.
1827-1828 John W. Parsons. 1874-1875 Sylvanus W. Foss.
1829-1830 John A. Trefethern. 1876-1879 Oren S. Green.
1831-1832 Thomas J. Parsons. 1880 Erven W. Marden.
1833-1837 John A. Trefethern. 1881-1883 George S. Walker.
1838-1840 Joseph Rand, Jr. 1884-1887 John O. Drake.
1843-1845 Joseph Locke, 3d.

Town Treasurers.
1771 The first treasurer to handle the town's money was Samuel Jenness.
1771-1779 There is no treasurer recorded.
1879-1882 David Jenness.
1883-1887 Charles J. Brown.

Senators.
1827-1829 John Wilkes Parsons.
1835-1836 Thomas J. Parsons.
1878-1888 Emmons B. Philbrick.
1887-1888 David Jenness.

Representatives.
1726-1727 Captain Richard Jenness and his son Richard represented the town for many years.
1777 Nathan Goss.
1778-1780 Joseph Parsons.
1781 Samuel Jenness.
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1783 Samuel Jenness.
1784 Samuel Jenness to Concord.
1785-1786 Do not find any record in regard to representative.
1787-1792 Voted not to send a representative.
1845-1846 Ivory Brown. 1865-1866 Orin Drake.
1847-1848 Elvin Rand. 1867-1868 William J. Rand.
1853-1854 William Seavey. 1873-1874 Albert M. Walker.
1855-1856 Reuben P. Jenness. 1875-1876 Nathaniel Marden.
1857-1858 William Holmes. 1877-1878 Moses Clark.

Col. Thomas J. Parsons.

(Under Biennial Elections.)

1879 Oliver P. Jenness. 1887 Emery C. Jenness.
1881 Warren Caswell. 1889 Charles H. Rand.
1883 Joseph J. Drake. 1891 Joseph G. Jenness.
1885 John S. Remick. 1893 Emery Woodman.
For the first few years there were probably selectmen appointed or elected for the Newcastle and for the Hampton side.

1729. Richard Jenness, John Knowles, Richard Goss, ——“Odorn.”
1730. Joseph Locke, Samuel Seavey, Joshua Foors (Foss), Isaac Libby, Ebenezer Philbrick.
1731. “James Soauv” (Seavey), Samuel Soauv (Seavey), Daniel Moulton.
1733. Jonathan Locke, Jacob Loibe (Libby), Jonathan Moulton.
1734. Richard Jenness, Joseph Locke, Ebenezer Berry, Thomas Rand, Jr.
1737. Ebenezer Philbrick, James Marden, Joseph Locke.
1738. John Jenness, Jr., William Soauv (Seavey), William Berry (probably resigned), Richard Jenness, Joseph Marden, elected at adjourned meeting.
1740. James Soauv (Seavey), John Jenness, Jr., Isaac Loobi (Libby).
1741. Ebenezer Berry, John Dolbee, Stephen Marden.
1744. Richard Jenness, Jonathan Locke, Josiah Webster.
1748. Ebenezer Berry, Joseph Locke, Francis Jenness, Stephen Marden, John Knowles.
1749. Jonathan Locke, Richard Rand, Francis Jenness (resigned and elected at a later meeting in March).
1753. Samuel Leavitt, Richard Jenness, James Philbrick.
1754. Ebenezer Berry, James Marden, Joses Trefern, Samuel Jenness.
1758. Amos Seavey, Reuben Moulton, Richard Jenness.
1762. Samuel Jenness, Samuel Willias (Wallis), Henry Dowe.
1764. Amos Seavey, Elijah Locke, Jonathan Towle, Jr.
1765. Richard Jenness, Jeremiah Berry, Reuben Moulton.
1770. Amos Seavey, Samuel Jenness, Joseph Browne.
1774. Samuel Knowles, Joseph Philbrick, William Marden.
1785-1786. Nathan Goss, John Webster, Nehemiah Moulton.
1791. William Seavey, Nathan Goss, Nicholas Dolbee.
1792. William Seavey, Nathan Goss, Samuel Wallis.
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1811. Jonathan Philbrick, Jr., Jonathan Wedgewood, Oliver Chase.
1812. Samuel B. Berry, Amos S. Parsons, Jonathan Philbrick.
1813. William Seavey, Amos S. Parsons, Jonathan Philbrick, Jr.
1818. Samuel Jenness, Stephen Green, Ephraim Philbrick.
1824-1825. Nathaniel Trefethern, Amos S. Parsons, Simon Jenness, Jr.
1833-1834. Simon Jenness, Jr., Charles Green, Amos Seavey.
1839. Simon Jenness, Charles Green, Woodbury Seavey.
1847. Lewis L. Perkins, John Philbrick, William Holmes.
1854. Samuel M. Rand, Joseph Locke, Oliver P. Jenness.
1860. William Trefethern, Moses Clark, Nathaniel Marden.
1867. Lewis L. Perkins, Aaron Rand, David Remick.
1868. Aaron Rand, David Jenness, David Remick.
1869-1870. David Jenness, Nathaniel Marden, Moses Clark.
1877-1878. Elvin Rand, Nathaniel Marden, Emery C. Jenness,
1892. Wallace S. Goss, Charles I. Mace, Charles A. Walker.
1898. Oren S. Green, Albert C. Locke, Gilman D. Trefethen.

Justices of the Peace.

Emmons B. Philbrick.
Charles A. Drake.
John O. Drake.

Charles D. Garland.
John D. Marston.

Coroners.

Nathan Goss.

Notary Public.

John O. Drake.

Jeremiah Locke.
Simon Jenness.

Warren Parsons.
Genealogy.

ACKERMAN—AKERMAN.

1. Peter Ackerman married, first, Nov. 28, 1779, Rachel Foss, and second, Oct. 19, 1797, widow Charity Locke, sister of his first wife. Children by first wife:


   Child by second wife:

   2. Benjamin M.

2. Benjamin M. Ackerman, son of Peter (1), married for his second wife, March 5, 1824, Sally Philbrick. Children:

   Ira, Bartlett, Henry C.

ADAMS.


Oliver Adams married Mary Jane Foss and had Lorenzo, born Feb. 16, 1856.

ALLEN.

Jude Allen married, first, Jan. 6, 1738, Elizabeth Locke, and second, Oct. 4, 1776, widow Dorcas (Marden) Mow. Children by first wife:


   Child by second wife:

   Elizabeth Locke, bapt. April 19, 1778; m. Nov. 10, 1803, Simon Locke.
SAMUEL ALLEN married April 8, 1824, Sally Mowe. After his death she married James H. Locke. Child:

AMY.

JOEL AMY married, Jan. 22, 1776, Elizabeth Dowrst, and had Joel, bapt. June 15, 1777.

AYERS.

REV. OLIVER AYERS married Caroline Garland. She died Sept. 23, 1857. Children:

BALCH.

1. NATHANIEL BALCH married Elizabeth M. Tucker. Resided in Portsmouth. Children:

2. EDWARD H. BALCH, son of Nathaniel (1), married, 1864, Julia Bunker. Child:
  Gracia, b. July 12, 1864; m. Nov. 29, 1882, John H. Jenness; d. Nov. 24, 1887.

BALL.

PETER BALL married Mary Wallis. Children:

BANFIELD.

CAPT. SAMUEL BANFIELD married Mary Seavey. He died in 1743, and she died in 1753. Child:
  Mary, b. 1704; m. Capt. Joseph Langdon; d. Aug. 10, 1753.

BARNARD.

CALVIN BARNARD married Sarah E. Jenness. Children:
GENEALOGY.

BATCHELDER.

1. Josiah Batchelder married, first, Abigail Cotton; and probably second, Feb., 1799, Olive Wells. Children by first wife:
Children by second wife:


James Batchelder married Elizabeth Batchelder. Lived at North Hampton. Children:

Joseph Batchelder married Sarah Philbrick. Lived at North Hampton. She died June 23, 1888. Children:

Benjamin D. Batchelder married Martha M. Lord. Child:
   · Helen W., b. Feb. 1, 1855; m. Edward Taylor.

BATES.

William Bates lived at Newcastle and died before 1731. Children:
   · Mary, who was living unm. in Rye in 1731. Judith, m. James Marden.

BECK.

James Beck of Portsmouth married Nov. 13, 1794, Deborah Lear. Child:
   · John, bapt. Sept. 18, 1798.

John Beck married Sept. 16, 1798, Betsey Odiorne.
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BELL.

Shadrach Bell married Dec., 1739, or Jan., 1740, Grace Tucker. Children:

Three Bell brothers lived in Rye; Samson Bell, who married Elizabeth ———; Thomas, who married Mary ———; and Matthew, who married Dorothy ———.

BERERLAND.

David Bererland married and had Margaret, who was baptized in Feb., 1740.

BERRY.

1. John Berry is said to have been the first settler in Rye or Sandy Beach. He probably was the son of William Berry, one of those sent out by Mason for his plantation, and who was at Portsmouth as early as 1631 (Savage). William Berry died before June, 1654. His widow, Jane, married Nathaniel Drake.

   January, 1648-'49, at a town meeting held at Strawberry Bank, "Granted that Wm Berry shall have a lot upon the neck of land upon the South side of the Little River at Sandy Beach."

   John Berry married Susannah ———. Children:
   3. William.
   4. James.

2. John Berry, son of John (1), born Jan. 14, 1659; married Mary ———. Children:


3. William Berry, son of John (1), married July 8, 1678, Judith Locke. Children:

   Elizabeth, b. March 16, 1680; d. young.
4. James Berry, son of John (1), married. Children:
   8. Ebenezer.

5. Nehemiah Berry, son of William (3), married Sarah ——. Children:
   Susanna, b. Aug. 23, 1725; m. Nathan Marden (?). John, b. March 10, 1736; m. July 27, 1757, Betsey Yeaton (?).


7. William Berry, son of William (3), born Nov. 18, 1693; married Dec. 21, 1721, Sarah Lane. He lived on the Eliza Ann Walker farm, and died Oct. 8, 1786. She died Jan. 3, 1776. Children:

8. Ebenezer Berry, son of James (4), married, first, Keziah Merryfield, and second, Mary Kingman. He lived at the Reuel Garland place. Farmer and large landowner. Children by first wife:
   Children by second wife:
   Susannah, b. Dec. 13, 1730; m. Doe.

9. Samuel Berry, son of James (4), married Abigail ——, who died June 19, 1750, aged 75 years. The following children are named in a deed of 1750:
   13. Jotham. Rachel, m. June 7, 1733, Hickerson (or Joshua) Foss. Sarah, may have m. in 1751 George Randall. Deborah, may have m. and had a dau., Elizabeth.
10. Jacob Berry, son of Nehemiah (5), born July 7, 1738; married Rachel Rand; died Dec. 11, 1811. He was a shoemaker by trade. Children:

Isaac, b. April 20, 1767; m. Tarlton; d. of smallpox at Newcastle, where his dau. m. William Amazeen. Richard, bapt. April 26, 1772; m. March 30, 1805, Olive, dau. of William and Mary Holmes, of Portsmouth. Sarah, bapt. Nov. 30, 1777; m. Thomas Sleeper; lived at Nottingham.

11. Jeremiah Berry, son of William (7), born in 1721; married first, Oct. 3, 1741, Hannah Locke. She died July 1, 1770, aged 46 years, and he married, second, Sept. 8, 1770, widow Eleanor Brackett. He lived on the Eliza A. Walker farm. Was corporal in Capt. Parsons' Co. in the Revolutionary War, stationed at Newcastle. Children by first wife:


12. Merrifield Berry, son of Ebenezer (8), born Aug. 15, 1733; married, Aug. 17, 1756, Huldah Towle of Hampton. He lived on the Reuel Garland farm, now owned by A. H. Drake. Died May 20, 1817. She died Nov. 9, 1809. Children:


13. Jotham Berry, son of Samuel (9); married, first, Nov. 11, 1731, Mary Bates; and second, April 16, 1780, widow Tryphene Sanders. Children:
18. Timothy.

14. WILLIAM BERRY, son of Jeremiah (11), born April 12, 1753; married, first, Nov. 10, 1774, Love Brackett. She died Jan. 17, 1795, and he married, second, March 6, 1796, Elizabeth Wendell. Children by first wife:

Lydia, b. 1775; m. William Trefethern.


Children by second wife:


15. LEVI BERRY, son of Jeremiah (11), born Feb. 29, 1760; married, Nov. 13, 1785, Sarah Jenness. Cordwainer.

Children:

Mary, b. April 17, 1785; m. March 18, 1803, Alexander Salter. Sally, b. Feb. 8, 1787; m. April 27, 1806, Simon Goss.


16. SOLOMON BERRY, son of Jeremiah (11), bapt. Nov. 17, 1765; married, Oct. 15, 1794, Patty Kate. Children:


17. EBENEZER BERRY, son of Merrifield (12), born March 15, 1766; married, Nov. 10, 1786, Polly Garland. "Aunt Polly," as she was called, lived in the old Berry house with her son, Thomas G., who was a prominent merchant in Portsmouth, having early been in the store of his Uncle
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William there. He inherited the Colonel Benjamin Garland farm from the heirs of William Garland and lived there until he died. Polly died April 26, 1857. Children:


18. Timothy Berry, son of Jotham (13), married, May 19, 1760, Mary Tucker. Removed to Chichester. Was sergeant in Capt. Joseph Parsons' company in the Revolutionary War, stationed at Newcastle. Children:


25. Oliver, b. Oct. 29, 1813; m. March 5, 1839, Elizabeth Dalton.


21. Jeremiah Berry, Jr., son of William (14), born Dec. 16, 1783; married, June 22, 1808, Sally Foss. Children:


22. Lieut. Joseph Jenness Berry, son of Levi (15), born May 17, 1789; married, first, 1812, Betsey Wedgewood. She died in 1817, and he married, second, in 1818, Hannah W. Locke, who died June 30, 1893, aged 98 years. Farmer, and for a number of years carried the mail between Rye and Portsmouth. He died June 2, 1868. Children by first wife:

   Louisa, b. May 24, 1813; m. April 5, 1835, Elvin Locke. Sarah W., b. April 20, 1815; m. July 17, 1834, Leonard Fry of Portsmouth; d. Dec. 3, 1898.

   Children by second wife:


27. Woodbury, b. Aug. 19, 1834.

23. Nathaniel Berry, son of Samuel (19), bapt. Aug. 13, 1775; married, first, Feb. 9, 1797, Betsey Lang, and second, Jan. 24, 1806, Esther Hall. She died in 1876, and he died April 19, 1834. Children by first wife:


   Children by second wife:


24. SAMUEL C. BERRY, son of Samuel Brackett (20), born Feb. 23, 1807; married, first, Sarah M. Norton. She died July 6, 1876, and he married, second, Mary H. Orine. A baker by trade, and lived at Portsmouth. Child:


25. OLIVER BERRY, son of Samuel Brackett (20), born Oct. 29, 1813; married, March 5, 1839, Elizabeth Dalton. Lived at Kittery. Children, two of whom died of croup and one of scarlet fever:


26. GILMAN C. BERRY, son of Samuel Brackett (20), born Dec. 26, 1816; married, Nov. 28, 1841, Elizabeth J. Caswell, and died April 10, 1894. Children:

Mary Abby, b. 1842; d. unm. Aug. 25, 1866, aged 24 years, 4 months.


27. WOODBURY BERRY, son of Joseph Jenness (22), born Aug. 19, 1834; married, Sept. 24, 1863, Maria Adelaide Locke. Children:


28. SAMUEL FOSS BERRY, son of Nathaniel (23), born March 10, 1806; married, first, March 6, 1836, Mary Caswell of Gosport; and second, Lovina Weeks, who was born Sept., 1821. He died July 1, 1894. Children:

Linda, b. May 4, 1836; m. Joshua Smith. George W., b. Nov. 2, 1842; m. Alice Willet.

29. Nathaniel Foss Berry, son of Nathaniel (23), born June 8, 1808; married, in 1827, Rebecca Caswell. Children:

30. Gilman Woodbury Berry, son of Gilman C. (26), born Jan., 1845; married, Jan. 4, 1872, Julia A. Butler of Bay View. He was killed at Bay View. Child:
32. Horace B., m. June 30, 1897, Cora B. Caswell.

31. Joseph William Berry, son of Samuel Foss (28), born Oct. 27, 1844; married, Dec. 21, 1872, Mary A. Green. He was a carpenter. Served in the War of 1861-'65, Co. K, 13th N. Children:
   Linden O., b. Nov. 8, 1873; d. Feb. 10, 1875.

32. Horace B. Berry, son of Gilman Woodbury (30), married, June 30, 1897, Cora B. Caswell. Children:
   Ralph, b. Jan. 3, 1898. Alice Pearl, b. March 1, 1903.

33. Rosco Berry, son of Joseph William (31), born July 3, 1876; married, Oct. 25, 1898, Isabella Walker. Children:

34. James Towle Berry, son of Merrifield (12), married Hannah Randall, born April 11, 1759. She died May 4, 1826. He died Oct. 29, 1818. Lived at Rye and Moultonborough. Children:
35. Ebenezer Berry, son of James Towle (34), born June 23, 1781; married Sarah Randall. Children:


1. Nathaniel Berry, perhaps son of William (3), married Esther ———. Children:

3. William (?).

2. Zachariah Berry, perhaps son of Nathaniel (1), married Oct. 23, 1734, Charity Webster. Children:


3. William Berry, perhaps son of Nathaniel (1), married Elizabeth Hobbs, and lived in Greenland. She hung herself with a skein of yarn. Children:


4. John Berry, son of Nathaniel (1), born March 22, 1725; married, May, 1746, Sarah Symes. Children:


5. Nathaniel Berry, son of Nathaniel (1), born July 10, 1727; married, April 21, 1747, Abigail Rand. Children:


6. Thomas Berry, perhaps son of Nathaniel (1), born Feb. 17, 1731; married Abigail Lane, who was born Nov. 23, 1734, and died Nov. 20, 1826, at Greenland. Children:
Joshua, William, m. Ward. Thomas.

7. Lieut. Thomas Berry, son of William (3), married his cousin, Mehitable, daughter of Thomas Berry, and lived in Greenland. Children:


8. Isaiah Berry, son of Thomas (6), born April, 1761; married Bathsheba Shaw, who was born Nov. 11, 1760, and died May 17, 1845. He died June 9, 1845. Children:


9. Thomas Berry, son of Thomas (7), born in 1779; married Sarah Lang and lived at Greenland. Children:


10. Levi Berry, son of Isaiah (8), born March 26, 1792; married, March, 1815, Patience Marden, and lived at Greenland. He died Dec. 1, 1867. She died Feb. 1, 1864. Children:


11. William Berry, son of Isaiah (8), born Jan. 8, 1796; married, March, 1817, Olive Shapley Locke, and lived at Greenland and later at Newington. He died Sept. 14, 1867. She died May 18, 1874. Children:

12. Francis Albert Berry, son of Levi (10), born April 3, 1824; married, Feb. 1, 1854, Martha Adeline Brown of Rye, and lived at Greenland. He died July 31, 1861. Children:


James Berry, son of James Towle, married Hannah Vittam, and after his death she married Joseph Locke. Children:

Betsey, b. May 23, 1804; m. Sept. 14, 1823, William Goss. James, b. Feb. 18, 1808; m. Polly Keen of Kittery. He was drowned at sea in 1848. Huldah, b. April, 1810; m. Oct. 12, 1828, Stacy Page.

Ebenezer Berry, married Sarah Randall. Children:


Schemiah Berry and Alice Locke, married, March 14, 1705.

Samuel Berry and Joanna Jenness, married, Dec. 27, 1750.


Samuel Berry and Eliza Marden, married, Nov., 1780.

BICKFORD.

Joseph Bickford, married, July, 1760, Ruth Rand, and had Joshua, bapt. Nov. 21, 1762.

Henry B. Bickford, born Dec. 5, 1809, of Epsom; married, May 24, 1868, Julia Ann P. Rand. He died June 10,
1889, and had Ethel, born May, 1874, married, Sept. 9, 1903, Frank A. Phillips.

BLACK.
Elisha Black, married, Dec. 11, 1766, Mary Sanders.
Children:

BLAISDELL.
Abner Blaisdell married Judith Powers. Children:
Adelaide, m. George Dexter. Lovina, m. Joseph Currier. John C.

BLAKE.
John Blake married, May, 1740, Jemima Locke, and lived at Greenland. Children:

Samuel Blake married, Nov. 24, 1743, Sarah Libby.
Children:

BLUE.
Edward Blue married, Jan. 4, 1753, Mehitable Seavey.
Children:

BLUNT.
Capt. John Blunt married Hannah Frost (?), and had George F.

BOICE.
Jeremiah Boice married, June 30, 1851, A. Mandana Foye, daughter of John. Children:

Frank F. Boice married, July 18, 1889, Martha A. Brown. Children:
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BOND.

John Bond married, Aug. 17, 1752, Esther Rand, and had Mary, born July 26, 1753.

BRACKETT.

1. Anthony Brackett. The name of Brackett was originally Brocket. They came from Wales. Anthony Brackett lived near Salt Water brook in Brackett's lane, and was killed by the Indians; buried on the eastern side of the highway. His will, 1691, proved July, 1692, shows children: Jane Haines and Eleanor Johnson, son John appointed executor, and grandchildren, Keziah Brackett, Rosa Johnson, and Samuel Brackett.

13 Aug., 1649. Granted that Anthony Brackett shall have a lot between Robert Puddington and Wm. Berry at the head of the Sandy Beach Fresh River at the Western branch thereof.

Children:
John, d. 1726.

SAMUEL BRACKETT, son of Anthony, married Eleanor Dow. He died Oct. 25, 1766. She married, second, J. Berry. Children:
Love, b. Aug. 9, 1758; m. Nov. 10, 1774, William Berry.

BRAGG.

John Bragg married, June 7, 1796, Amelia Sanders. Children:

BROWN.

1. John Brown. It is said the father of John Brown went from Scotland to England when John was born in 1588 or '89, emigrated in 1635, and is said to have settled
in Hampton as early as 1639. In 1651 and 1656 he was one of the selectmen. His wife's name was Sarah. He died Feb. 28, 1687. Children:
Stephen, b. about 1659; killed by Indians at Black Point, June 29, 1677.

2. Benjamin Brown, son of John (1), born about 1647; married Sarah (or Elizabeth?) Brown of Salisbury, Mass.
Children:

3. Jacob Brown, son of John (1), born in 1653; married Sarah Brooklin of Portsmouth, and lived at Hampton. He died Feb. 13, 1740. Children:
John, b. about 1684; m. Ruth Kelly.

4. Thomas Brown, son of John (1), born July 14, 1657; married Abial, daughter of Joseph Shaw. She died Dec. 25, 1739, and he died June 29, 1744. Children:
Thomas, b. Dec. 14, 1686; m. Dec. 13, 1710, Dorcas Fanning; d. June 7, 1776; lived at Hampton.
7. Joseph, b. Jan. 30, 1689. Sarah, b. April 5, 1691; m. Feb. 6, 1713, Joshua Towle; d. April 29, 1762; lived at Hampton. Elizabeth, b. April 21, 1694; m. Jan. 31, 1723, Solomon Dowst, and lived in Rye. Ebenezer, b. 1696; m. first, Feb. 27, 1724, Moulton; second, Oct. 5,
1753, Mary Flanders; d. Oct. 20, 1780; lived at Kensington. Josiah, b. Feb. 5, 1701; m. first, Jan. 1, 1724, Elizabeth Fellows; second, Dec. 5, 1744, Mary Bradbury; d. Dec. 4, 1790; lived at Kensington.

5. SAMUEL BROWN, son of Jacob (3), born Sept., 1686; married Elizabeth Maloon. Lived on the Brown homestead at Hampton, and died Jan. 14, 1772. Children:
   Mehitable, b. 1710; d. unm. May 3, 1790.

6. JEREMIAH BROWN, son of Jacob (3), bapt. June 28, 1702; married Elizabeth Moody. Lived at North Hampton and Saco, where he died about 1780. Children:

7. JOSEPH BROWN, son of Thomas (4), born Jan. 30, 1689; married, about 1715, Elizabeth Moulton. Lived, first, at Hampton, removing to Rye about 1740, where he died Jan. 21, 1760. Children:

8. STEPHEN BROWN, son of Samuel (5), born about 1712; married Deborah Lucy, and died Sept., 1792. He lived at Little River. Children:

9. ZACHARIAH BROWN, son of Samuel (5), born about 1716; married Ann Leavitt, and died Jan. 31, 1783. Lived at Hampton. Children:
14. Jacob, b. Dec. 8, 1740.

10. SAMUEL BROWN, son of Samuel (5), born Jan. 20, 1720; married, first, Dec. 2, 1742, Mary Philbrick, and second, March 2, 1757, widow Elizabeth Johnson of Kensington. She died June 30, 1816. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:


11. SAMUEL BROWN, son of Joseph (7), born Nov. 20, 1720; married, July 18, 1745, Susannah Knowles. Died in 1804. Lived at Rye and Chester. Children:


12. JOSEPH BROWN, son of Joseph (7), born Dec. 2, 1722; married Nov. 27, 1746, Abigail Goss. Children:


   Elizabeth, b. June 21, 1755; m. March 21, 1776, Elijah Locke; lived at Rye, Epsom, and Chichester.


14. **Jacob Brown**, son of Zachariah (9), born Dec. 8, 1740; married Hannah Lamprey. Lived at Little River. Children:


15. **Moses Brown**, son of Zachariah (9), born Oct. 5, 1742; married, Feb. 1, 1773, Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Mace of Hampton. Children:


17. **Zaccheus Brown**, son of Zachariah (9), born March 16, 1759; married, Oct. 28, 1781, Martha Davidson. Children:

18. **John Brown**, son of Samuel (11), born Nov. 20, 1760; married, Oct. 25, 1785, Comfort Jenness. He died Sept. 5, 1822; and she died Oct. 30, 1846. He came from Chester. **Children**:


Sarah Hook, b. Nov. 10 or 30, 1778; m. 1799, Nathan Knowles; d. Dec. 22, 1859.


27. James, b. Nov., 1789.


Polly Seahey. She died March 1, 1832, and he died March 4, 1846. Was a member of Capt. James Coleman’s company of cavalry in the War of 1812. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:


30. Simon, b. Sept. 6, 1811.

23. John Brown, son of Simon (16), born Sept. 7, 1775; married Polly, died July 20, 1868, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Locke) Jenness. He died Aug. 23, 1825. Lived at North Hampton. Children:


36. Alfred, b. June 27, 1817; m. Mary A. Clark.


27. James Brown, son of John (21), born Nov., 1789; married, Dec. 9, 1819, Martha Webster. Children:


38. James, b. Jan. 15, 1824.


Sarah Ann Brown, alias Goss, b. 1817; m. Moses Blake of Hampton.


30. SIMON BROWN, son of Simon (22), born Sept. 6, 1811; married, Jan. 4, 1837, Mary Seavey. He died March 2, 1882. Lived at Lynn, Mass. She died Aug. 10, 1885.

Children:


31. LANGDON BROWN, son of Simon (22), born June 2, 1814; married, first, May 30, 1837, Elizabeth Dow; died Oct. 9, 1848; married, second, Augusta Marston of Hampton; died Feb. 8, 1872. He died Jan. 23, 1867.

Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:


32. JOHN HENRY BROWN, son of Simon (22), born Feb. 11, 1817; married, July 27, 1873, widow Mary Abby Davis. He died March 19, 1902.

Child:


33. JOSEPH WARD BROWN, son of Jonathan (24), born May 12, 1804; married, March 24, 1829, Emily Parsons. She died Feb. 15, 1879, and he died March 29, 1883. Farmer and miller.

Children:


34. CAPT. JONATHAN BROWN, son of Jonathan (24), born Feb. 27, 1807; married, Jan. 3, 1832, Almira Parsons. She died April 5, 1871, and he died Oct. 30, 1872.

Children:
GENEALOGY.

Martha Hannah, b. April 26, 1832; m. May 25, 1851, Uri H. Jenness; was divorced.


35. Ivory Brown, son of John (25), born Dec. 1, 1808; married, May 8, 1845, Mary C. Johnson. Children:

36. Alfred Brown, son of John (25), born June 27, 1817; married Mary A. Clark. Children:
   George A. Frances A. Norris E. Laura. Herbert W.

37. Elihu Brown, son of James (27), born April 6, 1822; married, 1856, Mehitable Locke. He died Feb. 12, 1859. Child:

38. James Brown, son of James (27), born Jan. 15, 1824; married, Nov. 2, 1855, Margaret Vercilda, daughter of Charles Green. He died July 11, 1880, and she died June 14, 1897. Children:
   Minnie, b. April 19, 1857; m. Alba H. Foss; d. July 22, 1887.

45. George W., b. March 5, 1861; m. 1883, Mary Emma Rand.


   Charles W., b. Jan. 15, 1854; m. Dec., 1883, Maria Groom.

41. Amos Simon Brown, son of Simon (30), born Nov. 10, 1843; married, Sept. 29, 1869, Martha E. Mudge. Lived at Lynn, Mass. Children:
42. George Henry Brown, son of Langdon (31), born March 8, 1855; married, Dec. 21, 1876, Cora J. Moulton. Children:

43. Charles Jonathan Brown, son of Joseph Ward (33), born Sept. 13, 1829; married, Nov. 30, 1855, Mary L. Drake. He died Oct. 5, 1893. He was a justice of the peace and a successful school teacher, and did much work in surveying and making wills. Children:

44. Amos Parsons Brown, son of Jonathan (34), born Sept. 24, 1836; married, first, Oct., 1857, Margaret A. Jeness. She died Nov. 28, 1862, and he married, second, Jan. 27, 1867, Calvinna E. Seavey. Child by first wife:
Luella M., b. Aug. 30, 1858; m. Dec., 1883, Gilman Moulton.
Child by second wife:
Carrie G., b. Dec. 2, 1874; m. April 14, 1895, Walter Woodbury, divorced.

45. George W. Brown, son of James (38), born March 5, 1861; married, 1883, Mary Emma Rand. Carpenter. Children:

46. Frank G. Brown, son of William (39), born July, 1864; married, July 2, 1893, Hattie W. Dow. Children:
Alan Francis, b. Nov. 10, 1901.

47. Joseph Arthur Brown, son of Charles Jonathan (43), born March 30, 1856; married, Nov. 20, 1878, Olive A. Goss. He was a justice of the peace. Children:
1. John Brown married, first, 1796, Mary (Polly) Gould; married, second, Nov. 9, 1839, Polly Rand. Children:
   Polly, b. April, 1799; d. unm. March 27, 1873.

2. Joseph Brown, son of John (1), born July 3, 1802; married, first, Mary Fogg; married, second, Sept. 13, 1843, Mary D. Foss. Children:

3. Daniel Brown, son of John (1), born May 29, 1808; married Sarah Ann Garland. He died Nov. 12, 1898. Children:

   Emeline, m. Albert Dana Jenness.

5. Oliver Brown, son of John (1), born Jan. 31, 1811; married Elizabeth Marston. Children:
   Mary E., m. John Lamper. ———, m. Charles Lamper.

   Franklin, b. May 1, 1858.

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8. JAMES FRANKLIN BROWN, son of Joseph Ira (6), born April 2, 1859; married, Dec. 23, 1890, Geneva Berry. Children:
   Daughter, b. March 6, 1899.

   JOSEPH BROWN married Abartha Coffin. He lived at Little Boar’s Head. Children:

   OLIVER BROWN married Lydia Dalton. She married, second, Ezenezer Fogg of North Hampton. Children:

   ALEXANDER BROWN and Polly, daughter of Michael Dalton, married Sept. 2, 1813.

BUNKER.

1. LEMUEL BUNKER married Sally Towle. Children:
   2. James, b. April 8, 1802. Belinda, m. Lemuel Locke.

2. JAMES BUNKER, son of Lemuel (1), born April 8, 1802; married, Sept. 27, 1820, Nancy Hobbs. Children:
   Mary Ann, b. Dec. 24, 1820; d. unm. Oct. 9, 1878.

3. LEMUEL JAMES BUNKER, son of James (2), born June, 1823; married, first, March 7, 1848, Izette S. Garland; married, second, Anna R. Towle. He died Nov. 24, 1893, and she died June 7, 1899. Carpenter. Children by first wife:
GENEALOGY.


Children by second wife:


4. OLIVER DEARBORN BUNKER, son of James (2), born Oct. 18, 1830; married Christy Laws of Illinois. Children:


BREED.

FREDERICK BREED married Ida F. Philbrick June 19, 1884. Children:


CARROLL.

JOHN CARROLL married Oct. 31, 1793, Sally, daughter of Simon Goss. Children:


CASWELL.

JOHN CASWELL. Lived at Gosport. Children:


1. SAMUEL CASWELL married Elizabeth Randall. She died Jan. 4, 1825. Lived at Gosport. Children:

Tamah, b. Nov. 15, 1788; m. Manasseh Dutton, who was a soldier at Fort Constitution.

2. SAMUEL CASWELL, son of Samuel (1), born May 8, 1790; married, April 28, 1808, Polly Green. He was lost in the privateer Portsmouth in 1814. His widow married, second, Aug. 15, 1819, William Caswell. Children:

3. Michael Caswell, son of Samuel (1), born Aug. 17, 1792; married, Oct. 24, 1816, Dorcas Green. She died April 18, 1887, aged 93 years. Children:

4. Edward Caswell, son of Samuel (1), born Sept. 14, 1797; married, first, June 13, 1819, Sarah Frost Locke; married, second, Sally Varrell. Children, both of whom were adopted by Daniel Burleigh of Lee, and took his name:
Sylvester, m. Abby Locke. Daniel, m. Margaret Locke.

5. William Caswell, son of Samuel (1), born July 17, 1800; married, Aug. 15, 1819, Mary (Polly), widow of his brother Samuel. He died Nov. 20, 1884. Children:
William, b. Nov. 14, 1819.

Mary H., b. Dec. 20, 1828; m. Feb. 19, 1850, John Cook Randall.


8. **Mary Caswell**, daughter of William (5), born Feb. 5, 1822, and had before marriage the following children:


Child by second wife:

Ella, b. March 30, 1871; m. Sanborn.


11. **Henry M. Caswell**, son of Richard Green (6), born 1845; married, March 15, 1871, Lydia C. Randall. Children:


12. **Frank O. Caswell**, son of Richard Green (6), born March 31, 1852; married Martha Jane Randall. Children:


13. **John William Caswell**, son of Mary Caswell (8), born Oct., 1841; married, July 10, 1864, Hattie M. Mat-
thews, Portsmouth. Served in the navy during the Civil War. Children:


1. AUGUSTUS CASWELL married, March 19, 1868, Leila A. Jenness. Enlisted and mustered into service in 1862—in the war 1861-'65. Children:


CHAMBERLAIN.

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN married Nov. 27, 1729, Mary Randall. Children:


CHAPMAN.

JONATHAN CHAPMAN married Mary ———. Child:

Phebe, bapt. April 12, 1752.

Job Chapman married Rachael Marden of Rye. Lived at North Hampton.

CANNEY.

HERBERT S. CANNEY married Annie Odiorne. Children:


CHESLEY.


2. Simon Locke, b. April 1, 1822.

2. Simon Locke Chesley, son of Simon (1), born April 1, 1822; married, March 22, 1858, Susan M. Green. Merchant with his brother William, “at the Four Corners.”

Children:
Frank E., b. Feb. 7, 1860; m. Nov. 27, 1884, Ella Moulton; lives at North Hampton.


Jackson, b. Sept. 21, 1900.

CHICK.

Everett E. Chick born Jan., 1874; married, Sept. 19, 1899, Annie G. Blake, born July 13, 1878. Children:

CLARK.

1. John Clark married, June 19, 1766, Mary Mace. Children:


2. Andrew Clark, son of John (1), baptized April 4, 1773; married, Nov 23, 1797, Hannah Remick. She died April 18, 1844. Children:


3. Thomas Remick Clark, son of Andrew (2), born March, 1799; married, March, 1824, Maria Greenough, born May 19, 1804. Children:

4. John Clark, son of Andrew (2), born 1804; married, first, Mary Locke; married, second, Adeline Tucker. He died Aug. 8, 1847, and she died March 10, 1899. Child by first wife:

5. Moses, b. 1829.

Children by second wife:

5. Moses Clark, son of John (4), born, 1829; married, Oct. 26, 1858, Susan A. Tucker. Children:

Thomas Clark. Children:

CLERK.

Samuel Clerk married, March 30, 1758, Hannah Marden. Children:

Jenny Clark, daughter of William, was baptized Oct. 22, 1752.

CLIFFORD.

Peter Clifford married July 25, 1738, Hannah Dolbee, and had Peter, born Sept. 12, 1753.

Abraham Clifford married May, 1746, Abigail Seavey, and had Peter, baptized Sept. 23, 1753.
CLOUGH.

Nathan Clough married Oct. 29, 1837, Abigail Marden. She died Nov. 19, 1892. He died Jan. 14, 1872. Children:


George A. Clough married widow Edith (Varrell) Torrey. Child by first husband:

Willis S., b. May 23, 1895.
Child by second husband:

Mahlon L., b. Feb. 25, 1897.

COFFIN.

Nathaniel Coffin married June, 1864, Martha Olive Green. Child:

Ovid G., b. 1865; d. Aug. 21, 1867.

COLEMAN.

Nathaniel Coleman married Aug. 7, 1796, widow Mercy Sanders. Children:


CONNOR.

Joseph Connor married Jan. 25, 1738, Mary Seavey. Children:


COTTON.

Thomas Cotton. Children:


Thomas Cotton married April 1, 1790, Judith Clark, and had Hannah, baptized July 24, 1791.
Rev. Timothy Dalton was born in England, 1577. He came to New England about the year 1637. On his arrival he went to Dedham, Mass., and probably removed to Hampton two years later. He died Oct. 28, 1661, and his widow, Ruth, in 1666. Rev. Timothy was associated with Rev. Mr. Bachiler of Hampton in the work of the ministry, the latter holding the office of pastor, and the former that of teacher, the great age of the pastor being the reason for employing another minister.

1. Philemon Dalton, settled in Hampton, brother of Rev. Timothy Dalton, was born about 1590. His wife, Dorothy, was born about 1600. He was fatally injured by the fall of a tree, and died June 4, 1662. His widow afterwards married Godfrey Dearborn. Child:
   2. Samuel, b. about 1629; m. Mehitable Palmer.


4. Timothy, son of Philemon (3), baptized June 27, 1697; married, Feb. 2, 1721, Sarah, daughter of Robert Mason, who came from Boston. Children:


5. Samuel, son of Philemon (3), born July 22, 1694; married, April 28, 1720, Mary Leavitt. Children:

Mary, b. Feb. 22, 1721; d. May 7, 1721.


6. Timothy, son of Timothy (4), born May 26, 1737; married, Dec. 29, 1763, Elizabeth Marden. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was killed at Ticonderoga. His widow died Aug. 21, 1813, aged 78. Children:


7. Benjamin Dalton, son of Samuel (5), born May 9, 1722; married Mary, daughter of Capt. Minowell. May of Little Harbor. Children:


Mary. d. unm. James, m. Betsey Rand.


Children by second wife:


10. Michael Dalton, son of Benjamin (7), born Nov. 13, 1753; married Mercy Philbrick. Served as fifer in Capt. Parsons' company at Newcastle. He died Oct. 6, 1846. She died Nov. 19, 1846. Children:

13. Benjamin B., b. 1780. Abigail, b. April 15, 1782; m. Feb. 12, 1799, Moses Shaw; d. March 1, 1869; lived at Hampton.


11. Dr. Joseph Dalton, son of Michael (8), married Mary Dow Parsons. Lived at Brentwood. Died Dec. 15, 1856. Children:

Mary, m. James Thing; lived at Roxbury, Mass. Charles, m. Maria Prestwick; lived at Bloomington, Ill. Martha D., m. Albert G. Webster; lived at Chicago, Ill. Joseph M., b. June 1, 1835; m. Lydia Glimper; d. April 3, 1886.
12. Morris Cotton Dalton, son of Tristram (9), married, Jan. 13, 1827, Ursula, daughter of Eben Leavitt. Removed to Acton, Me. Children: 

13. Benjamin B. Dalton, son of Michael (10), born 1780; married, Dec. 3, 1805, Sarah Garland. She died in 1844, aged 63 or 64 years. He died Sept. 10, 1861. Children:


17. Michael, b. 1812.

15. Ebenezer Leavitt Dalton, son of Morris Cotton (12), married Elvina Cotton. Child:


Emily B., b. May, 1835; m. March 7, 1854, David Jenness. Daniel Curtis, b. 1840; d. April 26, 1848.

Child by second wife:

Curtis E., b. Oct. 9, 1850; married 1871.

17. Michael Dalton, son of Daniel Philbrick (14), born 1812; married, April 28, 1839, Elizabeth W. Scammon. Children:

18. Daniel Dalton, son of Daniel Philbrick (14), born July 2, 1814; married, first, July 4, 1842, Martha Brown; died, Feb., 1866; married, second, widow Eliza (Bean) Parsons; married, third, Emily Shapley, who died March 24, 1898. He died July 14, 1888. Children by first wife:

DAVIDSON.

1. William Davidson, married, first, Roberts of Epping; married, second, Abigail, widow of Daniel Philbrick. Children:
   2. Josiah. William, m. Sally Blake, and had Patty, who m. Jonathan Locke. John, *non compos mentis*; fell into a well and was drowned.

2. Josiah Davidson, son of William (1), married, Oct. 28, 1794, Abigail Shaw. Children:

DAVIS.

1. John Davis married Eunice Seavey. She also married Thomas Lake. Children:

2. Ephraim Davis, son of John (1) (?), married ——. Children:


Robert Davis, who married Almira Dearborn, and lived at Concord, had Charles A., a physician, who died April, 1863.
DEARBORN.

Reuben Dearborn. Children:


Simon Dearborn, son of John and Abigail Dearborn, of Hampton, was born April 28, 1766; married, May, 1787, Mary, daughter of Capt. Simon Brown. Children:


Capt. Trueworthy Dearborn married Sarah, daughter of Simon and Mary (Leavitt) Brown. Lived at Greenland and at Concord, where he was keeper at the State Prison for many years. Children:

Daniel, physician. Almira, m. first, Robert Davis of Concord; m. second, Asper Evans. Sarah Ann. Caroline. Elizabeth, m. Coffran; d. about 1839; lived at Concord.

Mary Ann Adeline Dearborn, daughter of Levi Dearborn, was baptized Oct. 28, 1796.

DELANEY.

Charles Delaney married Jane Ann, daughter of Nathan Clough. Children:


DOLBEE.

1. Nicholas Dolbee married Sarah Smith. He died before 1743. Lived in Rye prior to 1700. Children:


Israel, b. March 23, 1715; went to Chester and Candia about 1778. Hannah, m. July 25, 1738, Peter Clifford.


3. IsraeL DolbeE, son of Nicholas (1), born March 23, 1715; married, Nov. 11, 1736, Sarah Lamprey. Children:  

4. JonathAN DolbeE, son of Nicholas (1), born April 17, 1720; married Sarah White. He died March 18, 1761. Children:  

5. Nichols DolbeE, son of Jonathan (4), born May 8, 1748; married, May 27, 1773. Children:  

DANIEL DolbeE, of Chester, married Margaret Haines, May 25, 1767.

1. Isaac Dow, son of Simon and Mehitable (Green) Dow, of Hampton, born Oct., 1701; married Charity Philbrick who was born April 29, 1702, and died June 22, 1771-72. He died in 1735. "Isaac Dow of Parish of Rye, deeded to Richard Jenness of Rye, land beginning at the lower part of Breakfast hill by the road that goes from Greenland to Lanebeach (Sandy Beach) at a certain rock and pine burch which is the bounds between John Black and said Dow, and to extend from said rock and burch S. W. 90 rods and then near a S. E. point so many rods as will make 20 acres. I bot said tract of Richard Jose or Joice of Portsmouth. Witness Nat Sargent & Joseph Redwood. 1727." Children:
GENEALOGY.


2. Henry Dow, son of Isaac (1), born Dec. 29, 1729; married Martha Perkins. Children:

3. Isaac Dow, son of Henry (2), born Dec. 13, 1754; married, Aug. 21, 1777, Elizabeth Seavey. She died Dec. 17, 1823, aged 67 years. Children:
   Patty, b. Oct. 28, 1779; m. Aug. 3, 1796, Amos S. Parsons.
5. Amos, b. 1781.
6. Isaac.
7. Henry, b. 1783.

4. James Dow, son of Henry (2), born Jan. 8, 1765; married Mary Parsons. She died Dec. 7, 1842. Child:
   Martha Leavitt, b. May 12, 1799; m. Aug. 10, 1820, Nathaniel G. Foye; d. Sept. 18, 1885.
5. Amos Dow, son of Isaac (3), born in 1781; married Lydia Fabens. Children:
6. Isaac Dow, son of Isaac (3), married Lydia Pickering. He died Feb. 25, 1862. Children:
7. Henry Dow, son of Isaac (3), born in 1783; married Elizabeth Fabens. He died Oct. 18, 1865. Children:
8. James Dow, son of Isaac (3), born June 3, 1785; married, Feb. 6, 1812, Data Drake. He died May 19, 1853. She died April 24, 1848. Children:
Jonathan D., d. in Illinois. Elizabeth, b. 1817; m. May 30, 1837, Langdon Brown; d. Oct. 9, 1848.


9. ALBERT DOW, son of James (8), born in 1819; married, Nov. 21, 1847, Ann Elizabeth Seavey; died 1854. He died April 10, 1886. Married, second, ———. Child by first wife:

John H., b. 1848; accidentally shot himself dead, July 29, 1865.
Child by second wife:
Mamie, m. Charles Wendell.

10. JAMES HENRY DOW, son of James (8), born Oct. 23, 1825; married, June 5, 1849, Angelina Brown. He died Jan. 20, 1864. Children:


NOAH DOW, son of Simon and Mary (Lancaster) Dow of Hampton, born May 1, 1736; married Phebe Palmer. Children:


DOWNING.

1. EBENEZER DOWNING, married Abigail Allen. Lived at Newington. Children:


2. SAMUEL DOWNING, son of Ebenezer (1), married Mary Davis. Children:

John, m. Lydia Ellsworth; lived at Methuen, Mass.
3. William C., son of Samuel (2), married Hannah C. Knowles of Candia. He was a fisherman, and died May 28, 1887. He adopted Harriette Annette, daughter of Ivory and Mary (Johnson) Brown, who was born ———. She married Nov. 20, 1869, Jacob T. Godfrey of Hampton.

Thomas Downing and Martha Norris were married Aug. 14, 1796.

DOWNS.

1. Edward Downs, married Margaret ———. Children:
   2. Henry.
   3. Abner.

2. Henry Downs, son of Edward (1), married Abigail Bragg. She was born Oct. 17, 1793. Lived at Gosport. Children:

   7. William, b. Dec. 27, 1815; m. Mary Grant; d. Sept., 1882.

4. John Downs, son of Edward (1), married, 1815, widow Betsey Matthews. Children:

5. Samuel Downs, son of Edward (1), married, Aug. 16, 1814, Betsey, widow of Joseph Tucker. Children:
HISTORY OF RYE.


6. Abner Downs, son of Abner (3), married, first, ———; married, second, Elizabeth P. (Foss), widow of Henry Downus. While a widow she had Moses Foss, born May 17, 1828, who married Mary Townsend of Rhode Island. Abner Downs was drowned Dec. 30, 1844. Children:


7. William Downs, son of Abner (3), born Dec. 27, 1815; married Mary Grant, and lived at Portsmouth. He died Sept., 1882. Children:


8. Robert Downs, son of John (4), married Huldah Randall. Children:

Frederick. Appia. John Matthews, b. 1852; d. March 24, 1870.

9. Edward M. Downs, son of John (4), born June 22, 1818; married Mary Abby Lear. She died Dec. 22, 1866, and he died June 10, 1870. Children:


Benjamin Downs, married widow Abigail Randall. Lived at Gosport. Children:
GENEALOGY.


DOWRST.

Solomon, Ozem, and Samuel Dowrst probably were brothers.

Solomon Dowrst, married Elizabeth ———, and was living in 1770.  Children:


Samuel Dowrst, married Rachel.  Children:


1. Ozem Dowrst, married Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Scavey.  Children:


2. Ozem J., born March, 1737; married, first, Oct. 29, 1761, Elizabeth Jenness; married, second, Nov. 3, 1796, Martha Webster.  Children:


Martha, b. March 5, 1782; d. Nov. 22.  Isaac.  Henry.

Samuel Dowrst and Elizabeth Shannon were married Jan. 8, 1754.
DRAKE.


2. Abraham Drake, son of Jonathan (1), born March 10, 1786; married, March 21, 1811, Mary Jenness. After his death she married, Aug. 23, 1827, David W. Jenness. He belonged to Capt. Coleman’s company of cavalry during the War of 1812. Children:


3. Jonathan Drake, son of Jonathan (1), born May 18, 1798; married, May 14, 1818, Eliza J. Garland. He kept a general store, which was subsequently occupied by Thomas J. Parsons, under the firm name of Seavey & Drake, and was killed by falling from his horse, Jan. 21, 1833. After his death she married, Dec. 28, 1834, Capt. B. W. Marden. Children:


4. Deacon Cotton Ward Drake, son of Jonathan (1), born May 28, 1801; married, July 14, 1822, Martha Parsons. She died April 2, 1895. He died Nov. 10, 1880. Children:


   Sarah Parsons, b. Feb. 2, 1823; m. Feb. 25, 1851. Jacob Marston.


13. Albert Herman, b. Feb. 21, 1861.

8. Charles Abraham Drake, son of Cotton Ward (4), born Oct. 30, 1832; married, May 9, 1859, Helen A. Weeks. He was a justice of the peace. Children:


   Abbott B., b. Nov. 22, 1889.
10. **Adams Elisha Drake**, son of Joseph Jenness (6), born Nov. 4, 1849; married, June 24, 1871, Emma Marden.  
Children:

Chester, b. July 25, 1872.  
Gracie, b. Feb. 11, 1875; m. May 8, 1900, Fred Brown; he d. June 11, 1901.  
Annie L., b. March 24, 1887.  
Merton, b. Aug. 16, 1893.

He died Feb. 2, 1901.  
He was a justice of the peace and notary public.  
Children:

Mary, b. March 21, 1879.  
Jennie, b. July 11, 1883.  
Evelyn, b. May 29, 1888.

Children:

Carrie, b. Feb., 1874; m. first, George Foster; second, Aug., 1890, Harry Rand.  
David T., b. Aug. 28, 1875; m. Alice G. Wilson.  
Oren, b. June 8, 1880; m. Feb. 4, 1903, Clara M. Ackerman.  
Cora, b. Dec. 26, 1884; m. June 17, 1903, Ernest Foss.

13. **Albert Herman Drake**, son of Oren (7), born Feb. 21, 1861; married, 1883, Emma Holmes.  
Children:

Ruth, b. Oct., 1885.  
Joseph Holmes, b. March 21, 1887.  
Willard, b. Nov. 9, 1891.

Child:

Helen, b. March 7, 1887.

**DRISCO.**

**Thomas Drisco**, married, Dec. 6, 1753, Mary Damrell.  
After his death she married Thomas Remick.  
Children:

Robert, bapt. Sept. 29, 1754.

John, son of John Drisco, was baptized Sept., 1756.

**EDMUNDS.**

Children:

2. JONATHAN EDMUNDS, son of Joseph (1), married Catherine Clifford. Children:

JONATHAN EDMUNDS, married ___. Children:

EDWARD EDMUNDS, married, Dec. 25, 1744, Susanna Tucker. Children:

WILLIAM F. ELDRIEGE, married ___. Children:
   Roy K. Willie S. Nellie P.

ELKINS.

1. HENRY ELKINS, son of Jonathan and Joanna (Roby) Elkins of Hampton, born March 26, 1708; married, March 25, 1729, Catharine, daughter of Samuel Marston. He died March 27, 1756. Children:


3. Henry Elkins, son of Samuel (2), born April 23, 1775; married, 1806, Mary Webster. Children:


5. Samuel Elkins, son of Henry (3), born April 8, 1809; married Mary Lord. Children:

FINLAYSON.

Archibald Finlayson, married, Aug. 22, 1894, Elizabeth Lord. Electrician. Children:

FITZGERALD.

Daniel Fitzgerald, married ———. Children:

FOGG.

Oliver Brown Fogg, son of Lydia Dalton Fogg, married Emma A. Locke. Resides in North Hampton. Children:

FOSS.

John Foss was the ancestor of this family. He is said to have arrived at Boston in a British war vessel, from which he jumped overboard and swimming ashore, ran away. He thought of settling at a place called Reid's Temple, but not
being pleased with the location, came to Rye, where he was admitted into the family of John Berry, and married his daughter. It is said that twelve children were born to them, one son settling in Maine, near Scarborough, where he was drowned. A John Foss was at Dover in 1665, served on the grand jury in 1688, and died in 1699.

1. Joshua Foss, probably son of John of Rye and Dover, married Sarah Wallis. She was living in 1723. He removed to Barrington, where he died, aged 99 years and six months. Children:
   - Thomas.
   - Nathaniel. John, d. Feb. 15, 1731, aged 24 years; buried in the old burying ground near Dr. Patterson's, recently removed.
   - Job.
   - Mark.
   - George (?).

2. Nathaniel Foss, son of Joshua (1), married, Oct. 16, 1740, Mary Tucker. Children:

3. Job Foss, son of Joshua (1), married, Nov. 1, 1750, Sarah Lang. Tame Indian stayed at his house one night and the board to which he was tied caught fire and came near burning a child and the house. Children:
   - Sarah, b. Aug. 1, 1751; m. June 6, 1776, Mark Foss; lived at Barrington. Hannah, bapt. Aug. 17, 1775; m. Simon Chapman; lived at Epsom.
4. Wallis Foss, probably son of Joshua (1), married, Jan. 25, 1739, Mary, daughter of Samuel Dowrst; lived near Rye Center. Children:
12. Samuel Dowrst, b. 1754. Abigail, b. 1757; m. Reuben Libby; lived at Gorham, Me. Phineas, b. 1759; probably d. young. Mary, b. 1761; probably d. young.

5. Mark Foss, son of Joshua (1), married, Nov. 28, 1745, Amy Thompson. Children:
   Nathaniel, b. 1747. Mark, b. 1749; m. 1776, Sarah, dau. of Job Foss; lived at Barrington. Abigail, b. 1752. John, b. 1755.

6. George Foss, probably son of Joshua (1), married, April 3, 1746, Mary Marden. Children:

7. Joshua Foss, son of Nathaniel (2), married, Nov. 29, 1762, Rachel Marden. Children:
   Elizabeth, b. 1763; m. Sept. 24, 1789, Jonathan B. Waldron; d. Jan. 5, 1835. Mary, b. 1766; m. Ebenezer Foss; lived at Epsom.

8. Nathaniel Foss, son of Nathaniel (2), baptized June 17, 1756; married Mehitable, daughter of Eben Jackson of Portsmouth. She died April 11, 1837, aged 77 years. Children:

9. Samuel Foss, son of Nathaniel (2), baptized July 3, 1762; married Salome Trefethern. She died April 10, 1851. Children:
   Supply C., m. ———; both were killed by the falling of a house at Dubuque, Iowa. Samuel P., bapt. Dec. 22, 1799.

15. Job, b. 1785.


11. Ebenezer Foss, son of Job (3), baptized Sept. 20, 1767; married, Nov. 26, 1789, Mary (Molly) Foss. Children:


13. Solomon Foss, son of Wallis (4), married Jane Remick, who died May 27, 1847. Children:


14. William Foss, son of Joshua (7), born July 12, 1769; married, March 11, 1790, Abiel Marden. Children:


15. Job Foss, son of John (10), born 1785; married, March 22, 1809, Patty Berry. Children:
   Olly, b. 1809; m. first, April 17, 1830, Eli Cole; m. second, Nov. 27, 1834, John Bragg Downs of Gosport; she had before marriage a son, Edward Sargent. Elizabeth, b. May, 1811; m. Thomas Green. Alexander, b. Aug., 1813; d. July 30, 1860. Sally, m. Jacob Waldron. Oliver. Jeremiah, d. young.

16. Robinson Foss, son of John (10), born Aug. 30, 1787; married, first, Nov. 12, 1818, widow Patty Mason. She died April 1, 1828, and he married, second, widow Charlotte Holmes. Was a member of the Alarm List in the War of 1812, under Capt. Jonathan Wedgewood, and died Jan. 1, 1878. Children by first wife:

   Children by second wife:


18. James Seavey Foss, son of Samuel Dowrst (12), born June 22, 1787; married Sally Hodgdon, and removed to Rochester. Children:
19. Joseph Remick Foss, son of Solomon (13), born May 15, 1800; married, Dec. 6, 1826, Joanna Seward of Kittery. She died Jan. 21, 1861, aged 51 years. He lived where Charles Lear now resides. Children:

   Isaac W., b. Dec. 3, 1827; d. May 12, 1840.


20. Benjamin Marden Foss, son of William (14), born April 28, 1794; married, Feb. 17, 1814, Dorcas, daughter of Henry Shapley. Children:

   William, b. July 20, 1814; m. Nov. 7, 1834, Caroline Amazeen; lived at Newcastle.


   Charlotte M., b. Nov. 11, 1843; m. June 13, 1869, James Seavey.


31. Alba Harrison, b. Feb. 29, 1856.

22. John Hunt Foss, son of Robinson (16), born Dec. 9, 1831; married, first, Eliza Felker. She died, and he married, second, Augusta Felker. Children:


Child by second wife:

   Lizzie, b. Dec. 5, 1862; m. Hanson Seavey; lived at Portsmouth.

23. Henry D. Foss, son of Robinson (16), born Sept. 18, 1832; married, Oct. 5, 1858, Clara A. Matthews. Children:

24. Daniel Morrison Foss, son of Robinson (16), born March 10, 1834; married, Nov. 28, 1858, Chalcedony Foss. She died May 30, 1889. He served in the navy during the war, 1861-'65. Children:


25. Robert S. Foss, son of Richard (17), born April 7, 1825; married Ann E. Moulton. He died Oct. 29, 1891. Enlisted and mustered into the service in 1862 in the Civil War. Children:

Emily Jones, b. Aug. 16, 1852; m. 1884, Joseph W. Rand.


26. John Oren Foss, son of Richard (17), born Aug. 19, 1830; married, first, Nov. 10, 1853, Mary J. Green. She died May 11, 1864, and he married, second, May 24, 1866, Amanda Marden. He died Feb. 4, 1903. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:

34. Herbert E., b. April 8, 1870; m. 1894, Lottie Odiorne. Edith C., b. May 27, 1873; m. April 9, 1896, Jedediah Rand. Ernest, m. June 17, 1903, Cora W. Drake. Myron.

27. Joseph S. Foss, son of Joseph Remick (19), born Oct. 8, 1829; married, March, 1856, Lucy Ann Clark. She died Sept. 18, 1898. She had before marriage, John Clark, born Sept. 27, 1851. Child:


28: Joshua Marden Foss, son of Benjamin Marden (20), born Sept. 7, 1816; married, Jan. 14, 1841, Mehitable Foss. Removed to Haverhill; died July 4, 1901. Children:

Mary, b. 1846; d. Frank M., b. June 14, 1853.
29. Joel N. Foss, son of Benjamin Marden (20), born Dec. 7, 1821; married Adeline Locke. Child:
   Almira Pitman, b. May 26, 1850.

30. Sylvanus W. Foss, son of Hardison (21), born March 13, 1846; married, April 3, 1879, Ellen Philbrick. Child:
   Bertha, b. Feb. 27, 1880.

31. Alba Harrison Foss, son of Hardison (21), born Feb., 1856; married, first, Dec. 2, 1883, Minnie Brown. She died July 22, 1887, and he married, second, Nov. 4, 1891, Emma Hoyt. Child by first wife:
   Lena Forbes, b. July 4, 1887.
   Child by second wife:
   Analesa, b. March 26, 1900.


34. Herbert E. Foss, son of John Oren (26), born April 8, 1870; married Feb. 5, 1894, Charlotte Odiorne. Child:

1. John Foss, married Abigail ———. Children:

2. Thomas Foss, son of John (1), married, Sept. 18, 1760, Merribah, daughter of Thomas Rand. Removed to Barrington. Children:

Hinkson Foss and Rachel Berry were married June 7, 1733.
3. Joshua Foss, son of John (1), born June 12, 1738; married, Sept. 18, 1764, Abigail Locke. Children:


4. John, b. Jan. 9, 1775. Job. b. March 22, 1777; m. first, Marden; m. second, widow Tilton; lived at Dover, N. Y.

4. John Foss, son of Joshua (3), born Jan. 9, 1775; married Elizabeth Titcomb. Removed to Chicago, Ill. Children:

Caroline T., b. 1806; m. Stephen Coffin; lived at Moultonborough. William Ham, b. 1807; m. Mary Drown. Lucinda, m. Hanson Caverly; lived at Bennington. Samuel, m. Eliza Haywood; lived at Chicago, Ill. Abigail, m. Bebee, M. D.; lived in Wisconsin. Robert, m. Harriett Spear; lived at Chicago, Ill. John, m. first, Lydia Troop; m. second, Hannah; lived at Chicago, Ill. Mary, m. Appleton.

FOYE.

John Foye was at Fort William and Mary (Great Island), Newcastle, from the 18th to the 31st of May, 1708. The Foye family came from the Shoals to Kittery, Me.

1. John Foye, probably a grandson of the foregoing, had a brother, Joseph, a sister, Betsey, who married a Sheppard, and a sister, Susan, who married Richard Mitchell. John married, first, Hannah Fernald; and second, Lydia Stevens. She died June 17, 1830, aged 94 years. He died Jan. 17, 1818, aged 82 years. Children:

2. John, b. Nov. 6, 1769.

2. John Foye, son of John (1), born Nov. 6, 1769; married, first, Elizabeth Seavey. She died, and he married, second, Dec. 1, 1805, widow Hannah Rand. She died Feb. 7, 1829, and he married, third, Nov. 5, 1829, widow Martha Odiorne. Was a member of the Alarm List under Capt. Wedgewood during the War of 1812. Children:
3. Stephen Foye, son of John (1), married, April 1, 1804, Hannah N. Mason. Children:


7. William L.
   Children by second wife:

5. Nathaniel Graves Foye, son of John (2), born Sept. 10, 1798; married, Aug. 10, 1820, Martha Locke Dow. She died Sept. 18, 1885. He died Jan. 27, 1873. Was a member of Capt. Ephraim Philbrick's company in the war of 1812. Children:
   Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 25, 1821; m. Dec. 9, 1841, Joseph Disco Jenness. Ann Cecelia, b. April 22, 1822; m. June 7, 1843, Samuel Marden.


   Mary Hannah, b. 1823; killed, Aug. 6, 1829, by a cart falling on her. John W. Samuel D., b. June 17, 1827. Children by second wife:

8. Orion Leavitt Foye, son of Nathaniel Graves (5), born Aug. 9, 1824; married, Nov. 4, 1852, Sarah Abby (Cotton), widow of Abraham Jenness; died Oct. 5, 1903, aged 79 years. Children:


FRASER.

John Fraser, married, Sept. 29, 1880, Ella Maria Parsons. Electrician. Children:

FRENCH.

1. David French, married Clara W. Wiggin, 1812. She died June 8, 1828, and he married, second, Susan E. Burley in 1830; she died Jan. 4, 1870; he died Nov. 3, 1862. Lived in Stratham. Children:

2. DAVID J. FRENCH, son of David (1), married ————.

Children:


BRADBURY C. FRENCH, married, Jan. 7, 1827, Mary Batchelder. Removed to Nottingham. Children:


FROST.

A Frost came from Durham and lived and owned the Stephen Foye farm, subsequently by John S. Odiorne, Thomas R. Clark, and others. He also owned lands at Durham. James Thomas lived with him, and his cousin Olive Thompson, who married Samuel Odiorne.

Aaron, son of Aaron Frost, was baptized Aug. 4, 1771.

FULLER.

1. JAMES FULLER, son of John of Hampton, born March 27, 1679; married Mary ————. Children:

James, b. Dec. 2, 1704.


2. JOSEPH FULLER, probably son of James (1), married, March 8, 1733, Joanna Scavey. Children:


3. JEREMIAH FULLER, son of James (1), born Sept. 25, 1717; married, July 26, 1745, Mary Scadgel. Children:


4. Theodore Atkinson, b. 1762.

- m. Hartshorn.

Children by second wife:

GARLAND.

1. John Garland, probably son of Peter, of England, was here as early as 1652.

In 1650, John Garland with others from Hampton were forbidden from cutting any timber in Exeter, but he had a lot granted him if he stay one year in the town of Exeter. He married, first, Oct. 26, 1652, Elizabeth Chapman; second, 1654, widow Elizabeth Chase, daughter of Thomas Philbrick. He died Jan. 4, 1672, "aged about fifty years." Children by second wife:
2. John, b. March 11, 1655.
4. Peter, b. Nov. 25, 1659.


He took the oath of allegiance in December, 1678, in Hampton; was representative to General Assembly in 1693. Impressed as a soldier for 28 days at Oyster river in 1696. Was at Fort William and Mary, Newcastle, in 1708. Children:


3. Jacob Garland, son of John (1), born Dec. 20, 1656; married, June 17, 1682, Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Sears of Newbury, Mass. Lived at Newbury and Hamp-
ton. Took the oath of allegiance in Hampton in 1678. He was one of eight persons sent from Hampton in 1676 to defend the town of Marlborough, Mass. Children:


4. Peter Garland, son of John (1), born Nov. 25, 1659; married, first, Elizabeth, who died Feb. 19, 1688, aged 88 years; and he married, second, Sarah, daughter of John Taylor. "Sloop New Design, 16 tons, was bought in Boston in 1705 by Peter Garland and Samuel Nudd, mariners, for £106; sailed between Boston and Hampton; had no guns." (Dow.) Children by first wife:

Peter, b. Oct. 4, 1686. Samuel, b. Feb. 2, 1688; shoemaker; lived at Kingston, N. H.

Children by second wife:


5. Jacob Garland, son of Jacob (3), born July 3, 1686; married, first, April 28, 1708, Hannah, daughter of Josiah Sanborn; second, Oct. 24, 1723, Sarah, daughter of Abraham Drake. Children by first wife:


7. John Garland, son of Peter (4), born April 13, 1692; married, Jan. 12, 1716, Elizabeth, daughter of John Dearborn. He settled in Rye about 1720, and was living as late as 1752. She died about 1774-'76. He was a large owner of lands in Hampton, Rye, Portsmouth, Nottingham, and Barrington. Was in service at Fort William and Mary, 1708, under the crown. Children:

   Peter, b. April 24, 1717; d. June 3, 1729.


9. Simon Garland, son of John (7), born Jan. 16, 1726; married, first, Jan. 3, 1754, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Brown; second, Dec. 20, 1781, widow Rachel Morrison. The record states of the last marriage that "he took her naked and covered her in presence of Eleanor Berry and Patience Marston." Children by first wife:
Mary, b. 1756; m. John Robie of North Hampton.

12. Simon, b. 1758.


10. Peter Garland, son of John (7), born July 24, 1732; married, Sept. 15, 1757, Mary, daughter of Jonathan Leavitt. He was a blacksmith. Peter and Benjamin Garland and Capt. Joseph Parsons, all of Rye, were a committee to get soldiers for the Continental army. He died April 26, 1816. Children:

Mary, b. 1758; d. unm., May 17, 1843. Abigail, b. about 1760; m. 1780, Isaac Lane; lived at Chester. John, b. 1762; d. unm. April 23, 1837.


17. Peter, b. July, 1768. Anne or Nancy, b. 1770; m. Nov. 13, 1798, Joseph Smith; lived at Chester.


11. Col. Benjamin Garland, son of John (7), born Oct. 29, 1734; married, Dec. 5, 1757, Sarah, daughter of John Jenness. Inn keeper. Lived in the old Thomas G. Berry house, Rye Center, now owned by Richard R. Higgins (1903). Col. Benjamin was a minute man in the Revolutionary War and a large owner of land and property in Rye. When he returned from the war he brought home a black servant called "Black Prince," whom he bought for a keg of rum. He died May 2, 1802, and she died Feb. 18, 1803. Children:


20. Lieut. Amos, b. May, 1768. Polly or Mary, b. April 27, 1770; m. Nov. 10, 1786, Ebenezer Berry. The same night Thomas G. Berry was born; lived on the Reuel Garland farm; she afterwards refused to live with her husband and he went to New Orleans, and she returned and lived at home. Sarah, b. July, 1772; d. unm. July 4, 1846.

12. Simon Garland, son of Simon (9), born 1758; married Abigail Norton and removed to Nottingham. Children:


13. Joseph Garland, son of Simon (9), born May 6, 1760; married Patience Marston. She died Sept. 9, 1844, aged 83 years. He died March 8, 1846. Children:


22. Joseph, b. May 9, 1805.

14. John Garland, son of Simon (9), born 1767; married, Jan. 28, 1790, Abigail Seavey. He died Nov. 6, 1826, and she died March 13, 1851, aged 81 years. Children:

   Amos Seavey, b. 1789. Betsey Brown, b. 1791; m. 1823, Ephraim Seavey.


15. Jonathan Garland, son of Peter (10), born Oct. 11, 1764; married, May 14, 1797, Betsey Woodman, who was born Sept. 28, 1773. Children:

   Harriett, b. April 13, 1801. Eliza, b. Sept. 4, 1803; m. first, about 1826, Thomas Marden; m. second, June 1, 1853, David Brown of North Hampton. Gilman, b. Aug. 14, 1801; d. young.


16. Levi Garland, son of Peter (10), born 1766; married, first, Nov. 24, 1789, Lucy Salter; died Jan. 2, 1814, aged 45 years; married, second, 1814, Nancy Leavitt. He died Feb. 4, 1857. Was a member of Capt. Coleman's cavalry in the War of 1812. Children:


27. Moses Leavitt, b. March 21, 1801.
18. Benjamin Garland, son of Peter (10), born 1772; married, May 15, 1803, Fanny Seavey. Children:


19. John Garland, son of Col. Benjamin (11), born Oct. 4, 1758; married, Oct. 18, 1778, Abigail Perkins. He died March 24, 1844. Abigail Perkins was one of seven beautiful daughters. She died June 23, 1844. He lived on the farm now owned and occupied by Reuel Shapley. He with a pair of oxen and some others hauled a load of powder taken from Fort William and Mary by the Continentals to the Fort at Newport, R. I. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Joseph Parsons' company. Children:


20. Lieut. Amos Garland, son of Benjamin (11), born May, 1768; married, Nov. 18, 1800, Olive Jenness; died Dec. 16, 1830. He built the Congregational parsonage, and died Feb. 21, 1833. Children:


21. William Garland, son of Benjamin (11), born June 10, 1773; married, July 8, 1806, Elizabeth Howe. He was a merchant in Portsmouth. He died July 31, 1820, and she died Sept. 5, 1866, aged 81 years. Children:

31. Thomas Berry, b. Aug. 20, 1817.

22. Joseph Garland, son of Joseph (13), born May 9, 1805; married Elizabeth H. Garland. She died Dec. 17, 1898. Children:


23. Amos Seavey Garland, son of John (14), born 1789; married, Nov. 28, 1816, Martha Seavey. He died Feb. 21, 1843. Children:


   Simon Elbridge, b. Nov. 24, 1825.

Children by second wife:


25. William Seavey Garland, son of John (14), born 1800; married, first, 1827, Charlotte Garland; died May 11, 1845; married, second, Anna L. Dalton. She died Dec. 25, 1902. Children:
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Children by first wife:


Children:


Children:


Viennah F., b. May 27, 1852; m. Nov. 11, 1868, Horace S. Brown; lived at North Hampton.

41. Morris Jenness, b. April 30, 1858.


Mary Ann, b. March 25, 1800; m. Simon Garland. Hannah Parsons, b. Aug. 11, 1802; m. May 6, 1824, Reed V. Rand; lived at Portsmouth.

42. Joseph Parsons, b. Dec. 20, 1804.
44. Samuel Parsons, b. April 30, 1811.

32. **Benjamin Garland**, son of John (19), born July 30, 1791; married Polly Philbrick. Children:

Mary, b. Sept. 29, 1819; m. George Blaisdell; lived at Epping. Thomas, b. Sept. 13, 1821; m. first, Mary Williams; m. second. Lucy Furber; had Abby A., drowned, July 30, 1873, in Newington Bay; Ann M.; lived at Newmarket. Charles, b. May 13, 1823; m. Lucy F. Dearborn; had Charles Barrows, d. Feb., 1870; lived at Newmarket.


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beth, b. March 30, 1845; m. Feb. 25, 1868, D. Hall Rice of Lowell,
Mass.; had Lepine Hall, b. Feb. 22, 1870; William Alfred, b. July
d. Aug. 18, 1856.

35. SAMUEL PATTEN GARLAND, son of Amos Seavey (23),
born Feb. 5, 1821; married, April 5, 1850, Eliza D. Mars-
ton. Children:

Martha H., b. Nov. 18, 1851; d. March 21, 1882. Amos, b. April 7,
1853; m. Ida Mayo. Mary Patten, b. Dec. 22, 1855. Eliza Ella,
b. Jan. 12, 1858; m. July 8, 1882, Clarence A. Goss. Sarah L.,
b. May 9, 1860. Samuel Austin, b. Aug. 11, 1867. Gertrude, b.
Feb. 5, 1870.

36. OLIVER PERRY GARLAND, son of Simon G. (24), born
May 26, 1832; married Frances Frazier of Gloucester,
Mass., who was born in Nova Scotia. She died in 1876.
Children:

Melissa, b. July 16, 1859; m. June 29, 1884, Horace Mace. Charles
15, 1876. Fanny E., b. April 16, 1879; m. Sept. 10, 1894, Allen
F. Eisiner.

37. CHARLES DAVID GARLAND, son of William Cutter
(26), born Oct. 1, 1849; married, Nov. 3, 1869, Eliza J.
Garland. Merchant, and justice of the peace, West Rye.
Children:

Susie Emma, b. Sept. 12, 1873; m. Sept. 12, 1892, Gilman Walker.

38. EDWARD L. GARLAND, son of Levi (27), born 1821;
married, July 2, 1845, Elvira Dalton. She died March 18,
1898. He died July 7, 1872. Children:

Mary W., m. April 9, 1866, Samuel G. Smart. Annette. Eliza
Jane, b. May 7, 1854; m. Nov. 3, 1869, Charles D. Garland.

39. CHARLES GARLAND, son of Moses Leavitt (28), born
Sept. 11, 1822; married Sophia Jenness. Children:

Emma L., b. April 22, 1855. Walter, b. April 27, 1858; died.

40. GILMAN GARLAND, son of Moses Leavitt (28), born
Nov. 27, 1825; married Martha J. Jenness. Child:

James Filmore, d.
41. Morris Jenness Garland, son of Rufus I. (30), born April 30, 1858; married Emma Manson. Child:

42. Joseph Parsons Garland, son of John (31), born Dec. 20, 1804; married, first, Eunice Kenney; second, widow Leavitt. Lived at Saco, Me. Children:

43. Oliver Garland, son of John (31), born Nov. 25, 1806; married Mary Tarleton of Newcastle. He died April 20, 1887. Child:
Leander, b. 1830; m. Yeaton.

44. Samuel Parsons Garland, son of John (31), born April 30, 1811; married, first, Hannah Marston; married, second ———. Lived at North Hampton. Children by first wife:
Mary Abby. Sarah Elizabeth. Hannah Jane.
Child by second wife:
George W.

45. John Calvin Garland, son of John (31), born Nov. 26, 1813; married, first, Jan. 4, 1835, Elizabeth Spead; second, Caroline Foss; third, Jan. 19, 1884, Elizabeth Riley. He died April 28, 1889. Farmer. Children:

46. David Garland, son of John (31), born March, 1816; married, Oct. 22, 1839, Mary Trickey. He died Oct. 29, 1846, and she married, second, Charles C. Marden, and was divorced. Children:

Joseph Oris, b. March 26, 1861; m. Jan. 16, 1889, Emma French.


Edna May, b. Sept 20, 1899.

Simon Garland, perhaps son of Simon (12), and Abigail of Nottingham, married Rachel Morrison of Portsmouth. Children:


GATES.

Stover Gates, of Vermont, married Mrs. Martha (Treffethern), widow of Woodbury Green. Child:


GODFREY.

John Godfrey, married, Nov. 25, 1801, Abigail Seavey. She died Dec. 9, 1819. Children:


GOSS.

The name appears in various spellings:—Gors, Gaus, Gosse, and Goss. Robert Gosse was of Portsmouth in 1693, and probably was the same Robert who settled at Greenland, near Great Bay.

1. Richard Goss, a twin brother of Robert of Greenland, married Martha ————, she living in 1739. He had 20 acres common land granted to him in 1701. The land is
now (1903) owned by L. B. Parsons and Daniel J. Parsons. Children:

4. Thomas. John W.

2. Richard Goss, son of Richard (1), married Rachel. He died before Aug. 4, 1735; and she married, second, Jan. 6, 1737, Job Chapman. Children:


4. Thomas Goss, son of Richard (1), married, Dec. 5, 1736, Mary Hall of Portsmouth. She was born Aug. 24, 1709, and died, Aug. 17, 1802. He lived on what is now the Daniel J. Parsons place, and was drowned by falling off the Newcastle bridge. Children:

Hannah, b. 1740.
8. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 8, 1752.


Richard, b. 1751.
6. Jonathan Goss, son of Jonathan (3), born 1743; married, Feb. 16, 1769, Elizabeth Brown. Was in the Revolutionary War under Capt. Parsons, and he sailed in the privateer *Portsmouth* with Samuel Seavey, and was captured, and died of smallpox in Dartmoor prison. Children:


8. Elizabeth Goss, daughter of Thomas (4), born Dec. 8, 1752; died Oct. 15, 1828; had two children: Michael D. Goss, born March 20, 1777, and Betsey, born April 7, 1794; died Dec. 5, 1870. Michael and Betty lived in a small one-story house that stood in the field now owned by L. B. Parsons and near his residence.

   Michael D. Goss, married, Oct. 21, 1799, Sally Trudy, who was born in Rye, Feb., 1778. He died March 18, 1851. She died Nov. 10, 1851. Children:

9. Esther Goss, daughter of Jethro (5), born 1741; was unmarried. Had a son, Joseph, born 1768 (baptized 1779), who died April 27, 1795. He married Hannah Berry and had:

10. Levi Goss, son of Jethro (5), born 1747; married, Aug. 18, 1767, Sarah Rand. Children:
11. Joseph Goss, son of Jonathan (6), married, March 6, 1791, Sally Seavey. Was a member of Capt. E. Philbrick's company in the War of 1812. Removed to Moultonborough. Children:


12. Jonathan Goss, son of Jonathan (6), married, Jan. 10, 1796, Patty Davidson. She died May 21, 1843. He died Aug. 29, 1851. Was in Captain Berry's company of light infantry in the War of 1812. Children:


Child by second wife:

14. Richard Goss, son of Nathan (7), born 1778; married, April 4, 1811, Polly Foss. She died April 4, 1811, and he died Feb. 6, 1814. Children:
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15. JAMES MADISON GOSS, grandson of Elizabeth (8), born Sept. 5, 1809; married, April 20, 1834, Lucinda Snow. He died Feb. 21, 1870, and the following year she married Josiah Searcy and died July 3, 1874. Children:


16. JOSEPH GOSS, grandson of Esther (9), born June 24, 1795; married Eliza Seavey. Children:

Hannah Berry, d. unm. Dec. 21, 1889.
22. Alfred Seavey.

17. LEVI GOSS, son of Levi (10), married, Nov. 15, 1796, Mary Saunders. Children:


18. JOHN GOSS, son of Levi (10), married, June 14, 1790, Abigail Randall. Children:


19. DANIEL GOSS, son of Levi (10), married, first, June 25, 1801, Sarah Mace of Gosport; second, April 6, 1820, Hannah Perkins. Lived where Oren Drake resided. Children by first wife:

Eliza. Daniel James, m. Hannah Leavitt. Children by second wife:


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22. ALFRED SEAVEY GOSS, son of Joseph (16), married, Dec., 1866, Mary Eliza Marden. Child:
   Carrie S.

23. JOSEPH JACKSON GOSS, son of Joseph (16), married, Dec. 25, 1868, Eliza A. Marden. He died Nov. 17, 1893. Child:
   Nellie A., b. June 19, 1870.

24. OTIS GOSS, son of William (20), born 1827; married, Nov. 12, 1852, Ann M. Locke. Children:


1. RICHARD PICKERING GOSS, son of Joseph and Mary Jane (Goss) Pickering, assumed the name of Goss. He was born 1833, and married, Oct. 17, 1858, Harriett J. Locke. Children:
2. CLARENCE A. GOSS, son of Richard Pickering (1), born 1859; married, first, Mary Mace, divorced; he married, second, July 8, 1882, Eliza Ella Garland. Children by second wife:


GOTHORPE.

THOMAS GOTHORPE, married, 1889, Lizzie Gomersawl. Electrician. Children:


GOULD.

CHRISTOPHER GOULD, married Waters. Schoolmaster. Children:


GRANT.

CHRISTOPHER G. GRANT, married, Aug. 7, 1870, Elsie C. Locke. Children:


GREEN.

1. RICHARD GREEN, married, March 5, 1778, Mary Mow. She died May 14, 1854, aged 96 years. Children:


2. JOHN GREEN, son of Richard (1), born April 2, 1784, married Abigail Nutter. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:

3. CHARLES GREEN, son of Richard (1), born March 3, 1795; married, March 23, 1826, Mary Smith Lamprey. She died March 21, 1858. A member of Capt. Berry's company of light infantry in the War of 1812. He died April 22, 1884. Children:

Vercilda, b. March 9, 1827; m. Dec. 31, 1855, James Brown, Jr.


4. CHARLES ALPHEUS GREEN, son of Charles (3), born Nov. 15, 1829; married, Jan. 10, 1856, Lizzie Falls. For many years an engineer on the B. & M. R. R. between Portsmouth and Boston. Lived at Portsmouth. Child:

Fred Charles, b. 1857; d. 1894.

5. OREN SMITH GREEN, son of Charles (3), born Oct. 23, 1845; married, Oct. 27, 1888, Clara A. Harvey. Children:


Deacon Stephen Green of Hampton Falls and Dolly, daughter of Webster, were married July 20, 1806. Probably lived where J. Jenness Rand resides, and removed to Hampton Falls. Served in Capt. Berry's company in the War of 1812. Children:


THOMAS L. GREEN, married, first, Elizabeth Foss. She died June 1, 1868; and he married, second, Lizzie A. Ayers. He died Sept. 14, 1893, aged 83 years. Children:

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GROGAN.

John Grogan, married Sarah A. Shapley. Children:

GROVER.

1. John Grover, married ————. Children:


HAINES.

Deacon Samuel Haines came in the ship Angel Gabriel, which was wrecked at Pemaquid, now Bristol, Me. He was selectman at Portsmouth, 1653-1663, and one of the nine founders of the town, and deacon of the church in 1671.

His son Samuel, born in 1646, married, Jan. 9, 1673, Mary Fifield, and had six children, one of them, William, born Jan. 7, 1679, married Mary Lewis, and had a daughter, Sarah, who married Jonathan Locke, in 1727.

HALE.

Benjamin Hale, son of Benjamin, was baptized March, 1741.

HALEY.

1. Samuel Haley, married Love Randall. After his death she married Samuel Robinson. Children:

2. Richard G. Daniel.


   Otis F., m. Julia Chauncy.

   Hattie L. James I.

HALL

1. Joseph Hall, married, first, Aug. 27, 1751, Esther Tucker. She died, and he married, second, widow Mary Rand; third, widow Rachel Mace. He died 1801. Children:
   Mary T., b. 1752. Joseph, b. 1754; d. young. Joseph, b. 1755; d. in the Revolutionary army. William Tucker, b. 1757; shot at the beach near "Bass tree" by British gunboats in the Revolutionary War. Sarah, b. 1759. Elizabeth, b. 1761; m. Samuel Smith.
   2. Edward, b. 1764. Hannah, b. May 19, 1780; d. unm. May 17, 1839; "non compos mentis." Esther, b. Sept. 18, 1781; m. Nathaniel Berry.

2. Edward Hall, son of Joseph (1), born 1764; married, April 22, 1784, Sarah Rand, born 1764. Children:

3. Joseph Hall, son of Edward (2), born June, 1787; married, Nov. 28, 1805, Mary, daughter of George Randall. She died March 19, 1808. He died at sea April 1, 1806. Child:
   Joseph, b. April, 1806; d. March 26, 1828.


7. Moses, b. 1826.

6. WILLIAM HALL, son of Ephraim R. (4), born Feb. 28, 1818; married Deborah Pickering of Newington. Children:

7. Moses Hall, son of William (5), born 1826; married Grace Harrington of Portsmouth. Children:
   Ida. Frank.

8. JAMES MOSES HALL, son of William (5), born March, 1828; married, July 4, 1853, Ann E. Mathes. Children:
   Emma. George.

9. LEVI WALLACE HALL, son of William (5), born June 18, 1839; married, April 26, 1863, Lucenna Jane Trefethern. Children:

JOHN HALL, of Gosport, married Mary Merrifield of Billingsgate, England. He was drowned, and she married, second, Lepinle and had thirteen children. Children:
   Joseph, m. first, Esther Tucker; second, widow Mary (Smith) Rand; third, widow Rachel (Berry) Mace. Betsey, m. Nat Tucker. Sarah, m. first, Sinclair; second, Allen; both Portsmouth sea captains. Edward, d. young.

HAM.

John H. Ham, formerly of Portsmouth, married Molly or Mary Foss; lived on Locke's Neck and owned considerable land there. He died Dec. 25, 1855. She died August 29, 1874, aged 89 years.

HANKIN.

FRED W. HANKIN, born 1874; married, Nov. 18, 1895, Maud G. Walker. Children:
HILLS.

CHARLES P. HILLS, married, April 4, 1827, Elizabeth H. Garland. He died Aug. 23, 1829, and she died June 13, 1853. Child:

Elizabeth G., b. April 24, 1828; m. June 9, 1845, Paul A. Stackpole.

HOBBS.


Esther, b. Oct. 9, 1720; m. Reuben Dearborn.


Huldah, b. Jan. 12, 1746; m. Richard Locke.


4. James Hobbs, son of Jonathan (3), born Sept. 18, 1748; married, Jan. 6, 1774, Mary Towe. Children:
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John W. Hobbs, married Elmira A. Seavey. Children:
Nellie, b. July 21, 1868; m. Ralph Walker. Hervey.

Hodgdon.
Alexander H. Hodgdon, married, July 13, 1871, Anna D., daughter of David A. Jenness. Child:
Mabel H., b. Oct. 4, 1871; m. April 18, 1891, Herbert Perkins.

Holmes.
1. Benjamin Holmes, married, first, Elizabeth Sloop; second, July 6, 1780, Margaret Holmes; third, Molly Rand. He was drowned about 1800, at London. Children by first wife:
Children by second wife:
   Jotham, non compos mentis; Sally, Polly (twins).
Children by third wife:

2. Jacob Holmes, son of Benjamin (1), married, Jan. 20, 1799, Polly Hobbs. Child:
3. Jacob, b. March 8, 1800.

3. Jacob Holmes, son of Jacob (2), born March 8, 1800; married, first, May 22, 1832, Nancy Lang. She died, and he married, second, Elizabeth Lang; she died May 3, 1842, aged 31 years. Children by first wife:
   Charles Edward, b. Sept. 21, 1832; m. Anna Hildreth; two children; lives at Newton, Mass. Sarah Eliza, b. May 20, 1839; m. Charles F. Wilkins.

1. James Holmes, married Deborah Libby; lived in Portsmouth. Child:
2. William.
2. William Holmes, son of James Holmes and Deborah Libby, born Feb., 1806; married, May, 1828, Mary Rand. Farmer. She died March 24, 1863. He died Feb. 22, 1891. Children:

Sophia C., b. Aug. 28, 1828; m. Aug. 5, 1855, John Salter Marden; d. Feb. 11, 1885.


Emma, b. Feb. 19, 1860; m. Albert H. Drake.


Ella, b. 1866; m. April 7, 1888, Everett Odiorne; d. 1903. Ernest, b. May 2, 1872; d. Feb. 18, 1881.

HUNT.

Zebedee Hunt. Children:


HUTCHINS.

Samuel Hutchins, married Hannah Seavey. Children:


Melvin Hutchins (born 1840) and Georgiana Locke married Nov. 25, 1876.

JENNESS.

The progenitor of the numerous and now widely scattered family of Jenness in this country was one Francis Jennings, who at the age of 35 emigrated to New Hampshire from Rye in England, about the year 1665, and took up his abode at Great Island, now Newcastle. The free-man's oath of fidelity was administered to him there, Oct. 2, 1666. For about five years the young man, then unmarried, pursued in Great Island the vocation of a mariner
and fisherman. He married Hannah Swaine of Hampton and made his future home in that town. The territory which he took up, and most of which was laid out to him by the town of Hampton in 1675, extended in a strip along the seacoast from Josselyn's or Locke's Neck, in a southerly direction more than half a mile. Francis erected a dwelling house, saw- and grist-mill, and also a bakery, and by means of small boats he distributed his bread all along the coast towns to Boston.

He was denied his proper interest in the commonage, feedage, and sweepage (or the right of mowing grass), in the undivided town lands. In 1707, when he attempted to insist upon these rights before a meeting of the commoners, he was "denied speaking at this meeting." His sons after his death, in 1721, procured acknowledgment of these long-resisted rights.

1. Francis Jenness, born about 1634, came to Hampton as early as Feb. 15, 1670, when he married, 1671, Hannah, daughter of William Swaine. He married, second, Feb. 4, 1701, widow Salome White of Portsmouth. He died Aug. 27, 1716. Hannah died in 1700. Children by first wife:


2. Hezekiah, b. March 30, 1675.


2. Hezekiah Jenness, son of Francis (1), born March 30, 1675; married, May 13, 1697, Ann Folsom of Exeter; settled where Josiah and his son, Lewis L. Perkins, lived. Children:


3. John Jenness, son of Francis (1), born June 14, 1678; married, first, June 25, 1702, Hannah Foss; second, Nov. 25, 1718, Mary Mason of Portsmouth. He was a blacksmith. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:

4. Capt. Richard Jenness, son of Francis (1), born June 8, 1686; married, Feb. 9, 1710, Mary, daughter of Simon Dow. Lived where Sheridan Jenness resided; died 1769. The territory north of Locke's Neck and Sandy Beach which had hitherto been a part of Newcastle was erected into a distinct town by the name of the Parish of Rye. This new parish being declared entitled to representation in the Provincial Assembly, the first member returned by it to the house of representatives was Captain Richard Jenness. Children:


5. John Jenness, son of Hezekiah (2), born April 4, 1709; married, Nov. 30, 1732, Elizabeth Seavey; died Feb. 14, 1745. Children:
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   Lucy, b. Feb. 25, 1728; m. John Place.
   Paul, b. 1727. David, ran away with a woman; d. at Philadelphia. 
   John, m. McNeil; lived in Vt. Mary, m. Benjamin Hurd.

7. Joshua Jenness, son of John (3), born May 14, 1705; married, first, Nov. 16, 1732, Hannah Langhorn, who died Jan. 10, 1785, aged 75 years 10 months; he married, second, Mary Jenness. Said to have been partially insane. Lived in the field by Brown's grist-mill. Children by first wife:
   Hannah, b. Jan. 30, 1737; unm. in 1771. Joshua, b. April 2, 1739; 
   Elizabeth, b. 1744; m. Taylor. Mary, b. 1747; m. Morrill; lived 
   at Salisbury. Hezekiah, b. 1749; d. Oct. 31, 1770; aged 21 years.

8. William Jenness, son of John (3), born March 28, 1706; married Sarah Locke. Children:
   William. Moses. Aaron, may have m. Sarah Berry and had: Jerem- 

9. Job Jenness, son of John (3), born Oct. 15, 1708; married, Sept. 12, 1735, Mary, daughter of Hezekiah Jen- 
   ness. Children:
   Hezekiah, b. Aug. 26, 1736. Job, unm., d. Nov. 15, 1777, in the 
   army. Betsey, b. 1738; m. first, Thomas Rand; second, Jonas- 
   than Woodman. Anna, b. 1750; unm. 
   16. Richard, b. Dec. 8, 1751. John, unm., d. in the army. Hannah, 

    daughter of Simon Dow; second, March 8 or 28, 1771, widow Mary Tarlton; third, Oct. 21, 1781, widow Mary 
    Wedgewood. Children by first wife:
Simon, went to England, having written over the fireplace, “you shall see my face no more.” Mary, b. 1750; m. Nathaniel Foss; lived at Barrington. Jonathan, unm., d. at Boston in the army.

17. John, b. 1752.
18. Noah, b. 1755 (March 2, 1762 ?). Hannah, b. 1757; d. young.

Children by second wife:
Joseph Tarleton, b. 1772; unm.

20. Thomas, b. Dec. 8, 1774.


Elizabeth, b. Sept. 9, 1741.
24. John, b. 1751.
25. Francis, b. 1753. Abigail, b. 1761.

12. Esquire Richard Jenness, son of Richard (4), born June 28, 1718; married, second, widow Abigail (Coffin) Sleeper. He was a large landowner and lived opposite Joseph G. Jenness. Justice of the peace and member of the house of representatives. He died in 1782. Children by first wife:

26 Richard, b. 1746.
27. Thomas, b. 1748.
28. Simon, b. 1751. Elizabeth, b. 1753; m. 1784, Enoch Burbank. Levi, b. 1756; d. young. Anna, b. 1759; unm.

Children by second wife:
29. Jonathan, b. 1760.
30. Benjamin, b. 1763.

13. Esquire Samuel Jenness, son of Richard (4), born May 19, 1724; married, first, Nov. 15, 1748, Abigail, daughter of John Garland; second, widow Elizabeth Shapley. Children by first wife:

Mary, b. 1749.
31. Samuel, b. 1752.
32. Peter, b. 1755.
33. Levi, b. 1757; Mary, b. 1758; m. Samuel Drake, Hampton. Elizabeth, b. 1761; m. Nathaniel Drake, North Hampton. John, b. 1763; m. first, Page; second, Batchelder; lived at Pittsfield.
Child by second wife:
  Abigail, b. 1769; m. John Locke.

  34. Isaac, b. 1751. Mary, bapt. Jan. 18, 1752; d. of throat distemper.

15. Paul Jenness, born 1727; married Caturah Dame. Lived at Rochester. Children:
  Jacob, d. aged about 21 years. Isaac, b. 1781; m. first, Mercy Wentworth; second, Judith Sanborn. Betsey, m. David Jenness.

16. Richard Jenness, son of Job (9), born Dec. 8, 1751; married, July 23, 1778, Mary Page of North Hampton. He was killed by lightning. Children:
  Polly, b. April, 1779; m. Moses Lowe; lived at Canaan.

  Sarah, b. 1777; m. Clemmens. Olly, b. 1778. Hannah, b. 1779.

18. Noah Jenness, son of Nathaniel (10), born 1755, or March 2, 1762; married, Jan. 25, 1784, widow Elizabeth Randall, born Feb. 27, 1755. She died Jan. 25, 1784, and he died Oct. 17, 1801. Children:

19. NATHANIEL JENNESS, son of Nathaniel (10), born 1760; married, Oct. 21, 1781, Mary Wedgewood. Children:


20. THOMAS JENNESS, son of Nathaniel (10), born Dec. 8, 1774; married, May 16, 1799, Sarah Page of North Hampton, born Aug. 30, 1781. He died Nov., 1851. Children:

   Alice (?). Fanny, b. May 18, 1800; m. Samuel Fowler. Jonathan, b. April 26, 1802; m. first, Martha Philbrick; second, Catherine Clapp; lived at Hampton. Joseph Tarleton, b. April 15, 1804; m. first, Elizabeth Varrell; second, Esther Jones (?). James, b. June 11, 1806; m. Lucinda Davis. Simon, b. Aug. 30, 1811; m. Miraclida Fox. Polly, b. Aug. 7, 1815; m. Dearborn Batchelder. Abigail, b. Jan. 24, 1820; m. Dearborn Batchelder.

21. RICHARD JENNESS, son of Nathaniel (10), born 1775; married, Aug. 2, 1819, Caroline Rand. Children:

   Andrew Jackson, b. 1815, before m.; d. Feb. 11, 1882.


22. JONATHAN JENNESS, son of Francis (11), born Jan. 25, 1743; married Jan. 9, 1779, Olive Cate. Lived at Northwood. Children:

   Sally, b. 1779; m. Thomas Demeritt. Olive, m. Joel B. Virgin. Betsey, m. Paul Hanson.

23. ISAAC JENNESS, son of Francis (11), born Dec. 30, 1744; married, July 10, 1770, Mercy Haines. Lived at Newmarket. Children:


24. DEACON JOHN JENNESS, son of Francis (11), born 1751; married, July 5, 1774, Elizabeth Cate of Portsmouth. Lived at Strafford. Children:

25. Francis Jenness, son of Francis (11), born 1753; married Batchelder. Lived at Newmarket. Children:
Data, b. 1780. Nancy, b. 1781. Sally, b. 1783. Hall Jackson.

45. Thomas. Anna, d. unm. Nancy, d. unm.
Children by second wife:
Amos. Richard, m. Hannah Emerson; removed to Vermont. Joseph, m. first, Betsey True; second, widow Sally Nye. Woodbury, m. Pillsbury of Candia; removed to Vermont.


27. Thomas Jenness, son of Richard (12), born 1748; married, Jan. 31, 1775, Sarah Yeaton. Children:

28. Simon Jenness, son of Richard (12), born 1751; married, June 24, 1773, Olive Shapley. He died April 27, 1798. Children:
47. Simon, b. Nov. 18, 1792.

30. **Benjamin Jenness**, son of Richard (12), born 1763; married, March 11, 1787, Martha Seavey. He died Feb. 8, 1824; and she died May 27, 1830. Children:


31. **Samuel Jenness**, son of Samuel (13), born 1752; married, March 26, 1775, Mary Locke. Lived at North Hampton. Children:

Jeremiah, b. 1776; m. Mary Hobbs. Polly, m. John Brown.

32. **Peter Jenness**, son of Samuel (13), born 1755; married, Dec. 26, 1782, Abigail Drake. Children:


33. **Levi Jenness**, son of Samuel (13), born 1757; married, first, Sarah Dearborn; second, Nov. 17, 1785, Elizabeth Wallis. Children by second wife:


51. Josiah, b. April 15, 1797.

34. **Isaac Jenness**, son of Joseph (14), born 1751; married, Aug. 20, 1777, Hannah Dow. She died April 20, 1840, and he died Dec. 6, 1841. Children:


35. **Richard Jenness**, son of Joseph (14), born Dec. 24, 1757; married Mary Coffin. Lived at Derry. Children:


36. **Jonathan Jenness**, son of Joseph (14), born July 25, 1760; married Abigail Locke. Children:


Anna Yeaton, b. July 14, 1813; m. Obed Rand. Children by fourth wife:


57. Sheridan, b. May 12, 1824.

38. John Jenness, son of Richard (16), born April 7, 1781; married, Nov. 17, 1808, Lydia Rollins. He died Jan. 28, 1855. Children:


39. John Jenness, son of John (17), baptized May 12, 1793; married Hannah Webster. He died in 1823. Children:

Albert, b. 1817; m. widow Sarah Dodd; removed to Palmyra, Ill. John, b. March 20, 1820; removed to Palmyra, Ill. Elizabeth, b. July, 1821; m. William Stackpole; lived at Dixon, Ill.
40. Simon Jenness, son of Noah (18), born May 19, 1785; married, Nov. 23, 1815, Nancy Sleeper. Children:

41. David Wedgewood Jenness, son of Nathaniel (19), born Jan. 12, 1782; married, first, May 19, 1807, Molly Jenness; second, May 2, 1811, Elizabeth Locke; third, June 16, 1816, Sarah T. Jenness; fourth, Aug. 23, 1827, Mary, widow of Abraham Drake; she died Oct. 28, 1885. He served in Capt. Samuel Berry's company of light infantry in the War of 1812. Children by third wife:
   Children by fourth wife:
   Abram, b. Aug. 23, 1828; m. April 15, 1849, Sarah Cotton. David. b. July 5, 1833, m. March 7, 1854, Emily Dalton; d. Oct. 27, 1901; was a member of the state senate and legislature.

42. Jonathan Jenness, son of Nathaniel (19), born Nov. 1, 1792; married, March 28, 1816, Sarah Garland. Child:

43. Amos J. Jenness, son of Richard (21), born Aug. 1, 1819; married, Nov. 8, 1849, Mary Jane Locke of Sea-brook. He died June 1, 1902. Children:

   Carrie M., b. June 2, 1867; m. James Reynolds.

45. Thomas Jenness, son of Richard (26), married Deborah Sanborn. He died in 1836. Lived at Deerfield. Children:

46. Benjamin Jenness, son of Richard (26), married Sarah Dowrst. Lived at Deerfield. Children:

47. Col. Simon Jenness, son of Simon (28), born Nov. 18, 1792; married, June 23, 1814, Nancy Jenness. He died Dec. 3, 1870, and she died Feb. 18, 1876. Was a member of Capt. Samuel B. Berry's company of light infantry in the War of 1812. Children:

48. Amos Seavey Jenness, son of Benjamin (30), born Oct. 3, 1801; married Sarah Ann Locke. He died March 30, 1886. She died Dec. 17, 1889, aged 90 years. Lived at Breakfast Hill. Children:


50. Samuel Wallis Jenness, son of Levi (33), born June 17, 1787; married, first, March 1, 1810, Abigail Perkins; second, 1835, Polly Edmonds; third, Feb., 1861, Sarah S. Randall. Children by first wife:

51. Josiah Jenness, son of Levi (33), born Aug. 15, 1797; married, Jan. 7, 1822, Huldah Perkins. Resided and built the house now occupied by Mr. Goodwin before removing to the beach. Children:
   Eliza, m. John C. Philbrick. Fidelia, d. June 10, 1833; aged about two years.

52. Henry Jenness, son of Isaac (34), born April 7, 1786; married, Aug. 5, 1813, Charlotte Lamprey. He died March 11, 1869. Children:
   69. Isaac, b. March, 1814.
   70. Simon Lamprey, b. Feb., 1816.

53. Jonathan Jenness, son of Jonathan (36), born May 29, 1791; married, June 30, 1814, Abigail Jenness. She died Oct. 17, 1818, and he died July 12, 1870. Child:
   Oliver Peter, d. Oct. 3, 1818.

   Uri Harvey, b. July 10, 1827 or '28; m. first, May 25, 1851, Martha Hannah Browne; second, Feb. 23, 1890, Sarah Garland.

55. Benjamin Jenness, son of Joseph (37), born June 19, 1791; married, first, May 2, 1816, Sarah Dearborn Jenness; second, Dorothy Brown. He died Aug. 4, 1875. Children:

56. REUBEN PHILBRICK JENNESS, son of Joseph (37), born Dec. 2, 1807; married, Oct. 5, 1834, Mary Knowles. He died June 17, 1862, and she died April 9, 1895. Children:

57. SHERIDAN JENNESS, son of Joseph (37), born May 12, 1824; married Almira Batchelder. He died Dec. 10, 1888, and she died July 19, 1900. Children:

58. JOB JENNESS, son of John (38), born July 14, 1811; married Keziah Wilson. He was proprietor of the Ocean House, the first hotel built at "Jenness Beach." She died Jan. 19, 1879, and he died Feb. 29, 1888. Children:

74. Job Rienza. Charles W., b. 1852; m. Feb. 8, 1875, widow Mary Butler Crouse; d. Jan. 29, 1897.

59. JOHN JENNESS, son of John (38), married Salome Wilson. Lived at Methuen, Mass. Child:
Lyndon Y., m.; lives in Florida.

60. JONATHAN ROLLINS JENNESS, son of John (38), married Sarah E. Marston. He died April 17, 1852, and she married, July 1, 1853, Adna Brown. Child:
Henry.

61. WESLEY JENNESS, son of John (38), born April 10, 1831; married, Oct., 1853, Harriett Mow. Children:
Fanny Wesley, b. Aug. 10, 1855; m. first, Dec. 24, 1873, George E. Dow; second, Sept. 26, 1887, Henry Brown. Archie Linden, b. April 30, 1862; m. Feb. 8, 1882, Lizzie B. Shaw; had Linden, b. April 16, 1886; Harry B.; David W.; Frank A., b. March 16, 1890; Jennie, b. Feb. 17, 1892.

62. GILMAN HARRISON JENNESS, adopted son of Jonathan (42), born Sept., 1839; married, first Eliza True
Leavitt; second, Elmira Newell of New Jersey. Children by first wife:


Child by second wife:
Harrison N., b. May 7, 1889.

63. DAVID A. JENNESS, son of Simon (52), born Aug. 26, 1814; married, April 15, 1841, Sarah W. Drake. He died March 28, 1869, and she died May 12, 1881. Children:


64. LEVI WOODBURY JENNESS, son of Simon (47), born April 24, 1824; married Emeline S. Locke. He died Jan. 9, 1852, and she died Feb. 1, 1890. Child:
Woodbury L., b. June 8, 1851; m. Mary Davis Poole; had one child, Gertrude; m. Nov. 28, 1901, Frank Cousins.

65. WILLIAM BENJAMIN JENNESS, son of Amos Sceavy, (48), born May 29, 1819; married, Dec. 25, 1844, Mary Abby Jenness. Children:

Clara Ann, b. June 17, 1845; m. Aug., 1866, Clarence B. Mason; divorced; m. second, John Simmons. Louis Wentworth, b. June 7, 1848; d. April 12, 1880, at Epping; fell from a team and was run over. Flora May, b. Nov. 5, 1858; m. July 25, 1875, Samuel Pike.

66. JOSEPH G. JENNESS, son of Amos Scevey (48), born March 21, 1825; married, first, April 18, 1857, Elvira Garland; second, widow Marden. Child by first wife:
Child by second wife:

67. OLIVER PETER JENNESS, son of Samuel (49), born Jan., 1820; married, June 21, 1842, Elizabeth Dow Drake. She died May 11, 1888, and he died March 10, 1897. Children:

68. Nathaniel Gilbert Jenness, son of Samuel (49), born Nov., 1823; married, April 11, 1848, Emeline Lang. He died March 12, 1897. Children:

69. Isaac Jenness, son of Henry (52), born March, 1814; married, March, 1833, Hannah Brown. He died March 19, 1899. Children:

70. Simon Lamprey Jenness, son of Henry (52), born Feb., 1816; married Mary E., widow of Simon F. Tarlton. Removed to Hampton in 1832. Children:

71. Henry Jenness, son of Henry (52), born Dec. 24, 1825; married, first, Mary Page; second, Rebecca J. Rowe. Children:
   Herman, m. Lydia Philbrick.

72. Joseph Jerome Jenness, son of Henry (52), born May 1, 1828; married, first, Martha A. Folsom; second, Page. Children by first wife:

73. Albert Dana Jenness, son of Benjamin (55), born April 7, 1834; married, first, Oct. 23, 1855, Emeline Brown; second, April 14, 1863, Clara J. Garland. Children:


   Ida M., b. March, 1867; m. Oct. 6, 1897, Hervey C. Moulton. Elta, b. Oct., 1868; m. 1890, Clarence F. Bickford.


   Howard L., b. June 4, 1874; d. Feb. 29, 1876.

Children by second wife:


76. Otis Simpson Jenness, son of Nathaniel Gilbert (68), born 1849; married, March 30, 1875, Anna P. Marsston. Children:


77. Alvato Jenness, son of Henry (71), married Emira M. Brown. Child:

   A son, b. March 25, 1897.

1. Francis Jenness, perhaps son of John (3), and Mary (Mason) Jenness, married Sarah Locke. Children:

   Joseph, m. French; lived at Epping.


2. John Bean Jenness, son of Francis (1), married, June 24, 1786, Olive Berry. He came from Epping and lived with his uncle, "tanner" Richard Jenness, who gave him his farm. Children:


8. David Wedgewood Jenness, son of John (4), born 1817; married, April 28, 1839, Abigail Knowles. She died Feb. 9, 1888. Child:

Nellie M., b. Aug. 28, 1869; m.

Benjamin Jenness married Hannah ————. Joined the church in 1764, and resided at the Center. Children:


**John W. Jenness**, grandson of Isaac (69), born Feb. 25, 1868; married March 4, 1891, Florence W. Farrell. She was born in 1869. Children:


**JOHNSON.**

1. Peter Johnson, son of Peter and great-grandson of Edmund, who settled at Hampton in 1639, was born July 11, 1714; married, April 19, 1737, Sarah, daughter of Simon Dow. Children, all baptized at Hampton:


2. Peter Johnson, son of Peter (1), bapt. Feb. 28, 1742; married, Sept. 18, 1767, Mary Yeaton. Served as drummer in Capt. Parsons' company in the Revolutionary War. Children:

   Sally, d. unm., aged 21 years.

3. Peter, b. Aug. 6, 1770.

4. Edmond.

3. Peter Johnson, son of Peter (2), born Aug. 6, 1770; married, Nov. 26, 1801, Abigail D., daughter of John Batchelder. She died Feb. 4, 1816, and he died May 4, 1834. Children:


5. John Batchelder, b. Aug. 7, 1806. Mary C., b. May 21, 1812; m. May 8, 1845, Ivory Brown; had before m. Maria L.
4. Edmund Johnson, son of Peter (2), married, first, Aug. 9, 1789, Abigail Berry. She died Feb. 28, 1808, and he married, second, E. Black; third, Eliza Stearns. Children by first wife:


Child by second wife:


5. John Batchelder Johnson, son of Peter (3), born Aug. 7, 1806; married Mary Folsom, born 1810; died Dec. 16, 1883. He died Nov. 11, 1890. Children:


6. John Greenleaf Johnson, son of Edmund (4), married, July 13, 1822, Sally B. Mace. She afterwards married, Feb. 8, 1827, Ithamar Mace. Children:

John Edward, b. 1823; was drowned with his son John; his other son, Greenleaf, d. Aug. 17, 1880, aged 31 years, at Bay Port, Fla. Abby S., b. Jan. 20, 1825; m. first, Nathaniel Mace; second, David Remick.

7. Albert M. Johnson, son of John Batchelder (5), born Nov. 19, 1853; married Mary F. Mace. Children:


Edward Johnson and Sarah Allard were married Feb. 25, 1743.

Charles Johnson of Sweden married, 1874, first, Annie ————; second, 1885, Annie Swinson. Children by first wife:
Henry, b. 1887; m. Edward S., b. 1880; soldier in the Spanish-American War.
Child by second wife:
Fred, b. 1886.

JONES.

John Jones, an Irishman, married, Aug. 27, 1733, Anna Webster. Children:
William, b. June 7, 1735; Sarah, b. April 23, 1737; Mary, b. Nov. 1740; d. Nov., 1740; Anna, b. Nov. 19, 1741; unm.; insane and supported by the town; d. Nov. 8, 1806; Catherine, b. April 15, 1743; Susannah, b. Oct. 17, 1745; Olly, b. 1747; John, b. March 17, 1748. Olly, bap. 1752. Abiah, b. May 4, 1753. Mary, b. 1756.

1. John William Jones, married Margaret Brewster, an Irish woman. She afterwards married Reuben Moulton. Children:
Margaret, b. 1766; m. Simon Lamper.
2. William Joseph.

2. William Jones, son of John William (1), married, June 16, 1796, Sarah Moulton. Children:

3. John Jones, son of William (2), married, Nov. 12, 1827, Esther Y. Foss. Children:
Cyrus W., m. Mary Towle.
4 Charles W.

4. Charles W. Jones, son of John (3), married Abbie Towle. Children:
Fannie E., b. 1872; m. first, April, 1895, Harold A. Michie; second, April 29, 1899, Robert J. Rawding.

Hiram Jones married Martha S. Leavitt. He committed suicide, and Sept. 15, 1861, his widow married Frank Jones of Portsmouth. Child:
Emma L., b. Nov. 27, 1855; m. Charles A. Sinclair of Littleton.

Samuel Jackson Jones married Elizabeth G. Locke. Children:
Montrose, b. May, 1856. Son, b. May 12, 1868.
JONATHAN JONES married Caroline Warren. Children:

KATE.

Frances, daughter of Daniel Kate, was baptized Oct. 14, 1792.

Joseph Kate of Nottingham and Prudence Marden of Portsmouth were married May 7, 1789.

Richard Kate of Barrington and Polly Rand were married Nov. 16, 1790.

KEEN.

WILLIAM KEEN, born Feb. 12, 1792; married, March 3, 1840, Harriett Rand, born Sept. 14, 1810. Children:
  Georgianna, b. July 16, 1836; m. June 29, 1843, Charles H. Downes.
  Harriett Elizabeth, b. Nov. 9, 1840; m. Dec. 25, 1856, Warren W. Keen.

WARREN W. KEEN married Dec. 25, 1856, Harriett Elizabeth Keen. Children:

KIMBALL.

HEZEKIAH KIMBALL, married Hannah Philbrick. Children:

KINGMAN.

WILLIAM KINGMAN, married, first, Mary ————; second, Aug. 19, 1747, Elizabeth Webster. Removed to Barrington and was driven back by Indians. After living here for a time he returned to Barrington and found everything just as it had been left. He had a sister Mary, who
married Henry Seavey Sept. 18, 1740. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:


KNOWLES.

1. Ezekiel Knowles, son of John and Susanna, of Hampton, was born June 29, 1687; married, Jan. 31, 1712, Mary, daughter of David Wedgwood. Children:

Hannah, b. March 1, 1713. Nathan, bapt. May 27, 1716; m. John Lane; d. 1787.

2. Amos Knowles, son of Ezekiel (1), born Nov. 4, 1722; married, Oct. 11, 1744, Libby. Children:


John Clifford, b. 1768; d. unm. Nov. 7, 1837.

4. Amos Knowles, son of Amos (2), born 1755; married Betsey Palmer. Children:


6. JOHN KNOWLES, son of Nathan (5), born Feb. 9, 1811; married, May 25, 1834, Nancy Lane, daughter of John Lane and Sarah Dow. She was born Dec. 13, 1811, and is still living (1903), the oldest person in town. Children:


7. CHARLES NATHAN KNOWLES, son of John (6), born June 30, 1839; married, Nov. 24, 1868, Anna A. Garland. She died Oct. 24, 1894. Children:


1. SIMON KNOWLES, son of ———, married Deliverance ———. Child:


2. JOSEPH KNOWLES, son of Simon (1), born Dec. 13, 1727; married, March 3, 1748, Love Brackett. He died Nov. 7, 1823. Children:

Simon, b. May 16, 1748; m. Feb. 8, 1779, widow Esther Yeaton.


3. SAMUEL KNOWLES, son of Joseph (2), born Oct. 27, 1749; married, March 17, 1772, Sarah Marden. Lived near the "Four Corners" by Alfred Seavey's. Was sergeant in Captain Parsons' company in the Revolutionary War. Children:


Josiah Knowles and Susannah Godfrey were married April 6, 1820.
JAMES KNOWLES married, first, Oct. 11, 1744, Mary Libby; second, June 30, 1748, Comfort Wallis. Children:
Daniel, bapt. 1746; m. Mary and Comfort, bapt. 1749.

John Knowles married first, Jan. 1, 1741, Sarah Moulton; and second, perhaps, Tryphene Locke. Children:
Sarah, b. 1741. John, b. 1743. Tryphene, b. 1745.

LAMPREY.

1. BENJAMIN LAMPREY, son of Benjamin, and grandson of Henry and Gillyen, who came to Hampton about 1660, was born Oct. 9, 1688; married, Feb. 7, 1711, Sarah, daughter of Simon Dow. Children:

2. SIMON LAMPREY, son of Benjamin (1), married, first, Patience, daughter of James Hobbs; second, widow Martha Dow. Children:
Sarah, b. 1760; m. Francis Marden.

3. SIMON LAMPREY, son of Simon (2), born 1765; married Margaret Jones. Children:

4. JAMES LAMPREY, son of Simon (2), born Aug. 10, 1770; married, first, Sarah Brown; second, Elizabeth Edgerly. Children:
LANE.

John Lane, son of John, and grandson of William and Sarah, who came to Hampton about 1686, was born Oct. 12, 1709, and married, first, Sept. 28, 1732, Hannah Lamprey; second, March 10, 1738, Mary, daughter of Ezekiel Knowles. Removed to Chester about 1749. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:


John Lane, married, Aug. 7, 1854, Hannah O. Locke. He died Aug. 12, 1854, and she married John William Randall. Child:

Belle, b. Oct. 9, 1854; m. Daniel Woodbury Dalton, and was divorced.

LANG.

John Lang, of English origin, was at Portsmouth before 1692. In a later generation a family of Langs lived at Hampton Falls, from which the Sanbornton lines are descended.

The following, probably brothers, lived at Rye:

1. William.
2. John.
3. Benjamin.

1. William Lang, probably married, second, Dec. 9, 1751, Elizabeth Rand. Children:

2. John Lang, married Sarah Bickford, who lived at Portsmouth near the mill dam. She died in 1801, aged 96 years. Children:
5. George, b. 1745.

3. **Benjamin Lang** is said to have married, first, Eleanor Burley. He married, second, Deborah Varrell. A Benjamin Lang married, June 4, 1756, Mary Thompson of Portsmouth. Removed to Ohio. Children:

Eleanor, b. April 11, 1759; m. Jonathan Pulsifer; lived at Deerfield. Hannah, b. Jan. 5, 1761; m. William Burleigh; lived at Candia.


4. Mark Lang, son of William (1), baptized in 1741; married Salome Goss. He died July 25, 1808; lived on the new road in Portsmouth. Children:

Elizabeth, bapt. 1761; m. Job Locke. Anna, bapt. 1763; m. April 22, 1784, John Varrell. Hannah, bapt. 1765; m. Nov. 10, 1785, Job Locke.


12. William, b. 1774.

5. George Lang, son of John (2), born 1745; married, Oct. 23, 1770, Sarah Johnson. Removed to Greenland. He died Oct. 16, 1790, and she married James Whidden. Children:

George, b. 1773; d. Nov. 15, 1833. Sarah, m. May 4, 1800, Thomas Berry; d. 1869.

6. Bickford Lang, son of John (2), married, March 8, 1764, Martha Locke. Removed to Epsom. Blacksmith by trade. Children:


7. Thomas Lang, probably son of John (2), married, Sept. 16, 1757, Mary Goss. Children:
Susannah, bap. 1758; William, b. 1761; went to Ohio. Levi, b. 1763; m.; lived at Deerfield. Anna, b. 1767; d. unm.


8. BENJAMIN LANG, son of Benjamin (3), born July 28, 1765, married Deborah Bean. Removed to Candia. Children:


9. MARK LANG, son of Mark (4), born 1768; married, Oct. 9, 1792, Hannah Marden. He died in 1845. Lived on the new road in Portsmouth. Children:


   Fanny Goldthwait, b. 1798; m. Thomas Adams. Edward, b. 1799; m. Deborah Marston; lived at North Hampton, and d. April 1, 1866. Polly, b. 1800; m. first, Trefethern; second, Nathaniel B. Abbott. William, b. Nov., 1802; m. first, Eliza A. Brady; second, Elizabeth Hazzard; he d. April 3, 1869.


11. JONATHAN LANG, son of Mark (4), born 1773; married. Was called "Doctor." Removed to Sanborn, where he died Jan. 8, 1806. Children:


Children:
- Mary Ann, b. Feb. 22, 1795; m. Thomas Marden.
- Harriett, b. April, 1797; d. young.
- Elizabeth Beverly, b. April 17, 1799; m. John Sampson.
- Fanny G., b. Dec., 1801.


13. **John Lang**, son of Bickford (6), born April, 1767; married Mercy Drake. Lived at Effingham and at Limerick, Me.

Children:
- Frances, bapt. 1753.
- Huldah, bapt. 1793.
- Polly, bapt. 1795.


Children:
- Billy, bapt. 1797. Reuel, bapt. 1799.


Children:
- Fanny, b. April 12, 1799; d. unm. Dec. 27, 1870.

16. **Nancy Lang**, daughter of Richard (10), married, May 22, 1832, Jacob Holmes. Before marriage she had:


Children:
- Emeline, b. Sept. 28, 1829; m. Nathaniel Gilbert Jenness.
18. Thomas Marden Lang, son of William (12), born Jan. 6, 1817; married, Oct. 25, 1840, Martha E. Varrell. Lived on the new road in Portsmouth. Children:


Richard W., b. 1830.
Eben M., b. April, 1833.

20. George H. Lang, son of Nancy (16), born June 6, 1827; married Lydia Golden. Was out in the Civil War in the 17th regiment of Massachusetts, Co. D, for three years. Enlisted second time for one year in the first N. H. heavy artillery. He died July 12, 1901. Children:


21. Ebenezer Wallis Lang, son of Ebenezer Wallis (19), born April, 1833; married, 1859, Hannah C. Trefethern. He died Sept. 30, 1878. Children:


22. Alfred M. Lang, son of Ebenezer Wallis (19), married, first, Maria Parker. Was in the 32d Maine regiment in the War of 1861-65. Child:

———, b. Feb. 27, 1869.

23. Hezekiah Perry Lang, son of George H. (20), born June 21, 1859; married Alice Gray. Children:


Josiah Lang and Pearn Johnson, both of Greenland, were married Dec. 17, 1771.
LANGDON.

1. Tobias Langdon came from England. He married in 1656, Elizabeth Sherburne. He died July 27, 1664, and his widow married Tobias Lear. Children:


2. Capt. Tobias Langdon, son of Tobias (1), born 1660; married, Nov. 17, 1686, Mary Hubbard. He died Feb. 20, 1725. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:

Mary, b. Nov. 17, 1687; m. George Pierce. Tobias, b. Oct. 11, 1689; m. 1714, Sarah Winkley. Martha, b. March 7, 1693; m. 1715, Nichols Shapley. Richard, b. April 14, 1694; m. Thankfull; d. at Newtown, L. I.


4. Deacon Mark Langdon, son of Tobias (2), born Sept. 15, 1698; married, first, Mehitable ————; she died Oct., 1764, and he married, second, Mary ————. He died in 1776. Child:


5. William Langdon, probably son of Tobias (2), born Oct. 20, 1702; married Sarah ————. He died in 1770. Children:

William, b. 1748; m. Mary Pickering; she d. Feb. 8, 1802, aged 52 years; he d. Sept. 30, 1829. John, m. Mary Evans; he d. May 21, 1789; she d. March 10, 1825, aged 61 years. Mary, m. Nichols Pickering.
6. John Langdon, son of Tobias (2), born May 28, 1707; married, Feb. 26, 1780, Mary Hall, who died April 11, 1789, aged 72 years. Children:


   Elizabeth, b. Oct. 16, 1749; d. Dec. 3, 1749. Mary, b. April 16, 1751; m. first, Tallent; second, Joseph White; lived at Newcastle; d. 1836.


8. Major Samuel Langdon, son of Samuel (7), born June 9, 1753; married Lydia Brewster, who died May 21, 1840. He died July 5, 1834. Children:


10. Samuel, b. May 13, 1811.


10. Capt. Samuel Langdon, son of Samuel (8), born May 13, 1811; married, first, June 12, 1832, Hannah Langdon; second, Sarah A. Coleman. Lived in Portsmouth. Children:

11. WILLIAM LANGDON, son of Samuel (8), born Feb. 10, 1818; married Mary Locke. Children:

LANGMAID.

WILLIAM LANGMAID, married, Dec. 10, 1738, Deborah Berry. Children:
   Samuel, b. 1748. Abigail, b. 1750.

LEAR.

1. Alexander Lear. Children:
   2. Benjamin (?).

2. BENJAMIN LEAR, son of Alexander (1), married, Nov. 25, 1790, Mary Morrison. Children:
   Alexander, enlisted under Lieut. Henderson and died at Sackett's Harbor during the War of 1812.
   Nathaniel, ran away from Solomon Marden, was a prisoner at Dartmoor during the War of 1812.
   Benjamin, served under Marshall, and afterwards under Walback, in the War of 1812.
   Went to New Orleans and it is said died in Mobile bay or up the river. Samuel, drowned at Epsom while rafting logs.

3. SAMUEL LEAR, son of Alexander (1), married, Feb. 5, 1792, Sally Salter. Child:
   Alexander Salter, bapt. 1793.

4. JOHN LEAR, son of Benjamin (2), born Dec. 9, 1804; married, 1827, Nancy Downes of Gosport. He lived on the Sandy Beach road. Fisherman. Children:
LEAVITT.

1. Elder Ebenezer Leavitt, son of ————, married Jewel. Children:

2. Carr Leavitt, son of Ebenezer (1), married, Sept. 5, 1837, Eliza Jane Lane. He died Sept. 8, 1863. Children:

3. William B. Leavitt, son of Ebenezer (1), married, June 20, 1837, Louisa Dalton. He died in California. Children:
   Eliza F., m. first, Hiram Jones; second, Frank Jones; child, m. Sinclair of Littleton. Daniel Eben, m. Nellie Hadley of Portsmouth.

LEWIS.

Langley B. Lewis, son of ————, married Abigail, daughter of Joseph J. Berry. He died in California. Child:

LIBBIE—LIBBY.

1. John Libbie came from England about 1630 and was in the employ of Trelawny four years, settling at Scarborough. The location on which he settled was laid out to him by Henry Jocelyn, who was probably the first settler at Jocelyn's Neck in Rye, afterwards known as Locke's Neck. John Libbie lost everything save his plantation during King Philip's War. Children:
   John, b. 1636; m. Agnes. James, killed in King Philipp's War. Samuel, killed in King Philipp's War. Joanna, m. Thomas Bickford. Henry, b. 1647; m. Honor Hinkson.


2. Anthony Libby, son of John (1), born 1649; married Sarah, daughter of Abraham and Jane Drake of Hampton. He lived at Scarborough until some years after King Philip's War. Children:

Sarah, m. June, 18, 1701, Israel Smith of Hampton. Mary, m. March 7, 1709, John Lane of Hampton.

4. Abraham.

5. Isaac, b. 1690. Hannah.


3. David Libby, son of John (1), born 1657; married Eleanor. Children:


Betty, b. Oct. 6, 1713; m. E. Holmes.


5. Isaac Libby, son of Anthony (2), born 1690; married Mary Farmer. Children:


6. Jacob Libby, son of Anthony (2), born May 25, 1695; married, Oct. 29, 1719, Sarah Marston. Children:


   Elisha, b. 1725; m. Esther Fogg. Matthew, b. Feb. 25, 1729; m. Sarah Hanscom. Mark, b. June 8, 1731; m. Lydia Skillings.


8. Joseph Libby, son of Abraham (4), born Aug. 15, 1715, in that part of Hampton which is now called Rye; married Margaret Abbott. He died in 1764. Children:


9. John Libby, son of Isaac (5), born Aug. 1, 1720; married, June 26, 1743, Eleanor Berry. He removed to Epsom and probably died there. Children:


10. Isaac Libby, Jr., son of Isaac (5), born Feb. 28, 1725, at Rye; married, first, Feb. 5, 1748, Ann Symmes; second, Margaret Kalderwood. He removed to that part of Epsom which is known as New Rye. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:

11. Arthur Libby, son of Isaac (5), born April 5, 1728, at Rye; married, April 23, 1752, Deborah Smith. He lived at Rye and removed to Candia. Children:

Olive, bapt. Feb. 2, 1755; m. J. Harris.


Children by second wife:
Abigail, m. Isaac Allice. Isaac, b. June 21, 1776; m. Rebecca Crockett. Mary, b. July 30, 1779; m. Wallis Foss.

13. Samuel Libby, son of Jacob (6), born Feb. 9, 1720; married, first, Dec. 4, 1744, Abigail Symens; second, Penelope Barber. Children:

14. Joseph Libby, son of Jacob (6), born Feb. 25, 1737, at Rye; married Mary. In 1763 he bought the Paul Randall inn near Rye Center, and died a year later. In 1765-'66 his widow married Reuben Dearborn of North Hampton. Child:
Molly, bapt. March, 1763; m. Nathaniel Batchelder of Deerfield.

Sarah, bapt. Aug. 17, 1760; m. Lane of Candia.
Children by second wife:


16. Abraham Libby, son of Jacob (6), born Dec. 29, 1739, at Rye; married, first, Feb. 24, 1763, Abigail Page. She died June 2, 1764. Married, second, 1767, Mary Tarlton of Portsmouth. He was a farmer at Rye until the death of his brother Joseph in 1764. He administered on Joseph's estate and ran the tavern (Paul Randall's Inn) until it burned. He removed to Chester. He lived near the West schoolhouse. Was a sergeant in Captain Parsons' company in the Revolutionary War and was on town committee to hire men for the Continental army. Child by first wife:

Abigail, b. Nov. 13, 1763; m. John Morrison.
Children by second wife:


17. Allison Libby, son of John (7), born Sept. 12, 1733; married, first, Sarah Skillings; second, Sept. 12, 1775, Mary Libby. Child by first wife:

Children by second wife:

18. Capt. Reuben Libby, son of Joseph (8), baptized March 13, 1743, at Rye; married, first, Sarah Fullerton; second, Abigail Smith. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in the English army and, it is said, was at Crown Point when George III was crowned king of England. Removed to Wolfeborough. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:

Smith. Abigail.

19. Samuel Libby, son of Reuben (12), born July, 1757, at Rye; married, Sept. 21, 1780, Mehitable, daughter of William and Ruth (Moses) Seavey of Rye. He lived where Charles Lear now resides near the Center schoolhouse. Children:


20. Joseph Libby, son of Abraham (16), born Nov. 10, 1765, at Rye; married, Feb. 12, 1789, Deborah, daughter of Joseph and Deborah (Seavey) Rand of Chester. Children:


21. Simeon Libby, son of Allison (17), born Sept. 3, 1755; married, first, Abigail Smith; second, Mrs. Ann Phiney. He served in the Revolutionary War. Children by first wife:
Simeon, b. Jan. 11, 1784; m. Sally Lombard. 
Joseph, b. Dec. 4, 1785; m. first, Betsey Phinney; second, Love Phinney. 
Rebecca, b. Oct. 4, 1787; m. Benjamin Cassely. 
Olive, b. March 19, 1790; m. Caleb Richardson.

Samuel, b. April 21, 1797. Ai, b. Nov. 21, 1790; m. Martha Skillings.

Child by second wife:
Stephen, b. Aug. 8, 1808; went whaling about 1845 and was never heard from again.

22. Daniel Libby, son of Simeon (21), born March 18, 1792; married, first, Jan. 22, 1818, Martha Morton; second, Alice Morton (sister of Martha). 
Children:
Albert H., b. Dec. 20, 1819; m. Eliza A. Woodward.

Martha, m. Alden Reed.

Children:
Sarah Francis, b. Oct. 27, 1844; m. Adoniram Soule. 
Ellen Maria, b. Dec. 29, 1845; d. May 18, 1861. 
Julia E., b. Nov. 13, 1847; m. Albert Wallace.

Children:

LITTLEFIELD.

1. Dudley Chase Littlefield, son of ————, born March 5, 1844; married Sarah Abigail Drake, Feb. 25, 1862. 
Lived at Stratham. 
Children:

LOCKE.

1. John Locke, came from Yorkshire, Eng., about 1644, and settled first at Dover, N. H., where he had a right of
land. He removed to what is known as Fort Point, in Newcastle, and about 1652 married Elizabeth, daughter of John Berry, who was probably the first settler at a place called Sandy Beach, now Rye. A few years later, Mr. Locke moved to Sagamore creek, and from there to a neck of land in Rye called Joscelyn's Neck, Locke's Neck, until 1876, and now known as Straw's Point. John Locke was killed by the Indians, August 26, 1696, while he was reaping grain in his field, but two sons who were with him hid and escaped. It is said Captain Locke, after being shot, struck one of the Indians with his sickle and partly cut off his nose. He was by trade a house carpenter. Children:

2. John, b. 1654. Elizabeth, d. unm. before 1708. Alice (or Elsey ?), m. March 14, 1714, Nehemiah Berry.

3. Nathaniel, b. 1661.

4. Edward. Tryphena, m. Dec. 31, 1713, John Knowles. Rebecca, was living in 1708. Mary, was living in 1708.

5. William, b. April 17, 1677.


2. John Locke, son of John (1), born 1654; married Elizabeth ————. Children:

8. John, b. about 1683; m. Sarah; d. 1774.


3. Nathaniel Locke, son of John (1), born 1661; married, Jan. 22, 1688-89. Dorothy, daughter of Jasper Blake, who was born Sept. 17, 1668, and died at Hampton, N. H., Sept. 28, 1737. He died Nov. 12, 1734, aged 73. Tradition says he had 19 children. Children:


12. Jonathan, b. Dec. 22, 1705. Deborah, m. Oct. 19, 1732, William Buckinan (Bucknan). They removed to Falmouth, Me., and she with her infant and her brother Nathaniel's wife, and a Mrs. Noyes, were all lost in a vessel from Casco bay to Cape Ann or Boston, about 1735. Joseph, b. about 1700. Abijah. Timothy.
4. **Edward Locke**, son of John (1), married Hannah, daughter of Frances Jenness. She was born March 26, 1673. Lived at Hampton and Rye. Children:


5. **Deacon William Locke**, son of John (1), born April 17, 1677; married Nov. 23, 1699, Hannah Knowles, who was born April 18, 1678, and died Sept. 12, 1769, in her 92d year. He died Jan. 22, 1768 in his 91st year. Children:


18. Elijah.


6. **James Locke**, son of John (1), married ———. Child:

20. James, m. Sarah ———.

7. **Joseph Locke**, son of John (1), married Salome White (?). He died March, 1768. Lived at Locke’s Neck, was a selectman. He bought land of Nathaniel Berry at Sandy Beach, May 25, 1713. Made another purchase, 1728, of four acres near “Dry Point,” now Wallace S. Goss’. Children:


8. **John Locke**, son of John (2), born about 1683; married Sarah ————. Resided at Rye and died 1774 or '75, aged 91 years. Children:

- John, b. 1714.

9. **Jethro Locke**, son of John (2), married, Jan. 7, 1720, his cousin, Dorothy Locke. He resided at Rye and died in 1737. Children:

- Jethro, b. June 27, 1727.

10. **Nathaniel Locke**, son of Nathaniel (3), born Oct. 18, 1698; married, first, Jan. 6, 1726, Abigail Prescott, who was drowned in 1735, going from Casco bay to Cape Ann or Boston; second, Mary Stubbs of Yarmouth. He died at Falmouth, 1780 or '81. Children by first wife:

- John, bapt. Nov. 29, 1727; d. young. Nathaniel, d. at Falmouth, 1756 or '58, aged 28 years.

Children by second wife:

- Jonathan, shipmaster, m. Sarah Dunbar of Hingham: had a son, Jonathan, b. 1772; m. second, Hannah Tate of Boston, 1797; shipwrecked, 1804, in Mediterranean. John, lived at Falmouth; had a son, Ebenezer. Abijah, was a captain; 1775. helped build Port Falmouth. Josiah, probably d. April 12, 1841, aged 84 years, at Falmouth; was in expedition to Penobscot, 1779.

11. **Samuel Locke**, son of Nathaniel (3), born 1701-'02; married Dec. 11, 1729, Jerusha Shaw. Resided at Hampton and died Dec. 5, 1789, aged about 88. She died Nov. 4, 1780, aged 71. Children:

- Esther, b. 1730-'31; d. April 22, 1736.
- Caleb, b. Aug. 12, 1738; m. Betsey Dyer; went to Hollis, Me.
12. Jonathan Locke, son of Nathaniel (3), born Dec. 22, 1705; married ———, daughter of Samuel Norton. It is said old Jonathan Locke was killed by falling down a bank while on his way home, having been to see Francis Locke's wife, and that Israel Marden, when going home from the same woman, horseback, the horse stumbled, and he was killed. Child:

13. Francis Locke, son of Edward (4), born July 18, 1694; married, first, Deliverance ————; second, March 11, 1733, Sarah Moulton. He resided at Rye and died about 1754. Children by first wife:


15. James Locke, son of Edward (4), born Oct. 4, 1709; married Mercy. He was a cordwainer at Rochester in 1737.

per in Oct., 1753. He lived where Deacon Jonathan Locke resides. Children:


Elisha, b. 1743; d. young. Daniel, b. 1745; d. young. Mary, b. 1747; m. Ladd of Haverhill. Hannah, b. 1755; m. Ladd of Haverhill, brother of above. William, a peculiar man; stone-cutter; called "Picker Locke"; d. at Rye April 19, 1828. Elisha, b. 1760: Revolutionary soldier. David, b. 1767; m. first, 1787, Hannah Lellingham; 2d, Nov. 6, 1809, Rachel Brainard. He d. 1832.
20. James Locke, son of James (6), married Sarah. Lived at Rye. Children:

21. Joseph Locke, son of Joseph (7), born April 27, 1716; married, first, Dec. 4, 1739, Hannah Jenness; second, April 20, 1768, widow Mary Odiorne. He lived at Rye and died 1790 or '91. His second wife died Jan. 28, 1805, aged 81 years. Lived where John Oliver Locke resides. Children by first wife:
40. Joshua, bapt. April 28, 1753 or '54. Mary, bapt. Nov. 21, 1756; m. Levi Towle (?). Children by second wife:
41. Joseph, b. 1768; m. first, Nov. 16, 1794, Mary Brown; second, 1804, Olive Foss. Benjamin, b. 1770; d. young. Hannah, b. March, 1773; m. Samuel Mow; resided at Rye. Benjamin, b. 1776; d. young.


23. Richard Locke, son of John (8), born July 28, 1720; married Elizabeth Garland. Lived at Rye. He died May 15, 1804, aged 84 years. Children:
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47. Simon, bapt. Sept. 23, 1770.


Hannah, b. 1748. Dorothy, b. 1750; m. July 19, 1771, Elijah Otis.
48. Simon, b. 1753. Meribah, b. 1756; m. Babb of Strafford. Elizabeth, b. 1758-59; m. twice.
49. Jethro, b. March 6, 1764.

25. JONATHAN LOCKE, son of Samuel (11), born Sept. 29, 1732; married, April 14, 1757, Hannah Fogg, who died June 10, 1819, aged 83 years. He resided at Hampton and died Jan. 27, 1800, aged 67 years. Children:


26. CALEB LOCKE, son of Samuel (11), born Aug. 12, 1738; married Betsy Dyer. He resided at Hollis, Me., and died April 10, 1820. She died Dec. 17, 1825, aged 82 years. Children:


27. SAMUEL LOCKE, son of Samuel (11), born July 28, 1740; married, first, Aug. 15, 1768, Esther Dow; second, Jan. 25, 1771, Hannah Magoon. Children:


29. Francis Locke, son of Francis (13), born June 27, 1724; married, first, Jan. 24, 1751, Sarah Page; second, Dec. 31, 1767, Elizabeth Rachelder. Farmer. Sold a portion of his farm to Col. Benjamin Garland and went to Epsom. Children by first wife:

30. Ephraim Locke, son of Francis (13), born Feb. 4, 1730-31; married, May 14, 1752, Comfort Dowse. Lived at Epsom. Children:
   Prudence, b. 1753. Ephraim, b. 1755. Asa, b. 1763; m. widow Mary (Nason) Shaw; removed to Vermont. Samuel, m. Mary Evans of Epsom. Francis.

31. Moses Locke, son of Edward (14), born July 8, 1733; married, March 12, 1755, Mary Organ. Children:

32. Timothy Blake Locke, son of Edward (14), born Oct. 30, 1735; married, first, June 1, 1757, Lydia Dow; second, Jan. 22, 1781, Patience Perkins. Resided at Kensington and Seabrook. Children by first wife:

33. Jonathan Locke, son of Jonathan (16), born Jan. 29, 1732; married, June 8, 1757, Abigail Towle, who died March 22, 1817, aged 81 years. Resided at Rye, where Deacon Jonathan Locke lived in 1903. He died Sept. 13, 1813, aged 82 years. Children:

52. John, b. July 15, 1767.


54. Jethro, b. 1775.

55. Hall Jackson, b. 1777; m. Abigail Amazeen of Newcastle. Elvin.

34. David Locke, son of Jonathan (16), born Aug. 24, 1735; married, first, Feb. 9, 1738, Hannah Lovering, who died Sept. 23, 1807; second, May 24, 1809, widow Olive Elkins, who died Dec. 4, 1835, aged 89 years. He resided at Rye and died June 7, 1810. His residence was in "Fern Avenue." Children by first wife:

56. Reuben, b. April 26, 1758.


35. William Locke, son of William (17), born Sept. 9, 1745; married Betsy Babb. Resided at Barrington. Children:


60. Elijah, b. 1781. Mary, b. 1784; m. John Wallis; lived at Epsom. Levi, m. Rachel Towle; lived at Chichester. Several daughters (names not known).


63. Reuben, b. March 14, 1791; m. Jane McMurphy.

38. James Locke, son of James (20), born June 30, 1729; married, June 14, 1750, Sarah Leavitt. Resided at Rye. Children:

Moses, b. 1751. Ruth, b. 1752; unm.

64. James, b. 1753. Hannah, b. 1755. John, b. 1757; was a refugee and went to Nova Scotia. Sarah, b. 1759. Samuel, b. 1761. Elizabeth, b. 1763.


Hannah, b. 1767; unm. Hannah Jenness, b. May 22, 1769 or '70; m. John Marston; he d. July 19, 1815; she d. Sept. 6, 1825, at Rye. Sarah, b. Feb. 29, 1771-72; m. Job Locke; she d. Aug. 29, 1852.


40. Joshua Locke, son of Joseph (21), baptized April 28, 1753 or '54; married, Jan. 18, 1776, Charity Marden. Resided at Rye. Children:


41. Joseph Locke, son of Joseph (21), born 1768; married, first, Nov. 16, 1794, Mary Brown, who died Dec.,
1803; second, July 16, 1804, Olly or Olive Foss, who died March 5, 1825. Children:

68. John, b. 1795. Mary Brown, b. 1809; m. John W. P. Locke, who d. April 25, 1841, aged 38 years.

42. Joseph Locke, son of Jeremiah (22), born Oct. 23, 1753-54; married, June 25, 1778, Martha Dow, who was born Oct. 6, 1758, and died Jan. 31, 1792. He resided in Rye and died April 22, 1790. Children:


70. Joseph, b. May 4, 1787.

43. John Locke, Jr., son of Richard (23), baptized Oct. 19, 1746; married, first, Sept. 29, 1769, Sarah Jones; second, Aug. 18, 1796, Thankful Blaisdell. Children:

John, b. 1770.


Richard, b. 1773; d. young.


45. Jacob Locke, son of Richard (23), baptized Jan., 1757; married, June 4, 1778, Mehitable Higgins. Resided at Wakefield. Children:


46. Job Locke, son of Richard (23), baptized Sept. 26, 1762; married, first, Nov. 10, 1785, Hannah Lang; second, Dec. 6, 1806, Abigail Philbrick; third, Nov. 25, 1810, Sally Locke. Lived where Otis Goss lives and built the house. Children by first wife:

Daniel, b. 1787. Sally, b. 1791. Polly W., b. 1793; m. 1815, James Bowley of Stratham. Elizabeth G., b. 1797; m. 1816, John Caswell.
74. John W. P., b. April, 1803.
   Children by second wife:
47. Simon Locke, son of Richard (23), baptized Sept. 23, 1770; married, first, Abigail Mace; second, Nov. 10, 1803, Elizabeth L. Allen, who died Nov. 29, 1862. Served on the Alarm List under Captain Jonathan Wedgewood during the War of 1812, and died July 31, 1863, aged 92 years, 11 months. Children by first wife:
   Children by second wife:
      Abner, b. 1804; m. first, Eunice Wallis; second, Mary A. Young. Abigail Mace, b. 1805; m. April 15, 1824, Asa Locke; second, Lemuel Locke (brothers). Thomas D., b. 1808; d.
   Children:
49. Jethro Locke, son of Jethro (24), born March 6, 1764; married Abigail Locke, who died April 5, 1829.
   Lived at Barrington. Children:

51. JONATHAN LOCKE, JR., son of Jonathan (33), born 1759; married, Nov. 23, 1785, Mary Rand. Lived at Newcastle. Children:


52. JOHN LOCKE, JR., son of Jonathan (33), born July 15, 1767; married, Sept. 30, 1787, Abigail Jenness, who died July 4, 1812. He died March 27, 1814. Children:

Elizabeth, bapt. Nov. 30, 1788.


80. Elvin, b. March 29, 1809.

53. JOSEPH LOCKE, son of Jonathan (33), married, Dec. 4, 1794, Abigail Marden. Lived at Rye. Children:


54. Jethro Locke, son of Jonathan (33), born 1775; married, April 26, 1801, Martha Webster. Lived at Rye. Children:

Hiram, bapt. 1802; m. Duncan. Daniel Treadwell, b. 1805. John Webster, b. 1808. David, m. Mary Grant.

55. Hall Jackson Locke, son of Jonathan (33), born 1777; married Abigail Amazeen. Children:


56. Reuben Locke, son of David (34), born April 26, 1758; married Phebe Chapman of Epsom. Resided at Corinth. Children:


57. Simeon Locke, son of David (34), born March 21 or 31, 1760; married Abigail Blake. Lived at Epsom. Children:


58. David Locke, son of David (34), born Nov. 24, 1765; married Ann Towle. Lived at Epsom. Children:


60. **Elijah Locke**, son of Elijah, Jr. (36), born 1781; married Jan. 21, 1802, Hannah Saunders. Children:


61. **John Locke**, son of William (37), born March 17, 1780; married, first, Abigail Locke; second, Mehitable Bickford. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:


62. **William Locke**, son of William (37), born Sept. 6, 1785; married, Dec. 23, 1808, Mary Shaw. Children:


63. **Reuben Locke**, son of William (37), born March 14, 1791; married Jane McMurphy. Lived at Alexandria. Children:


64. **James Locke**, son of James (38), born 1753; married, Sept. 29, 1774, Martha Seavey. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:

Sarah, bapt. 1777; m. Aaron Riggs.

65. James Hobbs Locke, son of Richard (39), born June 3, 1773; married April 17, 1801, Hannah Berry, who died Jan. 10, 1810, aged 36 years. Children:


Sally H., b. Feb. 15, 1800; d. Aug. 12, 1825.
85. Asa, b. Oct. 18, 1801.
87. Lemuel, b. Nov. 19, 1806. Mary Elizabeth, b. 1809; d. 1809. Perna T., b. 1809; d. 1809.
89. Gardiner Towle, b. Feb. 8, 1816.


Worthy Dearborn, b. 1807; unm., drowned in Newburyport river.

68. John Locke, son of Joseph (41), born 1795; married Mary Ann Rindge of Portsmouth. Children:

John Rindge, b. 1818; d. Feb. 10, 1837.
90. Oliver Luther, b. Feb. 1, 1833. Woodbury, b. 1827; d. up country Feb. 25, 1852.


Hannah Dow, b. March 5, 1800; m. Dearborn of Boston. Henry, b. April 23, 1801; unm.; insane; d. May, 1870, at Lebanon, Me. Mary, b. Feb. 16, 1803; m. 1829, Wendell. Apphia, b. March 13, 1806; m. Thomas Shapley of Boston; he afterwards m. Mary ———. Jeremiah, b. April 9, 1811; m. March, 1835, Hannah Young. Martha, b. 1814; m. 1842, John Farmer.

70. Joseph Locke, son of Joseph (42), born May 4, 1787; married Olive Berry, who was born June 24, 1793.
Lived in the Oliver Luther Locke house; destroyed by fire.  

Children:


71. Jeremiah Locke, son of John, Jr. (43), born 1771; married, Nov. 26, 1793, Susan Rand. Children:


72. Joseph Locke, son of Richard (44), born 1775; married, first, May 13, 1795, Lucy Marden, who died May 9, 1813; second, Sept. 11, 1814, widow Hannah Berry. Children by first wife:

93. Jesse, b. Feb., 1809. Children by second wife:

William, b. 1815; went to sea. John Quincy, b. 1826; d. in Mexican War. Hannah, b. 1817; m. first, Nov. 16, 1837, Stephen Ferguson; second, Joseph Holmes.  

73. Job Locke, son of Job (46), baptized May 5, 1799; married Hannah Randall. Built G. T. Locke's house and lived there. Children:

Charles F., b. Aug. 25, 1826; m. Aug. 25, 1851, Hannah E. Locke. Ellen, b. May 14, 1830; d. at Boston, 1855. Anna, b. 1838; m. William Young. Granville, b. 1835; d. of smallpox at Boston,

74. John W. P. Locke, son of Job (46), born April, 1803; married, Nov. 19, 1826, Mary B. Locke; died April 25, 1841. Lived where Otis Goss lives (1903). Children:

Hannah Olive, m. first, Aug. 7, 1854, John O. Lane of Portsmouth; second, John W. Randall. Ann M., b. 1830; m. Nov. 12, 1852, Otis Goss.

75. John Langdon Locke, son of Simon (47), born Aug. 30, 1811; married, May 16, 1833, Mary Randall. Lived at Boston. Children:


76. Jonathan Locke, son of Jonathan, Jr. (51), baptized Nov. 18, 1787; married, Dec. 24, 1812, Mary Vennard. Lived at Newcastle. Children:


77. Major Joseph L. Locke, son of Jonathan, Jr. (51), born March, 1792; married, Nov. 29, 1816, Sarah W. Wedgewood. He died Sept. 6, 1858, aged 66 years. She died Nov. 30, 1879. Children:

78. Capt. Samuel Jenness Locke, son of John, Jr. (52), born March 1, 1790; married, first, Dec. 21, 1817, Polly W. Waldron; died Aug. 22, 1831; second, April 24, 1834, Betsey Marden; died Sept. 20, 1877. Lived at Rye. Served in Capt. Coleman's company of cavalry in the War of 1812. He died March 29, 1861. Children by first wife:

- John W., b. March 25, 1819; d. May 19.
- Elizabeth Emerett, b. April 1, 1826; m. May 21, 1848, Nathaniel Marden. Mary O., b. May 1, 1828; d. Aug. 5.

79. Jethro Locke, son of John, Jr. (52), born Nov. 19, 1797; married, Sept. 3, 1826, Martha Mason. Lived at Center where Albert M. Walker resides. Children:


80. Lieut. Elvin Locke, son of John, Jr. (52), born March 29, 1809; married, April 5, 1835, Louisa Berry. Lived at Rye. Farmer. He died June 23, 1882. Children:

- John Elvin, b. Aug. 25, 1835; m. first, 1862, Sarah Hayes; second, Laura Hayes. Mary E., b. Aug. 25, 1840; unm.


82. Deacon Jonathan Locke, son of Joseph (53), born Aug. 17, 1813; married, first, Dec. 2, 1838, Almira Brown; second, 1862, Martha J. French. Lives at Rye. Deacon Jonathan (living 1903) is the oldest male resident in town; seldom wears glasses and very active on his farm. Children by first wife:


83. James Locke, Jr., son of James (64), baptized 1777; married, Feb. 18, 1808, Eleanor Berry. Children:


85. Asa Locke, Jr., son of Asa (66), born Oct. 18, 1801; married, April 15, 1824, Abigail Macy Locke, who afterward married Lemuel Locke. He died Nov. 1, 1863. Children:

Mary E., b. March 2, 1824; d. Feb. 26, 1825. Sally Hobbs, b. 1825; m. 1848, Joseph Dunbar. Thomas Lemuel, unm.; drowned on schooner Fishing.


86. James Hobbs Locke, son of Asa (66), born Nov. 24, 1804; married, Aug. 19, 1827, Mrs. Sally (Mow) Allen. Children:


Elizabeth Garland, b. Sept. 14, 1832; m. Sept. 17, 1855, Samuel Jackson Jones.


Amos G., b. June 13, 1840; m. Nov. 9, 1875, Nancy Helmer. Caroline, b. April 8, 1849; m. Sept. 25, 1878, A. Willis; d. 1898. Laura G., b. Dec. 22, 1851; m. May 12, 1875, Charles H. Hill. Georgianna, b. Jan. 20, 1854; m. Nov. 25, 1876, Melvin Hutchins of York, Me.


90. Oliver Luther Locke, son of John (68), born Feb. 1, 1833; married Olive A. Hodgdon. He died of smallpox in Rye March 17, 1876. Carpenter. Children:


in the privateer *Thomas* and put in Dartmoor prison. Was captain of several coasting vessels out of Rye harbor. He died Jan. 20, 1877.  

**Children:**


**103.** Albert Carr, b. Jan. 22, 1837.


**Children:**

Susan, b. Feb. 22, 1817; m. Timothy Knowlton. 


**105.** Calvin (a twin), b. Jan., 1830; m. Maria Adelaide, b. Feb. 20, 1836; m. Sept. 24, 1863, Woodbury Berry of Rye.

**93.** Jesse Locke, son of Joseph (72), born 1808; married Mary B., widow of J. W. P. Locke. Lived at Rye.  

**Child:**

**106.** John W., b. June 10, 1846.

**94.** John Elvin Locke, son of Elvin (80), born Aug. 25, 1835; married, Jan. 4, 1862, Sarah Hayes; second, Laura A. Hayes, 1879.  

**Children:**


**95.** Oliver E. Locke, son of Elvin (80), born July 24, 1842; married, Dec. 20, 1873, Belle Clough. Lived at Portsmouth.  

**Children:**


**Children:**
Ethel May, b. April 9, 1866; m. June 16, 1888, George A. Batchelder of North Hampton. Martha Kate, b. Oct. 31, 1867; m. Nov. 9, 1892, Thomas W. Parsons.

97. JAMES JOHN LOCKE, son of James, Jr. (83), married, March 4, 1847, Mrs. Hannah J. Frisbee. Lived at Rye. Children:


98. JOHN OLIVER LOCKE, son of Asa, Jr. (85), born June 16, 1829; married, first, Feb. 29, 1864, Anna M. Tarlton; second, Feb. 19, 1867, Hannah Josephine Trefethern. Children by second wife:


99. HANNAH ELIZABETH LOCKE, daughter of James Hobbs (86), born Sept., 1832; married, first, Aug. 29, 1864, Benjamin W. Marden; second, Gilman Varrell. Children:

Sarah Isabell, b. Sept., 1855.

100. JAMES GARDINER LOCKE, son of James Hobbs (86), born March 29, 1834; married Angelina Dockham. Child:


101. ISAAC MOSES LOCKE, son of Lemuel (87), born June 18, 1834; married, March 11, 1865, Jennie E. Williams. Child:

Willie L., b. March 21, 1865; d. Aug. 29, 1870.

102. RICHARD LEAVITT LOCKE, son of Richard Rand (91), born, Oct. 26, 1831; married, Nov. 15, 1859, Sarah P. Jenness. Carpenter and proprietor of a boarding house at Rye Beach. Children:
103. ALBERT CARR LOCKE, son of Richard Rand (91), born Jan. 22, 1837; married, July 9, 1865, Eliza E. Varrell. Lived at Rye (Locke's Neck) on the homestead. Carpenter by trade and was selectman for many years. Children:


104. ROBERT P. LOCKE, son of John (92), born Sept. 30, 1819; married, 1851, Clarinda A. Batchelder. Lived at North Hampton. Mason by trade. Child:

   Walter E., b. Dec. 8, 1855; m. May 28, 1879, Elvira G. Marden.

105. CALVIN LOCKE, son of John (92), born Jan., 1830; married Frances Priest. Children:

   Ella Frances, b. July, 1859. Mary Augusta, b. 1862.

106. JOHN W. LOCKE, son of Jesse (93), born June 10, 1846; married, 1872, Sarah H. Randall. Lived at Rye. Child:

   Willie H., b. June 26, 1873.

107. AARON LOCKE, son of John James (96), born Aug. 11, 1847; married, April 24, 1871, Francescena M. Rand. Child:

   Alvah, m. Feb. 4, 1893, Emma Smart; she d. July, 1893.

108. GEORGE ALLEN LOCKE, son of Hannah Elizabeth (99), born 1858; married, Jan. 22, 1892, Margaret E. Gillis. Children:


109. ANDREW GARDINER LOCKE, son of James Gardiner (100), born July 2, 1868; married, Oct. 20, 1897, Ella B. Haley. Blacksmith by trade. Child:

LORD.


Martha Ann, m. Benjamin Batchelder of Rye.

LOUGEE.


Augustus, b. July 18, 1850.

Children by second wife:


Children by third wife:

Gilman Marston, b. July 19, 1869; m. Mable Wilkins. Adams. Margaret, b. 1879; m. Sept. 17, 1902, Dr. F. H. Verhoeff.

LOWD.

William Henry Lowd, married Florence W. Rand. Child:

Henry M., b. June 10, 1869.

MACE.

1. Ithamar Mace, son of ————, married, Dec. 6, 1764, Rachel Berry. Came from Isles of Shoals. Tradition says that he enlisted in the French War when eighteen years of age, was taken prisoner, and was away from home nine years. Children:

2. John, b. 17—. Sarah, b. Aug., 1765 (?); unm.; had Sally, b. 1804, who m. first, July 13, 1822, G. Johnson; second, Feb. 8, 1827, Ithamar Mace. Abigail, b. 1776; m. Feb. 14, 1792, Simon Locke.

2. John Mace, son of Ithamar (1), married, June 27, 1793, Rachel Randall. After his death she married, sec-
ond, Joseph Hall. She died Feb. 17, 1830, aged 66 years.
Children:

3. ITHAMAR MACE, son of John (2), born May 30, 1795; married, first, Nov. 6, 1817, Deborah Varrell; died Nov. 18, 1824; second, Feb. 8, 1827, widow Salley B. Johnson. Children by first wife:
5. John W., b. about 1820.
Children by second wife:

4. JOHN MACE, son of John (2), born Jan. 12, 1798; married, Oct. 18, 1821, Mary Berry. He was knocked overboard by the main boom and drowned off Boone Island. His widow married, second, March 4, 1824, Richard Varrell. Child:

5. JOHN W. MACE, son of Ithamar (3), born about 1820; married, Jan., 1841, Abigail Philbrick. Children:

6. NATHANIEL MACE, son of Ithamar (3), married Abby S. Johnson. After his death she married David Remick. Children:
11. Charles William, b. April 24, 1844 (?)..

7. WILLIAM RANDALL MACE, son of Ithamar (3), born July 15, 1827; married Mary O. Downes. Children:
   William Henry, b. June 6, 1853; m. Abbie Lord.
8. **Charles Ithamar Mace**, son of Ithamar (3), born June 20, 1833; married, Feb. 21, 1864, Francis Olive Matthews. She died Jan. 29, 1876. He died May 20, 1903. Children:

- Fannie, b. Sept. 2, 1865; m. Oct. 2, 1884, John B. Lewis; d. 1890.


11. **Charles William Mace**, son of Nathaniel (6), born April 24, 1844 (?); married, July 4, 1868, Eliza S. Tucker. Children:


Ithamar Mace of Gosport and Ruth Seavey married April 16, 1785.

**MARDEN.**

1. **James Marden** settled at Rye or Newcastle. Children:

- 2. William.
- 3. James (?). Nathan (?). Sarah (?).
2. WILLIAM MARDEN, son of James (1). Children:

6. John (?).

3. JAMES MARDEN, probably son of James (1), married, Oct. 23, 1695, Abigail Webster. Lived at Newcastle, where he died prior to 1726. Children:
Stephen, m. Lang (?).
7. Thomas.

4. WILLIAM MARDEN, son of William (2), married Dorcas. Child:

5. JONATHAN MARDEN, probably son of William (2), married Hepzibah. Children:
Nathan, b. March 11, 1730; d. Dec. 7, 1735. Jonathan, b. Oct. 9, 1732; perhaps m. and had Hepzibah, b. 1756; Elizabeth, b. 1758; William, b. 1760; and perhaps Hannah, bapt. 1764; Jane, bapt. 1765; Hepzibah, bapt. 1767. Hepzibah, b. Nov. 1, 1742. Timothy, b. Aug. 28, 1735.

6. JOHN MARDEN, probably son of William (2), married, March 20, 1746, Sarah Locke. Children:

7. THOMAS MARDEN, son of James (3), married, first, March 4, 1729, Mary Smith; second, June 9, 1761, widow Hannah Fogg. Children:
James.

8. EBENEZER MARDEN, son of James (3), married, Jan. 13, 1735, Esther Berry. Children:

9. JAMES MARDE, son of James (3), born Sept. 25, 1697; married Judith Bates, born June 13, 1703; died July 31, 1796.  He died July, 1777.  Children:


10. BENJAMIN MARDE, son of William (4), born June 28, 1727; married, May 12, 1746, Rebeckah Whidden.  Children:

Samuel, b. April 20, 1748.

11. JOSEPH MARDE, probably son of Jonathan (5), born March 22, 1738; married first, ———; second, June 30, 1773 (?), Mary Hunt.  Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:

12. JOHN MARDE, son of John (6), born Nov. 30, 1747; married, March 23, 1769, Sarah Saunders.  Lived at Epping.  Children:

John.
13. Israel Marden, son of Thomas (7), married, first, Dec. 27, 1753, Prudence Locke; second ———. Children by first wife:

Thomas, b. 1756. Sarah, b. 1758; d. young. Sarah, b. 1761; m. Morrill.
21. Francis, b. 1763.
Children by second wife:
Israel, b. 1765; m. Downst. Prudence, b. 1768; m. Cate. Thomas, b. 1770; m. Wiggin.

14. George Marden, son of Ebenezer (8), born June 29, 1741; married, Jan. 19, 1769, Sarah Webster. Lived at Chester. Children:


15. Deacon Nathaniel Marden, son of Ebenezer (8), born March 22, 1746; married Elizabeth Moulton, who was born Feb. 8, 1752, and died Nov. 1, 1831. He died March 30, 1823. Children:

25. James, b. May 6, 1781.


17. James Marden, son of James (9), born Sept. 6, 1729; married, Jan. 2, 1751, Priscilla Foss. Lived at Barrington. Children:
18. William Marden, son of James (9), born May 30, 1744; married, April 29, 1773, Hannah Wallis. He died Nov. 14, 1816. She died Sept. 21, 1830. Children:

27. James, b. April 21, 1784.


20. Samuel Marden, son of John (12), born 1775; married, March 2, 1800, Nancy Tredwell Marden. She died July 22, 1832. Children:

21. Francis Marden, son of Israel (13), born 1763; married Sarah Lamprey. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:

22. John Marden, son of Israel (13), married Mary Elizabeth Sherburn. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:
   Israel, m. Sally Tilton of Hampton Falls; he was killed by an explosion on Lafayette road, caused by drilling out a charge of powder. Francis, m. Eliza Langmaid of Gilmanton. Jonathan.
33. Thomas, b. July 28, 1805. Henry, d. aged about 20 years. James, b. 1809; m. Varina Currier.

34. John. Hunking, m. Winnifred Lockhart. Robert, m. first, Ann Bartlett; second, Maria ——-—. Lydia, m. Abner Blaisdell. Mary, m. James Young. Hannah, d. aged about 7 years.

23. JosiaM Marden, son of George (14), born 1778; married, Dec. 24, 1801, Hannah Berry. Children:

35. William, b. Aug. 8, 1802.


37. John Salter, b. April 8, 1825.

25. James Marden, son of Nathaniel (16), born May 6, 1781; married, Jan. 4, 1803, Sarah Webster. Children:

Rhoda, b. April 2, 1803; had Charles F., m. Alfred S. Trafton. Lovina, b. Jan. 8, 1810.

26. Reuben Marden, son of Nathaniel (16), born April 21, 1783; married, first, April 14, 1810, Hannah Moulton, who died Jan. 26, 1822, aged 40 years; second, widow Charlotte Towle Moulton, born Jan., 1803. She died May 17, 1901, aged 97 years and 11 months. He died Oct. 22, 1851. Children by first wife:


38. Nathaniel, b. Feb. 29, 1817. Children by second wife:
27. JAMES MARDEN, son of William (18), born April 21, 1784; married, May 11, 1809, Polly Jenness. She died Oct., 1853. Children:


Children by second wife:


Child by third wife:

Ella Grace, b. June 7, 1865; d. March 24, 1866.


30. James Marden, son of Francis (21), born 1786; married, first, ————; second, Mercy Page. Lived at Portsmouth. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:


31. Israel Marden, son of Francis (21), baptized Oct. 11, 1789; married Nudd. He died June 11, 1865. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:
Asa, lived on Winchester farm; m. Abigail Marston. Benjamin.
Sarah W., d. March 7, 1882; m. Nov. 28, 1845, William Rand.
George, m. Elizabeth Holmes. Israel, m. Hannah Walker.

32. Thomas Marden, son of Francis (21), married Mary Lang. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:

33. Thomas Marden, son of John (22), born July 28, 1805, married Mercy Holbrook of Brunswick, Me. Children:
Sarah M. Mary Jane M. Albert B. M. Georgianna M., m. Charles Stevens.

34. John Marden, son of John (22), married Elizabeth Ann Haley. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:

35. William Marden, son of Josiah (23), born Aug. 8, 1802; married Martha W. Mason. After his death she married, second, March 29, 1851, George Marden, brother of William. Children:
Jesse, b. Nov. 21, 1828; m. Mary C. Cochrane. Joseph Mason, b. 1830; sailed whaling from New Bedford and never heard from.
Daniel Towle, b. March 3, 1833; m. 1858, Clara J. Philbrick.

36. George Marden, son of Josiah (23), born Feb. 8, 1804; married, March 29, 1851, Martha W. (Mason) Marden, widow of his brother William. Children:

37. John Salter Marden, son of Ebenezer (24), born April 8, 1825; married, Aug. 5, 1855, Sophia C. Holmes. He died Sept. 16, 1900. Children:
Annie B., b. 1861; m. Nov. 23, 1869, Clarance Matthews.

38. Nathaniel Marden, son of Reuben (26), born Feb. 20, 1817; married, May 21, 1848, Elizabeth Emerett Locke. He died March 9, 1891. Children:
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44. Wilbur L., b. Aug. 5, 1875.
44. Wilbur L. Marden, son of Levi Watson (42), born Aug. 5, 1875; married, July 25, 1895, Lizzie Rhodes. Children:


1. Stephen Marden may have been a son of James (3), married Charity ————. Cordwainer. Lived near Chas. B. Odiorne's at Little Harbor, and had a ferry to Great Island (now Newcastle). Children:

Hannah, b. March 13, 1723.

2. Benjamin Marden, son of Stephen (1), born Aug. 9, 1729, married, Jan. 31, 1754, Rachael Dowrst. She died Dec. 11, 1812, aged 59 years. Lived on the Solomon Dowrst farm, at present (1903) occupied by Samuel Marden and his son-in-law, Adams E. Drake. Children:


5. Samuel, b. Sept. 8, 1776. Merribah or Mary, b. 1779.

3. Stephen Marden, son of Benjamin (2), born Nov. 3, 1773; married, Nov. 12, 1789, Molly Smith. He died Sept. 21, 1844. Children:


4. Solomon Marden, son of Benjamin (2), born March, 1774; married, July 15, 1802, Huldah Remick. She died Jan. 30, 1841. He died Dec. 10, 1843. Lived near the Center schoolhouse, where Charles Lear resides. Children:


10. David.

7. THOMAS MARDEN, son of Stephen (3), born Aug. 17, 1801; married Eliza Garland. After his death she married, June 1, 1853, David Brown. Children:

   Clarissa, b. 1823; d. July 15, 1831. Mary Ann, b. 1824. Daniel, b. Feb. 11, 1827; m. Jane Miller; he removed about 1847 to the South.


8. DANIEL MARDEN, son of Samuel (5), born June 14, 1812; married, May 29, 1842, Artimeessa R. Brown. He died March 4, 1860. Children:
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9. SAMUEL MARDEN, son of Samuel (5), born Feb. 19, 1821; married, June 7, 1842, Ann Cecilia Foye. She died April 9, 1897. He died Jan. 18, 1904. Children:


10. DAVID MARDEN, son of David Smith (6), married Eunice Abby, daughter of James Brown. After his death she married Edward Walcott. Child:

Eva Augusta, b. Aug., 1854; d. March 6, 1872.

11. CHARLES C. MARDEN, son of Thomas (7), born Oct. 15, 1830; married, first, May, 1851, widow Mary A. Garland; second, Dec. 13, 1875, widow Mary O. Burton. Children by first wife:


12. THOMAS IRA MARDEN, son of Thomas (7), born Feb. 15, 1833; married, 1864, Eliza J. McDowell. Child:

Horton, b. 1871; m. Oct. 24, 1895, Ardelle G. Page.

NATHANIEL MARDEN, probably son of William, who also had Timothy and Jonathan; married, first, July 22, 1768, Hannah Berry. She died April 11, 1773, aged 25 years, and he married, second, May 29, 1777, Anna Towle. He died Nov. 21, 1804. Lived between Dr. Parsons and George Perry in what was then known as "Marden town." Children by first wife:

Prudence Perry, b. Jan. 1, 1769; m. Eben Seavey. Keziah, b. Feb. 22, 1770; unm.; had John H. Marden, who m. Sarah Seavey. Children by second wife:

Samuel Marden, possibly son of William (2), married Sarah ————. Children:


William Marden, Jr., married Rachael ————, and had Mary, bapt. 1737; Elizabeth, b. Jan. 6, 1746.

Daniel Marden and Elizabeth Curtis of Portsmouth married Aug. 28, 1828.

Samuel Marden and Betsey Marden, both of Portsmouth, married Aug. 6, 1799.


Deacon Thomas Marden and widow Hannah Fogg married June 9, 1761.

Samuel Marden married Oct. 22, 1769, Margaret Seavey. Children:


Marston.

John Marston, son of John, born 1771; married, Feb. 1, 1796, Hannah J. Locke. She died Sept. 6, 1825, aged 56 years, and he died July 15, 1815. Children:


1. Jacob Marston, son of Nathaniel and Eliza (Miller) of Portsmouth, married, Feb. 25, 1851, Sarah Parsons Drake, who died Jan. 11, 1892. Children:

2. John Drake, b. Sept. 8, 1851. Anna Parsons, b. May 27, 1856; m. March 30, 1875, Otis S. Jenness, and afterwards was divorced.
2. John Drake Marston, son of Jacob (1), born Sept. 8, 1851; married Sarah J. Gove. He was a justice of the peace. Children:

Thomas W. Marston married Clara D. Garland. He left home and was never heard from. Children:

Reuben Marston had Reuben, baptized May, 1746, and James, baptized March 26, 1749.

Joseph Marston married Hannah ————, and had Hannah, born Sept. 25, 1726.

Jonathan Marston of Hampton and Sarah Weeks married June 30, 1743.

Paul Smith Marston and Catherine Elkins married Feb. 15, 1762.

David Marston and Clarissa Marston, both of Hampton, married May 19, 1825.


David Marston, Jr., of North Hampton and Olive D. Stephens of Stratham married July 28, 1839.

MASON.

1. Samuel Mason married Hannah Neal, and lived at Stratham. Children:
   2. Daniel. Nicholas; d. in France.

2. Daniel Mason, son of Samuel (1), married, April 30, 1775, Elizabeth, daughter of William Norton. Children:
   4. Daniel.
3. SAMUEL MASON, son of Daniel (2), married, Nov. 12, 1801, Mercy Locke. Children:

4. DANIEL MASON, son of Daniel (2), married, April 7, 1807, Mercy Rand. Children:

5. NICHOLAS MASON, son of Daniel (2), married, Aug. 25 (?), 1807, Mary M. Rand. Children:

Joseph Mason married, Jan. 25, 1809, Patty W. Foss. After his death she married Robinson Foss. By the first marriage was born Martha, Nov. 30, 1809 or 1810, who married, first, William Marden; second, George Marden, brother of William.

Joseph Mason had a daughter, Betsey, baptized June 27, 1790.

MATTHEWS.

1. ABRAHAM MATTHEWS married, June 26, 1774, Mary (Saunders), widow of William Thomas. She died April 19, 1816, aged 72 years. Children:

2. ROBERT MATTHEWS, son of Abraham (1), born 1783; married, Feb. 12, 1807, Betsey M. Randall. After his death she married John Downs. Children:
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Edward, d. Aug. 28, 1814.


3. WILLIAM THOMAS MATTHEWS (sometimes spelled Mathes), son of Abraham (1), born Nov. 15, 1790; married, Feb. 17, 1812, Elizabeth Foss. Children:


4. ABRAHAM MATTHEWS, son of Robert (2), born Jan. 7, 1810; married, Oct. 23, 1829, Betsey M. Berry. Children:


5. ASA ROBINSON MATHEWS, son of William Thomas (3), born April 15, 1822; married Eliza Carter and lived at Kittery. He died Jan. 25, 1855. Child:

7. Clarence, b. 1852.

6. BEZALEEL SMITH MATTHEWS, son of Abraham (4), born July, 1841; married Caroline T. (Seavey), widow of Gilman M. Marden. Child:

William, b. Dec. 8, 1867.

7. CLARENCE MATTHEWS, son of Asa Robinson (5), born 1852; married, Nov. 25, 1889, Annie B. Marden. Child:

Emma, b. April 29, 1894.

MOORE.

WILLIAM Moore and wife, Anna, had Anna, born May 22, 1750.
MORRILL.

Rev. Nathaniel Morrill, born July 20, 1701; married Sarah Odiorne, daughter of Jotham, about 1724. He was the first minister in Rye, ordained Sept. 14, 1726; dismissed, 1733. Children:


Joseph Morrill married Tabitha ———. Children:


MORRISON.

Alexander Morrison married, first, Sarah Coats; second, July 6, 1773, Rebecca Rand. Children by first wife:

Mary, b. May 22, 1770.

Children by second wife:


Samuel Morrison married, Dec. 2, 1775, Mary Billings of Kittery. Lived at the Jedediah Rand place and afterwards removed to Gilmanton. Children:


William Morrison married, Nov. 14, 1779, Abigail Trefferin. Child:

William Rogers, b. 1781.

MOSES.

1. Aaron Moses, son of John and Ann, of Sagamore Creek, Portsmouth, married Mary, who after his death married Sherburn. Children:


2. James Moses, probably son of Aaron (1), married Martha Jackson. Children:
Mary. John.

3. Aaron Moses, probably son of James (2), married Mary ————. Child:


5. James Moses, son of Nadab (4), married Mary Odiorne. Children:
   Dorothy, m. Samuel M. Rand. Eliza, m. Simon Odiorne.

6. William Moses, son of James (5), married Abigail A. Seavey. Children:

MOSHER.

Elder Samuel Mosher married ————, and had Hannah, born April 13, 1826, who married, Nov. 7, 1850, Rufus W. Philbrick.

MOULTON.

1. Daniel Moulton, son of Daniel and Mary of Hampton, married, Dec. 27, 1721, Phebe, daughter of Joseph Philbrick of Hampton. Children:
   4. Nehemiah (?).
2. Daniel Moulton, son of Daniel (1), born Oct. 3, 1722; married, Nov. 21, 1744, Ruth Watson. Children:

3. Noah Moulton, son of Daniel (1), born Nov. 14, 1726; married, Nov. 16, 1749, Patience Locke. Children:

   Anna, b. June 14, 1762; d. unm. Molly, b. 1765; d. Dec. 31, 1858. Sally, b. 1769; m. June 16, 1796, William Jones. Bethia, b. 1776.

1. Jonathan Moulton, son of Robert and Lucy, born June 5, 1702, at Hampton; married, Dec. 21, 1727, Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Lamprey. Children:

2. Reuben Moulton, son of Jonathan (1), born Jan. 4, 1729; married, first, Nov. 24, 1748, Hannah, daughter of Joses Philbrick; second, Margaret Jones. Children:

Joseph Moulton married Bethia Swaine and had Bethia, born Nov. 26, 1683.

Thomas Moulton and Hannah Drown of North Hampton were married Aug. 1, 1750.

Simon Moulton and Olive Garland were married June 23, 1825. He died March 3, 1875. Children: Oliver; George; Eliza.

Jacob Moulton married Emma Philbrick. He died Jan. 10, 1901. Children:
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MILLETTE.

John Millette of Canada, born 1863; married Augusteen Erickson. Children:


MOW.

1. Ephraim Mow married, Sept. 8, 1754, Dorcas Marden. After his death she married, Oct. 4, 1776, Jude Allen. Children:


2. Samuel, b. 1772.


3. Ephraim L. Sally, m. first, April 8, 1824, Samuel Allen; second, Aug. 19, 1827, James H. Locke.


3. Ephraim L. Mow, son of Samuel (2), married Olive Coombs. After his death she married, Dec. 12, 1840, Benjamin Mason. Children:

Mary Ann, b. April 24, 1824; d. April 8, 1884; m. Calvin Garland. Elizabeth, b. 1826; d. April 30, 1850, at the town farm. Ephraim, b. 1828. Jacob, soldier in the Civil War. Frances.

4. Samuel Plummer Mow, son of Samuel (2), married, Oct. 6, 1833, Harriett Mathes. Children:

Harriett, b. Feb. 8, 1834; m. Oct., 1853, Wesley Jenness. Mary, b. 1837; m. Gilman Johnson.


MURRAY.

Samuel Murray married, first, Elizabeth ———; second, May 4, 1769, Hannah Dalton. Children:


NORTON.

1. Bonus Norton settled near Hampton causeway (turnpike). It is said that he brought from England, packed in boxes, his apple trees, which were of choice quality. He married Mary ———, and died April 30, 1718, aged 61 years. Children:


2. Joseph Norton, son of Bonus (1), born Nov. 17, 1695; married, Jan. 6, 1721, Abigail, daughter of John Gove. Children:


4. William (?); and five other children.


6. Dudley.


Benjamin Norton married Merribah Johnson. Children:


Benjamin Norton and Mary S. Webster married May 10, 1840.

NUDD.

Samuel Nudd married Nancy, daughter of John Perkins, and removed to Wolfeborough. Children:


ODIORNE.

1. John Odiorne appears as an inhabitant as early as 1657. A grant of 42 acres on Great Island, lying at the entrance to the harbor, was made to him Jan. 13, 1660. In 1686 he was a member of the grand jury. The family name was originally written "Hodierne, Odiume, Odierene." John Odiorne was born about 1627 and died in 1705 at Newcastle. He married Mary Johnson when about at middle age, as none of his children were born until he was past 45 years of age. He had a brother Philip, who lived at the Isles of Shoals. Children:

Jotham, b. about 1675; d. Aug. 16, 1748; m. Sarah Bassum.

2. John.
2. **Deacon John Odiorne**, son of John (1), married Catherine ——. Lived at Odiorne’s Point on the property received from his father. *Children:*

Ebenezer, b. about 1704; d. 1745-'46; m. Catherine Sherburne. Samuel. Nathaniel, b. 1712; m. Mary Yeaton (?).


Lydia, b. about 1737; d. unm. Catharine, m. Tarlton. John, b 1740; d. 1779, in a British prison ship.  
5. Samuel, b. about 1748; Deborah, b. about 1752. Elizabeth.


5. **Samuel Odiorne**, son of John (3), born about 1748; married ———. He was a mariner and fought in the Revolution, dying in a British prison ship in 1779. *Child:*

8. Samuel, b. 1776.


Mary Elizabeth, b. about 1831; unm.

Children:
15. Charles Blunt, b. 1804 (?). Sarah Holbrook, b. 1805; m. first, May, 1834, Ezra H. Willard; second, 1847, William L. Neal. Hannah Smith, b. 1809; d. 1830. Ellen Thomas, b. 1811; m. Woodbury Gerrish.

9. William Seavey Odiorne, son of Ebenezer (6), born Sept. 26, 1797; married Mary T. Amazeen, born Jan. 16, 1801; died April 7, 1867. He died Nov. 4, 1869. A member of Captain Ephraim Philbrick’s company in the War of 1812.
Children:
16. Truman Seavey. Mary Hannah, b. April 6, 1827; m. Nov. 4, 1868, Lewis Stark.
17. Ebenezer Lewis.

10. Ebenezer Lewis Odiorne, son of Ebenezer (6), born April 16, 1800; married, Nov. 27, 1825, Mary Brown, born March 6, 1806; died Dec. 17, 1859. He died Nov. 11, 1865.
Children:

11. Benjamin Odiorne, son of Ebenezer (6), born Sept. 10, 1804; married, April 7, 1825, Olive Seavey. Children:
12. **John Emery Odiorne**, son of Joseph (7), born 1833; married, June 23, 1859, Lucy Foss.  Children:


   Mary Ellen, b. June 28, 1864; m. Frank Foss.  Anne Louisa, b. Aug. 11, 1867; m. Herman Trefethern.

14. **Samuel Odiorne**, son of Samuel (8), born about 1802; married, June 23, 1830, Hannah Rand.  Children:


15. **Charles Blunt Odiorne**, son of Samuel (8), born about 1804; married, Sept. 27, 1840, Mary Sheaf Yeaton, born July 26, 1823.  He died Feb. 13, 1894.  She died in Portsmouth, Feb. 13, 1904.  Lived at Little Harbor.  Children:


17. **Ebenezer Lewis Odiorne**, son of William Seavey (9), married, June 5, 1858, Augusta A. Stoddard.  Children:

18. **Benjamin Tarlton Odiorne**, son of William Seavey (9), married, first, Dec. 22, 1858, Ambrinetta J. Mace; second, Mary McCanon. Children:

   - Georgia Ella.

20. **Jonathan Everett Odiorne**, son of Truman Seavey (16), born July 18, 1866; married, April 7, 1888, Ella Holmes. She died 1903. Children:

   John Odiorne and Eunice Seavey were married July 25, 1753.

**OTIS.**

**Rev. Israel Taintor Otis**, born July 3, 1805; married, Sept. 12, 1838, Olive Morgan Osgood at Lebanon, Conn. He died May 30, 1889. He was pastor of the church at Lebanon, Conn., ten years and from 1847 to 1866 was pastor of the Congregational church in Rye. He then removed to Exeter. As a man he was much beloved, his general influence was salutary, and his example such as might be safely imitated. Children:

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**Stephen Page**, son of Samuel and Anne, born (bapt.) Jan. 22, 1716; married, first, Nov. 11, 1740, Ann, daughter of James Perkins; second, Mary Burnham, who died Jan. 30, 1828, aged 97 years. He died March 21, 1804. Children by first wife:
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Children by second wife:


Daniel Page married, Dec. 24, 1812, Jane Foss. Children:


PAIN.

John Pain married Sarah ———. Children:


William Pain married Susannah ————. He was a weaver by trade. Children:


Amos Pain married Lydia ————. Children:


PALMER.

1. Christopher Palmer, son of Samuel and Ann of Hampton, born Feb. 12, 1687; married, July 24, 1705, Elizabeth Locke. Children:

Jonathan, b. May 16, 1707; d. young.


3. William Palmer, son of Christopher (1), born May 3, 1712; married, June 27, 1736, Jane Foss. William and wife and son Joseph deeded land July 12, 1764, to Richard Jenness, lying partly in Rye and partly in North Hampton. Children:

Joseph Palmer and Sarah Willey were married March 9, 1767.

Benjamin Palmer of North Hampton and Lydia Knowles were married Oct. 10, 1768.

PARSONS.

It does not appear that there has ever been any attempt to collect even the materials for a history of the English family of Parsons, notwithstanding there have been many individuals among them of great distinction, as knights, baronets and noblemen. Prior to 1672, Andrew Parsons, gentleman, was of Somersetshire, and Philip Parsons, gentleman, of Worcestershire, but the earliest record we have noticed is in 1290. Walter was then a resident of Mulso in Ireland. How long before this he or his ancestors went there we know not. Over 100 years ago Bishop Gibson remarked: "The honorable family of Parsons have been advanced to the dignity of viscounts, and more lately, Earls of Ross." In 1481 Sir John was mayor of Hereford. In 1546 Robert, afterwards the noted Jesuit, was born, and died April 18, 1610, aged 64 years. He published several works, and established an English college at Rome. In 1556 Francis was vicar of Rothwell in Nottinghamshire. In 1618 Bartholomew appears as the author of three sermons. In 1634 Thomas Parsons was knighted by Charles I. His coat of arms is still retained in the family in the United States and by his descendants in London, among whom were Sir John and Sir Humphrey; the former lord mayor of that city in 1704; the latter, in 1731 and 1740. Sir Thomas Parsons of Great Milton in Oxfordshire (before mentioned), married, in 1614, Catharine, a daughter of Edward Radcliff of London, son of Alderman Radcliff, by whom he had Robert, Thomas, Richard, Anthony and six daughters. His second wife was Sarah, daughter of Edmund Waller, by whom he had three sons, John, Ed-
mundred, Francis, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Ann. The grandfather of Sir Thomas was Thomas of Great Milton, who married Catharine, daughter of Hester Sydenham, by whom he had Thomas, Hugh and Richard. Richard married Miss ——— Pierpont, and had a son, John, of London, who married, first, a daughter of Joshua Whistler, by whom he had a daughter Catharine; second, Mary Gualter of London. Some of this family were among the early emigrants to America. The first name we find in New England is:

1. Joseph Parsons (known as Cornet Joseph), came from England, and in 1635 settled in Springfield, Mass. He was a witness to the Indian deed, July 15, 1636, whereby the land in and around Springfield is held. In 1645 he founded Northampton, Mass., and returned to Springfield in 1679 and died there Oct. 9, 1683. He was an extensive landowner and trader in furs. He married at Hartford, Conn., Nov. 26, 1646, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Bliss. His wife died Jan. 29, 1711-'12, aged 92. "Joseph Parsons did, at a court in Northampton, Holden March, 1662, testify that he was a witness to a deed of the lands at Springfield, and a bargain between the Indians and Mr. Pynchon, dated July 15, 1636, for 18 fathoms of Wampon, 18 coates, 18 hatchets, 18 hoes, 18 knives." Children:


2. Joseph Parsons, son of Joseph (1), born Nov. 1, 1647; married, first, March 17, 1669, Elizabeth Strong;
second, Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Susanna Thompson of Roxbury, Mass. She was born Jan. 14, 1685, and died June 16, 1774, at Kensington, N. H. Child by first wife:


Children by second wife:


3. REV. JOSEPH PARSONS, son of Joseph (2), born June 28, 1671-'72, at Northampton, Mass. He was graduated from Harvard in 1697, and ordained at Lebanon, Conn., Nov. 27, 1700, and was dismissed in 1708. He married, 1701, Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Thompson of Roxbury. He died in Salisbury, March 13, 1739, in the 69th year of his age and the 21st year of his ministry.

Children:

Joseph (Rev.), b. Oct. 29, 1702, at Lebanon, Conn.; m. first, Frances, dau. of Lieut. Gov. John and Elizabeth Allen Usher of New Hampshire; she d. Sept. 18, 1747, aged 42 years; second, Elizabeth Scott. He was graduated from Harvard, 1720, was ordained at Bradford, Mass., June 8, 1726, and died there May 4, 1765, aged 63 years, after a ministry of 39 years.

4. Samuel, b. Sept. 13, 1707. William (Rev.), b. April 21, 1716; m. Sarah Burham of Durham. He was graduated from Harvard,

4. Rev. Samuel Parsons, son of Joseph (3), born Sept. 13, 1707, at Salisbury, Mass.; married, Oct. 9, 1739, in Boston, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Adams) Jones. Her grandfather, John Adams, was an uncle of Samuel Adams, the Revolutionary patriot. She died Oct. 15, 1796. He was graduated from Harvard, 1730, settled in Rye, N. H., Nov. 3, 1739, and died there Jan. 4, 1789, aged 82 years, in the 53d year of his ministry. He was the second ordained minister in Rye; one of the original grantees of the township of Croydon, and received, in 1771, from Timothy Brown, clerk of Harpswell, Province of Massachusetts, three thousand and three hundred acres of land in Hopkinton and vicinity for £43. Children:

Mary, b. July 15, 1740; m. March 4, 1762, Rev. John Tuck of Epsom, N. H. He was graduated from Harvard in 1758, settled in Epsom, 1761, dismissed 1774, and d. (probably with smallpox) while on his way to join the Revolutionary army as chaplain. Samuel, b. Aug. 1, 1742.


5. Dr. Joseph Parsons, son of Samuel (4), born Dec. 14, 1746; married, Jan. 31, 1768, Mary, daughter of Amos and Mary Langdon Scaevy, who died Sept. 28, 1836. Resided at Rye, N. H. He died Feb. 8, 1832. He served five or six terms as captain in the Revolution at Newcastle, Peekskill, N. Y., Onion River and Rhode Island (and No. 4, Charlestown). He also went one cruise privateering. He was a representative to the General Court for twenty years (being the first representative under the new consti-
tution), was a justice of the peace and quorum. He studied medicine with Dr. Dearborn of North Hampton, 1770. He was appointed with two others to stand by the Sons of Liberty to enlist minute men. While dangerously sick with his company in Rhode Island, Richard Webster being his waiter, the company having orders to march, the first lieutenant went to Webster and told him to wait while he (Parsons) died and see him buried, and then hasten to join his company, but his slight speech caused Webster to be more assiduous in his attentions and very desirous that Capt. Parsons might recover and join his company, which he soon did. There was persistence and patience and long-sustained endurance in the make-up of this man of action.

Children:


Polly Dow, b. Jan. 29, 1797; m. Jan. 9, 1825, Joseph Dalton.


8. Dr. John Wilkes Parsons, son of Joseph (5), born Dec. 12, 1778; married, Aug. 11, 1803, Abigail Garland, who died Sept. 22, 1857. He was a physician in Rye about 50 years; a justice of the peace and quorum. He went privateering one cruise in the War of 1812, and was a member of the senate and state legislature for several years. He died Sept. 18, 1849. Resided at Rye. Children:


10. Samuel Parsons, son of Amos Seavey (6), born Feb. 27, 1804; married, first, Sept. 8, 1824, Abigail Philbrick; died Jan. 27, 1848; second, Oct. 26, 1853, widow Mary J. Marston. Resided at Portsmouth. Children:

Mary, b. March 2, 1825; d. Feb. 8, 1826.


11. Col. Thomas Jefferson Parsons, son of John Wilkes (8), born Jan. 4, 1804; attended school at Hampton and Exeter, 1818-20; taught school in Rye in 1821; clerk in a store at Portsmouth with Isaac D. Parsons in 1823-24; sailed for Jeremie, Hayti, in 1827; was justice of the peace and quorum; in 1829, adjutant of the 35th regiment of militia in New Hampshire, with the rank of captain; in 1830 was appointed by Gov. Harvey major of the 35th regiment; in 1833-34 he was a member of the N. H. legislature and was appointed by Gov. Dinsmore major of the 1st regiment of militia in N.
H.; in 1835-'36, a member of the N. H. senate; in 1836 was appointed by Governor Hill lieutenant-colonel of the 1st regiment, and the same year he was appointed aide-de-camp to his excellency with the rank of colonel. He married, April 21, 1824, Eliza, daughter of Lieut. Simon and Esther Brown. He died March 4, 1890. She died Dec. 20, 1888. Children:

Thomas Henry, b. Jan. 4, 1804; d. April 1, 1857, at Bay Port, Fla.

12. Capt. William Harrison Parsons, son of John Wilkes (8), born July 21, 1813; married, April 11, 1854, Anna Pine Decatur, who was born Sept. 2, 1812, at Newark, N. J., and died May 3, 1896. He died Sept. 3, 1867, at Homburg, Germany. He was interested in commercial and shipping interests with Governor Goodwin of Portsmouth, and was captain of some of the famous "Clipper ships" built in that city. Children:


13. Major John Parsons, son of John Wilkes (8), born Jan. 4, 1816; married, Aug. 8, 1855, Susan Decatur. Resided at Bay Port, Fla. She died March 20, 1873, at New York City, aged 52 years. He died May 28, 1888, at Bay Port, Fla., aged 72 years. At the age of 20 years he served under General Harney in the Seminole War in Florida, and was on the staff of General Reed when he received his title. He was associated with Senator Yulee of Florida in the inception and construction of the first railroad in that state. He was a man of fine presence and great personal
dignity, with a refined and cultivated taste. At one time he was a large landowner in Florida, possessing a greater number of acres than there are in this town. Children:

Susan, b. Sept. 3, 1864; d. at Plainfield, N. J.

14. Dr. Warren Parsons, son of John Wilkes (8), born May 28, 1818; married, first, Jan. 1, 1845, Sarah A. Dow, who died Nov. 2, 1850; second, Feb. 23, 1854, Julia A. Gove, who was born April 13, 1829. Resided at Rye. He died May 20, 1902. Graduated from Columbian University of Washington, where he received his degree of M. D. Appointed May 9, 1843, surgeon First Regiment, N. H. militia.
He practised for nearly sixty years. Children by first wife:

Children by second wife:

15. John Henry Parsons, son of Samuel (10), born April 2, 1826; married Caroline Francis Stanley. Children:
   Elizabeth Stanley. Carrie.

   Emma Alice. Willie.

17. Albion Dalton Parsons, son of Thomas Jefferson (11), born Feb. 17, 1829; married, Feb. 23, 1851, Martha S. Jenness. He died Sept. 15, 1890. Children:

18. Langdon Brown Parsons, son of Thomas Jefferson (11), born Dec. 24, 1844; married, April 11, 1894, Annie Locke. For several years a commission merchant in New York city and for the past thirty years in the mercantile business in Florida. Children:

19. Frederick Dupeytien Parsons, son of Warren (14), born April 13, 1858; married, Dec. 4, 1889, Abby Parsons Brown. Resided at Rye. Children:
   Norman, b. July 19, 1892.

21. Thomas Wentworth Parsons, son of Albion Dalton (17), born Nov. 6, 1861; married, Nov. 9, 1892, Martha Kate Locke. Lives in Portsmouth. Child:
   Dorothy, b. June 19, 1896.

PERKINS.

1. Abraham Perkins, born about 1613, came from England with his wife, Mary, on account of their religion, and settled in Hampton about 1638. The Perkins Bible, now in the possession of James H. Perkins of Rye, was printed in London, 1599. Children:


5. Humphrey, b. May 17, 1661.

2. Abraham Perkins, son of Abraham (1), born Sept. 2, 1639; married, June 27, 1668, Elizabeth Sleeper. He is said to have been the first male white child born in Hampton. He was killed on his own doorstep, June 13, 1677, by the Indians. Children:

   Mary, b. Sept. 20, 1673; m. Aug. 6, 1692, John Moulton. Mercy, b. May 3, 1671; m. May 12, 1694, Samuel Chandler. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 9, 1676; m. Feb. 5, 1697, Jeremiah Dow.

3. James Perkins, son of Abraham (1), born Oct. 5, 1647; married, first, Mary ———; second, Dec. 13, 1681, Leah Cox, who was born July 25, 1661. Children by first wife:

   James, b. July 1, 1671. Jonathan, b. March 6, 1675.
Children by second wife:


Abraham. Abigail, b. April 30, 1687.

5. Humphrey Perkins, son of Abraham (1), born May 17, 1661; married Martha Moulton. Children:


6. Moses Perkins, son of James (3), born July 30, 1698; married ———. Children:


7. James Perkins, son of Humphrey (5), born Nov. 9, 1695; married Huldah Roby. He moved from Hampton to Rye in 1730, at which time there was only a footpath from his house in Rye to the meeting-house. He exchanged farms with Thomas Jenness. During the Revolution he dug iron ore on his farm in Rye and hauled it to Amesbury Mills. Before the war he loaded shallops with it and with the money thus obtained bought a clock which is still in the family. He died April 18, 1774. She died May 7, 1774, aged 81 years. Children:


10. Abraham. Martha, b. April 23, 1732; m. first, Henry Dow; second, Simon Lamprey.


8. James Perkins, son of Moses (6), born Feb. 23, 1731; married, first ——— Knowles; second, Jane Moulton. Re-
sided at Hampton. He was a lieutenant in the Revolution. Children by first wife:

Moses, m. Mary Palmer. Abigail Knowles.
Children by second wife:


Children by second wife:
James. Mary.

10. Abraham Perkins, son of James (7), married Hitty Towle. Children:


13. James, b. April 20, 1769.

12. John Perkins, son of James (11), born Nov. 7, 1764; married, Feb. 26, 1789, Ruth Nudd. Children:

James, b. 1790; m. Huldah Seavey of Wolfeborough.
17. Elias, b. March 13, 1797.

Resided at Rye. He died May 2, 1852. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:

James, b. 1814; d. Nov. 3, 1816.

14. JONATHAN PERKINS, son of James (11), born Jan. 30, 1772; married Mary Locke (his cousin). He died Aug. 13, 1809. Children:

Edward, m. Knox; he left four sons, and one dau. who m. Gilman. James. Jeremiah.

15. Josiah Perkins, son of James (11), born July 13, 1774; married, 1807, Betsey Batchelder, who was born 1786. Children:


16. JONATHAN PERKINS, son of John (12), born 1792; married Phebe Robinson. Children:


17. ELIAS PERKINS, son of John (12), born March 13, 1797; married, July 7, 1822, Polly Langdon, who was born Jan. 21, 1804. Resided at Wolfeborough and Portsmouth. Children:


Sarah Emeline, b. July 2, 1839; m. May 10, 1860, Job Rienza Jenness; he afterward m. Emerett Brown. Abbie G. and Mary (twins), b. May 5, 1842; Abbie m. May 15, 1862, David H. Montgomery; he d. Nov. 14, 1885; Mary d. 1845.

19. **Lewis Lamprey Perkins**, son of Josiah (15), married, June 11, 1839, Lovina Parsons, who was born Jan. 11, 1815. He died June 1, 1880, aged 66 years. She died May 7, 1880. **Children**:


20. **James Henry Perkins**, son of Abraham (18), born June 22, 1851; married Mary Goodwin. Resided at Rye. **Children**:


**PEEK.**

**Walter Peek**, born in London, England, May 9, 1859; married, October 5, 1882, Mary B. Schiele of St. Louis, who was born June 9, 1863. **Children**:


**PHILBRICK—FILBRICK—PHILBROOK—PHILBRUCKE.**

1. **Thomas Philbrick**, it is said, came from Lincolnshire, Eng. He and his family sailed from Yarmouth, April 8, 1630, and arrived at Salem, June 14. He settled in Charlestown, but soon removed to Watertown, and in
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1645-'46 moved to Hampton. He married Elizabeth ———. He died in 1667. Children:
2. James.

2. JAMES PHILBRICK, son of Thomas (1), married Ann Roberts. He was a mariner and was drowned Nov. 16, 1674, in Hampton river. Children:

3. JOHN PHILBRICK, son of Thomas (1), married Ann Palmer. On Aug. 20, 1659, he and his wife and daughter, Sarah, were drowned as they were going out from Hampton river on their way to Boston. Children:

4. THOMAS PHILBRICK, son of Thomas (1), born about 1630; married, first, Ann Knapp; second, widow Hannah White. Settled in Seabrook. Children by first wife:
   Children by second wife:

5. JAMES PHILBRICK, son of James (2), born July 13, 1651; married, Dec. 1, 1674, Hannah Perkins. He was a mariner and resided at Hampton. Children:


6. Joseph Philbrick, son of James (2), born Oct. 1, 1663; married, 1685-'86, Triphena, daughter of William and Rebecca Marston of Hampton. He was the first of the name to come to Rye and settled about 1702 near Daniel Dalton’s, near the house of Frances Jenness. He was ordered to court for building a house on the town’s land. It is said that his wife was a daughter of one of the first three settlers of Hampton. She died Nov. 15, 1729, aged 66 years. He died Nov. 17, 1755. Children:


7. Samuel Philbrick, son of Thomas (4), married Jane ———. Children:


10. James, b. June 21, 1714. Ruth, b. May 15, 1711; m. Rand; d. before 1755. Bethia, b. June 8, 1718. Ebenezer, Jr., b. May 27, 1721; m. March 12, 1747, Hannah Moulton; was a cordwainer in Rye about 1750.

9. Joses Philbrick, son of Joseph (6), born Nov. 5, 1703; married Abigail Locke. Children:
Hannah, b. April 24, 1729; m. Reuben Moulton. Tryphena, b. April 24, 1729; m. first, Jan. 29, 1760, John Sanders; second, April 16, 1780, Jonathan Berry. Abigail, b. Nov. 11, 1730; m. Nov. 24, 1748, Mark Randall; lived at Moultonborough. Sarah, b. Nov. 9, 1732; m. Robert Moulton; lived at Gilmanton, N. H.


12. Deacon Reuben Philbrick, son of Joses (9), born Sept. 27, 1737; married, first, Hannah Locke; second, widow Mary Wedgwood, who died Dec. 25, 1805; third, widow of Richard Jenness; fourth, Sept. 9, 1806, Molly Beck. He died June 26, 1819. Child by first wife:

18. Reuben, b. Sept. 9, 1773. Children by second wife:

13. Daniel Philbrick, son of Joses (9), born Feb. 2, 1740; married Abigail Marden. Children:


14. Jonathan Philbrick, son of Joses (9), born Nov. 26, 1745; married, Dec. 8, 1768, Mary Marden. Lived at Rye and died April 1, 1822. He was a blacksmith. Children:

Jonathan, b. 1772; m. June 1, 1797, Sarah Wells; lived at Epsom. Abigail, b. 1777; m. James Chapman.


15. Joses Philbrick, son of Joseph (11), born Sept. 12, 1761; married, July 7, 1782, Susannah Pitman. He was a blacksmith; lived where Fred D. Parsons resides. Children:

Polly, b. Dec. 5, 1782; m. Samuel H. Rand.


Betsey Brown, b. Feb. 7, 1796; m. Feb. 17, 1825, John Y. Remick; lived at Rye.

26. Joseph, b. Nov. 12, 1797. Sally, b. April 7, 1800; m. March 5, 1821, Benjamin Ackerman.


17. James Philbrick, son of Joseph (11), born July 8, 1780; married, May 21, 1801, Abigail Perviere. She died Feb., 1862. Children:

31. Rufus W., b. Feb. 1, 1824. Abigail, m. Sept., 1835, Josiah H. San-
born. Sarah A., m. May 6, 1838, Peter Lord. Mary Ann, m. 
Dec. 26, 1842, John Batchelder.

18. Reuben Philbrick, Jr., son of Reuben (12), born 
Sept. 9, 1773; married, Sept. 14, 1794, Betsey Jenness. 
Children:

Reuben, bapt. June 25, 1795; d. in West Indies. Sarah, b. Sept., 
1804; m. Joseph Batchelder of North Hampton.

19. Josias Philbrick, son of Reuben (12), born May 19, 
1781; married, first, Polly Page; second, Nancy Woodman. 
Children:

Reuben, bapt. Sept. 11, 1798. Mary, b. 1804; m. Leavitt Batchelder 

20. Josias Philbrick, Jr., son of Daniel (13), born July, 
1776; married, Jan. 12, 1790, Sarah Smith. He died Dec. 
21, 1842. Children:

32. Daniel, b. April 13, 1790. Mary, b. Feb. 5, 1792; m. Richard Web-
ster; lived at Epsom. Sally or Polly, b. Oct. 24, 1794; m. Benjamin 
Garland, son of John G. and Abigail Perkins.
34. Thomas, b. July 29, 1799.
35. John, b. Jan. 5, 1804. Abigail, b. Sept. 1, 1805; m. Sept. 8, 1824, 
Samuel Parsons, son Amos S. Parsons; lived at Portsmouth. 
William, b. June 20, 1812; m. Abigail Williams.

21. Capt. Ephraim Philbrick, son of Jonathan (14), 
born Sept. 9, 1779-80; married Sarah Webster. Lived at 
Rye. Commissioned May 17, 1811, captain of the militia. 
He died Jan. 25, 1860. Children:

1835, Daniel Philbrick, son Jonathan P.; lived at Rye. Moses C., b. 
April 6, 1813; m. Sarah A. Garland, dau. of Levi G.; she d. Sept. 
28, 1898; he d. April 8, 1875; lived at Rye.
37. John C., b. April 9, 1818. Christianna, b. Aug. 27, 1822; m. Dec., 
1838, Abraham Perkins, son of James P.; lived at Rye.

22. Joseph Philbrick, son of Jonathan (14), born May, 
1788; married, May 10, 1810, Betsey Page. He died April 
12, 1879. Children:
GENEALOGY.


23. BENJAMIN P. PHILBRICK, son of Joses (15), born Sept. 27, 1785; married, first, Feb. 8, 1807, Polly, widow of Richard T. Varrell; second, ———, daughter of Hannah Randall. Children:


40. Benjamin Pitman, b. Dec. 13, 1819.

24. JOSEPH PHILBRICK, son of Joses (15), born Sept. 19, 1788; married, March 9, 1813, Sally Emery. Lived at Bartlett. Children:


25. GEORGE CLINTON PHILBRICK, son of Joses (15), born May 29, 1805; married Mary A. Nutting. Lived at Boston. Children:


26. JOSEPH PHILBRICK, son of Jonathan (16), born Nov. 12, 1797; married, Dec. 27, 1818, Patty Knowles. Lived at Rye. He died Dec. 9, 1873. Children:


27. JONATHAN PHILBRICK, son of Jonathan (16), born May 5, 1802; married, Feb. 26, 1834, Abigail Brown. Lived at Rye. Children:

Mary Abby, m. 1861, Joseph William Seavey. John Tyler, b. 1842; d. Feb. 28, 1866.

43. Jonathan Curtis.

Emily, b. 1837; d. 1858. Harrison, b. 1840. Lemira, b. April, 1842; m. Dec., 1882, Thomas Knowles of North Hampton.

44. Daniel Webster, b. May 29, 1844.

45. Daniel Webster, b. May 29, 1844.

29. Newell Philbrick, son of Jonathan (16), born Jan. 28, 1810; married Mary Philbrick. Children:


31. Rufus W. Philbrick, son of James (17), born Feb. 1, 1824; married, Nov. 7, 1850, Hannah E. Mosher. Carpenter by trade, and for several years captain of the Rye Beach life saving station. Children:


45. Walter, b. April 18, 1855.


32. Daniel Philbrick, son of Joses, Jr. (20), born April 13, 1790; married Pamela Gunnison. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:


Sarah. Harriet.
34. Thomas Philbrick, son of Joses, Jr. (20), born July 29, 1799; married Clarissa Shaw. Lived on the hill in the house now occupied by Mrs. A. D. Parsons. Children:


37. John Colby Philbrick, son of Ephraim (21), born April 9, 1818; married, May 25, 1845, Eliza Jenness, who died Sept. 18, 1893. He died Jan. 15, 1869. He was proprietor of the Atlantic House, the first hotel built at Rye Beach. Children:


38. Samuel Bickford Philbrick, son of Joseph (22), born 1821; married Lydia Moulton. Lived at Rye. Children:
Rebecca, m. George Jenness. Louisa. Lydia, m. Herman Jenness.

39. Oliver B. Philbrick, son of Benjamin P. (23), born Feb. 28, 1813; married, Nov. 1, 1844, widow Alice Sanderson, who died in 1898. Lived at Rye. He died April 21, 1883. Children by adoption:

Edward B., m. May Powers of Hampton.


Children:


41. Hiram Philbrick, son of Joseph (24), married Margaret Woods. Lived at Bartlett. Children:


42. Joseph Newell Philbrick, son of Joseph (26), born, March 2, 1830; married Ann Gwinn. Children:


44. Daniel Webster Philbrick, son of Daniel (28), born May 29, 1844; married, Jan. 9, 1872, Cynthia A. Odiorne. Lived at Rye. Children:


45. Walter Philbrick, son of Rufus W. (31), born April 18, 1855; married Emma L. Brown. Children:


46. Fred Philbrick, son of Rufus W. (31), born June 25, 1856; married Clara H. Perkins. Children:


47. Emmons B. Philbrick, son of Josiah W. (36), born Nov. 14, 1833; married, first, April 17, 1859, Vienna Dalton; second, Oct. 14, 1875, Mary Charlotte Seavey. Lived at Rye. He died Oct. 16, 1902. He spent a number of winters teaching school, in which he was successful. In 1878 he was a member of the state senate and again in 1879 and 1880. Children by first wife:


Children by second wife:


49. William C. Philbrick, son of Jonathan Curtis (43), married, Oct. 8, 1899, Nellie T. Rand. Child:

Ellen R., b. March 20, 1900.

PICKERING.

1. Thomas Pickering, married Mary Janveins, who died July 20, 1772, aged 57 years. He died Dec. 9, 1786. Children:


2. JOHN GEE PICKERING, son of Thomas (1), married, June 10, 1773, widow (Furber) Mills. Children:


POOL.

John Pool married, June 25, 1860, Angelina E. Caswell. Children:


POOR, OR POWERS.

Robert Poor came from England, served under Paul Jones in the Revolution, and married, July 4, 1788, Betsey Shapley. Children:


PORTER.

Rev. Huntington Porter, born 1755; married, first, June 28, 1786, Susannah Sargent; second, March 30, 1797, Sarah Moulton; died Jan. 2, 1835. He had a salary of $300 a year. His sermons were always the fruit of close application, and finished with a degree of accuracy that few attempt and fewer attain. He died at Lynn, Mass., March 7, 1844. Children by first wife:
GENEALOGY.


Children by second wife:


RAMSDELL.

Edward E. Ramsdell, married, Sept. 25, 1888, Emerett E. Marden. Lived at Rye. Children:


RAND.

1. Francis Rand, married Christina ———. He was killed by the Indians at Sandy Beach Sept. 29, 1691. His will was dated 1689, and proved Feb. 19, 1691-92. He came over here with Mason’s men. Children:

2. Thomas. Samuel. John, b. 1645; m. Remembrance Ault, dau. of John of Oyster River (Durham):


2. Thomas Rand, son of Francis (1), married ———. His will was dated Feb. 25, 1731-32. Children:


5. Joshua, m. Mary Moses.


3. Nathaniel Rand, son of Thomas (2), married Elizabeth ———. Children:

4. THOMAS RAND, son of Thomas (2), married, first, May 24, 1722, Hannah Pray; second, July 5, 1748, E. Moulton. Children by first wife:

Mary, b. 1726. Hannah, b. 1728. Elizabeth, b. 1730. Thomas, b. 1732; m. Dec. 9, 1756, Hannah Jenness. Merribah, b. 1735; m. Sept. 18, 1760, Thomas Foss.

5. JOSHUA RAND, son of Thomas (2), married Mary Moses of Portsmouth. He died about 1787. Children:

9. John, b. 1742. Mary, b. 1744; m. first, Samuel Hunt; second, Joseph Marden.
11. Joshua, b. 1758.
12. Samuel, b. 1762.

6. SAMUEL RAND, son of Thomas (2), married Sarah Dowrst. Children:


7. JOSHUA RAND, son of Nathaniel (3), born Dec. 25, 1703; married Mary Moses. She died Dec. 13, 1752. Children:


8. EPHRAIM RAND, son of Thomas (4), born 1737; married, Sept. 22, 1757, Mary Smith. Lived beyond William Cutter Garland. He died in the Revolutionary army of smallpox. Children:

18. Simon, b. 1775.

   Elizabeth, b. May 20, 1773; m. Joshua Rand. Mary, b. 1776; d. unm. 1825.

21. Samuel Hunt, b. 1777.


13. **Thomas Rand**, son of Samuel (6), born June 6, 1760 (?); married, April 4, 1790, Mary Tuck, who was born March 24, 1763. Lived at Rye. He died Feb. 27, 1839. Children:

27. Thomas, b. July 22, 1802.

14. **Downst Rand**, son of Samuel (6), born June 24, 1764; married Hannah Lang. He died Jan. 12, 1847; she died May 16, 1860, aged 90 years. He was a member of Captain Wedgewood’s company in the War of 1812. Lived near the West schoolhouse. Children:


Sarah, b. April 12, 1801; m. July 10, 1824, William Hall.

16. **George Rand**, son of Joshua (7), born April 4, 1744; married, May 19, 1768, Naomie Sherburne. Children:


   Children:


34. William Watson, b. April 7, 1809.


   Children:

   Mary, m. Reuben Rand. Olive, m. first, James McCannon; second, Thomas Marden. Gilman J., b. 1809; m. Sarah Marden.


   Children by first wife:


   Children:


   Children:
Mary, b. 1808; d. May 22, 1858.
Jonathan Moulton; lived at Reading, Mass.
44. Charles Clinton. b. 1820. Emily, b. 1822; unm. Joshua, b. 1824;
d. Dec. 21, 1836, aged 12 years.

22. Joshua Rand, son of Joseph (10), born Aug. 23, 1779; married, first, Nov. 4, 1802, Esther Marden; second, March 29, 1810, Elizabeth Rand. He died Sept. 20, 1852. Children by first wife:
46. Obed, b. Aug. 18, 1804.
Children by second wife:
47. Nahum, b. Nov. 29, 1813.
48. Aaron, b. March 19, 1816.

Martha, b. May 28, 1801; m. Dec. 14, 1820, John Locke; she d. July
49. Elvin, b. Aug. 12, 1814. Adeline, b. Jan. 27, 1817; m. Thomas J.
26, 1821.

24. Reed Vennard Rand, son of Samuel (12), born Nov.
10, 1797; married, May 7, 1824, Hannah Parsons Garland. He died Dec. 28, 1879. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:
Mary Abbie, b. Aug. 16, 1826; unm.; d. Marianne, b. Feb. 2, 1830;
d. Sept. 14, 1831. Edwin Reed, b. April 6, 1833; m. Jan. 6, 1864,
Lydia Storey. Louis Henry, b. April 2, 1836.

25. John Tuck Rand, son of Thomas (13), born July 7, 1791; married Betsey Dow. Lived at Rye. He died May
29, 1867. She died March 18, 1834. Children:

26. SAMUEL RAND, son of Thomas (13), born Feb. 16, 1796; married widow Sarah Currier, who died Feb. 23, 1878, aged 79 years. Lived at Newcastle. Children:
   Veranus. Thomas. Mary. Edward A.

27. MAJOR THOMAS RAND, son of Thomas (13), born July 22, 1802; married, Nov. 24, 1831, Sarah Ann Brown. Lived at Rye, Portsmouth, and Boston. He died Jan. 22, 1866. She died in New York, June 5, 1891. Children:

50. Thomas Brown, b. May 1, 1839, at Portsmouth.

28. EDWARD RAND, son of Thomas (13), born Dec. 22, 1806; married Caroline Paul. Lived at Portsmouth. He died Nov. 18, 1868. Children:

29. JEDEDIAH RAND, son of Thomas (13), born Dec. 2, 1808; married Eliza J. Yeaton. He was a storekeeper and farmer at Rye, and died Jan. 23, 1892. She died June 2, 1865. Children:

30. BILLEY RAND, son of Dowrst (14), baptized Jan. 11, 1789; married, Feb. 28, 1811, Charlotte Batchelder, who was born Feb., 1793, and died Sept. 15, 1873. He died Dec. 26, 1846. Served in Captain Samuel Berry's company in the War of 1812. Children:
James B., b. Sept. 5, 1811; d. March 28, 1880; m. Nov., 1838, Abigail Berry; lived at Greenland Depot.


54. John Ira, b. May 20, 1823.

31. TRUNDY RAND, son of Dowrst (14), baptized June, 1800; married Elizabeth Stevens of Brentwood, N. H. Children:

32. SAMUEL M. RAND, son of Billey (15), born July 20, 1803; married Dorothy Moses. Lived at East Rye. He died Oct. 17, 1864. Children:
   Albert, b. 1831; m. Hattie Patten.

55. Henry S.

33. REUBEN RAND, son of David (17), born Oct., 1798; married Mary Rand. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:

34. WILLIAM WATSON RAND, son of David (17), born April 7, 1809; married Sarah W. Marden. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:

35. THOMAS JEFFERSON RAND, son of John (19), born June 11, 1813; married, Oct. 27, 1839, Adeline Rand. Lived at Rye. She died May 8, 1902. He died April 30, 1875. Children:
36. **David Lang Rand**, son of John (19), born Feb. 27, 1815; married, Oct., 1839, Mary S. Yeaton. He died Aug. 20, 1854, after lying in bed eleven years without speaking. Children:


37. **John Oris Rand**, son of John (19), born March 13, 1820; married Sally J. Thomas. She died Sept. 22, 1873. They did not live together. Child:

   Manning C.

38. **Joseph Rand, Jr.**, son of Joseph (20), born Jan. 21, 1796; married, May 21, 1826, Eleanor D. Locke. Lived at Rye. Children:


39. **Samuel Hunt Rand, Jr.**, son of Joseph (20), born April 28, 1803; married, Nov. 29, 1835, Emily Jenness. Lived at Rye. He died Jan. 5, 1876. She died Aug. 5, 1866. Child:


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42. IRA RAND, son of Joseph (20), born Sept. 28, 1814; married, April 28, 1839, Sarah Ann Goss, who died Aug. 18, 1892. Lived at Rye. He died Jan. 17, 1880. Children:


43. SAMUEL RAND, son of Samuel (21), born June, 1810; married Sarah Jane Rand. Children:


45. HARRY RAND, son of Joshua (22), born June 10, 1803; married Persis Merriam. He died Feb. 5, 1868. Children:

   Albert. Ellen.

46. OBED RAND, son of Joshua (22), born Aug. 18, 1804; married Anna Jenness. Children:


47. NAHUM RAND, son of Joshua (22), born Nov. 29, 1813; married, Feb. 15, 1841, Dorothy Bristol of Rumford, Me. Children:

48. Aaron Rand, son of Joshua (22), born March 19, 1816; married, Nov. 11, 1840, Elizabeth Yeaton. Lived at Rye. He died Nov. 3, 1890. She died Dec. 1, 1896. Children:

Wesley Adams, b. March 24, 1841; m. first, June 8, 1865, Carrie J. Fuller; second, 1892, Henrietta Tower. Atwell Yeaton, b. Dec. 17, 1842; d. April 7, 1865. Francina M., b. Sept. 20, 1848; m. April 25, 1871, Aaron R. Locke.


49. Capt. Elvin Rand, son of Captain Daniel (23), born Aug. 12, 1814; married, Nov., 1839, Martha A. Willey. He died March 23, 1888. Lived at Rye. She died March 1, 1901. Children:


Edward Stern, b. May 24, 1877.

51. John Howard Rand, son of Major Thomas (27), born June 24, 1841; married, April 19, 1866, Julia Dodd Spinney of Lynn, born May 19, 1839, who died March 23, 1888. Lived at New York. Was graduated from Harvard college. Children:


52. Thomas William Rand, son of Jedediah (29), born 1831; married, May, 1858, Louise Hodgdon, who died Oct. 6, 1900. Lived at Rye. Farmer, and kept a general store. Children:

Blake H., b. Dec. 21, 1863; m. June 19, 1889, Leonie Drake.

53. William J. Rand, son of Billey (30), born March 2, 1815; married, March 4, 1844, Elizabeth Jenness. Lived at West Rye. She died March 15, 1902. He died Nov. 11, 1903. Blacksmith and farmer. Children:

54. John Ira Rand, son of Billey (30), born May 20, 1823; married Mary Jane Garland. Lived at Rye on Sandy Beach road. Farmer. Children:
   Eben Watson, b. May 11, 1851; m. June 14, 1882, Annie Hodgdon.
   Emma J., b. April 26, 1860; d. May 1, 1861.


   Lizzie, b. April 2, 1868; m. Jan. 18, 1895, Herman O. Rand.

   Edgar Jenness, b. July 22, 1879.

58. Joseph Jenness Rand, son of Obed (46), married, May 28, 1874, Helen A. Fife of Pembroke, where he resides. Child:
   Mary, b. 1875.
59. **Martin Hickman Rand**, son of Aaron (48), born March 2, 1852; married, Nov. 25, 1875, Florence L. Berry. Divorced. Child:

60. **Howard S. Rand**, son of Captain Elvin (49), born Sept. 25, 1840; married, first, Nov. 7, 1862, Clara E. Odiorne; died Oct. 7, 1875; second, June 1, 1879, Louisa Marden. Lived at Rye. Children by first wife:

- Mary Emma, b. March, 1865; m. 1883, George Brown.

61. **Jedediah Rand**, son of Thomas William (52), born July 16, 1870; married, April 9, 1896, Edith Foss. Mason by trade. Children:


Children by first husband:


64. **Irvin Rand**, son of Martin Hickman (59), born 1876; married, June 12, 1894, Edith Trefethern. Children:


1. **Richard Rand**, married Abiel ———. He died April, 1769. Children:

   Mary, b. Feb. 8, 1726.


**Reuben Rand** married ———. Children:


**Benjamin Rand** married ———. Children:

   Abigail, b. 1755. Lucy, b. 1757. Benjamin, b. 1765.

1. **Stephen Rand**, married, July 3, 1759, Mercy Palmer of Hampton. He died in 1759 on his way home from the French War. Child:

2. Stephen Rand, son of Stephen (1), born Sept. 12, 1759; married, first, Sarah Fogg, who was born Sept. 10, 1764, and died June 18, 1803; second, Sept. 17, 1807, Ruth Tarlton. He died March 31, 1826. Children:

Stephen, b. May 12, 1782; d. Jan. 4, 1871; m. June 8, 1806, Betsy Tarlton, who d. Sept. 3, 1869; no child.


Eldred Rand, son of Polly (3), born Aug. 2, 1808; married Susan Otis. Lived at Boston. Children:


John Rand married ————. Children:


Nathaniel Rand, 3d, married, Jan. 22, 1761, Bethia Rand. Children:


Samuel Rand, Jr., married Abigail Marden. Child:

Sarah, b. 1774.

Nathaniel Rand married Mary Odiorne. Child:

Sally, bapt. 1779; m. Joshua Rand.

Oliver Porter Rand married, June, 1828, Mary Beau. Children:


John Gilman Rand married ————. Children:

BICKFORD RAND married, first, Eunice Carter; second, Martha Batchelder. He died Dec. 20, 1860. Was in Captain Berry's company in the War of 1812. Children:


WILLIAM RAND (Deaf Billey), married Betsey ———. Children:


CHARLES WALLIS RAND, son of Samuel M. (32), married Ella M. Parker. He died May 21, 1902. Children:


RANDALL.

1. EDWARD RANDALL, married Hannah ———. Lived at Little Harbor and at Portsmouth, 1670. Children:

2. John.
3. William.

2. JOHN RANDALL, son of Edward (1), married Hannah ———. Children:

John, bapt. April 14, 1746. Abigail, b. 1749.

3. WILLIAM RANDALL, son of Edward (1), married, April 24, 1745, Hannah Marston, a schoolmistress. Children:


4. MARK RANDALL, son of Edward (1), born Oct. 25, 1726; married, Nov. 24, 1748, Abigail Philbrick, who was born Nov. 11, 1730, and died 1816. Children:
Abigail, bapt. Dec. 5, 1749; m. Gideon Marshall; lived at Hampton Falls. Joses, b. April 11, 1751; m. Elizabeth Galloway; he d. a prisoner in a Jersey prison ship; she m. second, Noah Jenness; third, Thomas Goss. Sally, b. Oct. 28, 1752; m. John Jenness. Elizabeth, b. April 10, 1755; m. Richard Webster.

5. Mark, b. June 18, 1757.


5. **Mark Randall**, son of Mark (4), born June 18, 1757; married ——. Child:
   - Mark, m. Augusta Berry.

6. **Reuben Randall**, son of Mark (4), born Feb. 9, 1760; married Sarah Young. Children:
   - Sarah, m. Eben Berry. Joses, m. Dorothy Randall.

7. Levi D.

7. **Levi D. Randall**, son of Reuben (6), married, April, 1809, Abigail Webster. Lived at Kittery. Children:

1. **George Randall**, son of ———, married, July 18, 1751, Sarah, daughter of Jothani Berry. He was drowned at Sandy beach. Came from the Isles of Shoals. Children:
   - Sarah, bapt. 1752. Sarah, b. 1754; m. Jan. 3, 1788. John Nelson; lived where the poorhouse was. Edward, b. 1758; went to sea in Revolutionary War and d. Amelia B., b. 1760; m. first, Nov. 29. 1792, Samuel Sanders; second, John Bragg.
   - George, b. 1762. Rachel, b. 1765; m. June 27, 1793, John Mace. Abigail, b. 1769; m. John Nelson.
   - William Bates, b. 1771.

2. **George Randall**, son of George (1), born 1762; married, first, Mary Foss; second, Nov. 14, 1782, Elizabeth Berry. He died Dec. 24, 1820. Children:
   - Mary, b. 1782; m. Joseph Hall; had a son who d. of consumption. Edward, b. 1785; d. at sea. Abigail, d. aged seven or eight years, of throat distemper. Betsey, b. 1787; m. first, Robert Mather; second, John Downs.

5. George, b. 1800.


4. Samuel Berry Randall, son of George (2), born Jan. 11, 1789; married Betsey Smith. Children:

5. George Randall, son of George (2), born 1800; married Sally (Johnson Goss) Randall, the widow of his brother. Children:
   William, m. Clara Adams. Sarah Olive, d. 1852.

1. Daniel Randall, married ———. Children:

2. Benjamin Randall, son of Daniel (1), married Betsey Shapley. Children:

3. Benjamin Randall, son of Benjamin (2), born Oct. 2, 1769; married, first, Polly Rugg; second, Aug. 27, 1793, Sarah Saunders, who was born Aug. 21, 1773. Child by first wife:
   Benjamin, m. Pierce; lost in ship Capt. Beck on Salisbury beach. Children by second wife:

4. WILLIAM S. RANDALL, son of Benjamin (3), born Nov. 15, 1805; married, first, Dec. 11, 1827, widow Eliza G. Caswell; second, widow Catherine Caswell; third, widow Hannah Randall. Children by ——— wife:


5. JOHN WILLIAM RANDALL, son of William S. (4), married, first, April 17, 1853, Ann M. Verrill; second, widow Hannah O. Lane; third, 1858, Harriet Lear. Child by third wife:


Gladys May, b. Oct. 29, 1900.

1. WILLIAM BUNKER RANDALL, married, first, Hannah Locke; second, Mary Downs. Lived at Isles of Shoals. Children by first wife:

William, m. Hannah Pitman; she afterwards m. William S. Randall. Job Locke, d. at Great Falls (?). Children by second wife:


PAUL RANDALL, son of Edward (1), married, first, Feb., 1752, Hannah Adams; second, Margaret Tuckerman; third, 1763, Abigail ———. Innkeeper, about 1760. Children by first wife:

John. Paul, bapt. 1755; unm. Children by second wife:

JAMES RANDALL, son of Edward (1), married, Nov. 24, 1748 ———; died in the Revolutionary army, July 22, 1778. Child:
Hannah, unm., had dau., Polly, who m. Benj. Philbrick.

GEORGE RANDALL (called Jack), married, March 1, 1824, widow Abigail Whidden. Lived at Isles of Shoals. (The widow had two children, Hannah and Abigail Whidden, the latter of whom married George Randall). Children:
Mary Ann, m. William Robinson. Sarah Jane, m. a Frenchman. John Porter, ran away to sea. Ruth Maria.

JOHN COOK RANDALL married, first, Feb. 19, 1850, Mary H. Caswell. She died, and he married, second, Baker. Children by first wife:

GILBERT IRA RANDALL married Mary E. Varrell. Child:

RAWDING.

ROBERT J. RAWDING married, April 29, 1899, widow Fannie (Jones) Mitchie of Rye. Child:
Joseph William, b. Nov. 6, 1899.

REMICK.

1. ISAAC REMICK (whose father was an Englishman, and mother a Scotch woman), married Meribah Smith. Children:
Sarah, bapt. 1756. Meribah, b. 1760; m. Cotton Palmer. Mary, b. 1765; d. unm. Feb. 23, 1829. Thomas, b. 1767; went to sea and never returned. David, b. 1769; went to sea and never returned.
3. Isaac, b. 1769. Betsey, b. 1771; m. Jonathan Hobbs of North Hampton; lived at Eppingham. Hannah, b. 1774; m. Andrew Clark. Huldah, b. 1776; m. Solomon Marden. Jane, b. 1778; m. Solomon Foss. Moses, b. 1781; m. Mary Lang of Lee; had one child; both soon d.

2. JOSEPH REMICK, son of Isaac (1), born 1769; married, March 5, 1801, Sally Paul. Children:


Children by second wife:

Children by third wife:
Moses, b. 1809; m. Mary Floyd. Esther Y., b. Feb., 1811; m. Lemeuel Locke.

Children by fourth wife:
Joseph, b. 1829; d. March 12, 1832. Amos, b. 1831.

4. David Remick, son of Joseph (2), born Jan. 18, 1814; married, first, widow Abby S. Mace; second, May 18, 1873, Merinda P. Porter. He died March 7, 1892. Children by first wife:


Children:


Children:


RIEB.

Patrick Rieb married Anna Smith. Electrician. Children:


ROBINSON.

1. John Robinson, married ———. Children:

2. Robert.

2. Robert Robinson, son of John (1), married Sally Downs. Children:

- Lovina, b. March, 1806; m. Reuben Shapley. Margaret, m. first, Samuel Grant; second, Serg. Lewis; third, Leonard Dale. Mehitable, unm.

Sarah Elizabeth, b. 1827; m. Sept. 16, 1863, Charles Reuben Caswell. James Monroe.

4. **JOHN ROBINSON**, son of John (1), married Mary Shapley. Lived at Gosport. Children:
   5. Samuel, b. 1803. Sally, b. 1806; m. June 6, 1824, Cleveland B. Holt. William, b. March 20, 1812; m. Mary Ann Randall.

5. **SAMUEL ROBINSON**, son of John (4), born 1803; married Olive or Lovey Haley. He died May 26, 1869. Lived at Gosport. Children:
   Abigail, m. first, Brown; second, William Shields. Samuel, m. Elizabeth Newton.

**ROLLINS.**

**HENRY ROLLINS** married Anna ———. Child:
   Martha, bapt. July 9, 1775.

**RUGG.**

——— **Rugg** married ———. Lived at the Isles of Shoals. Child:
   Judah Mace, bapt. Nov. 6, 1793.

**RYDER.**

**HENRY RYDER** married Hannah Mathes. Child:
   A son, b. Dec. 9, 1866.

**SALTER.**

1. **JOHN SALTER** married Amy ———. Children:

2. **ALEXANDER SALTER**, son of John (1), born April 2, 1718; married Elizabeth, daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth Sanborn, born March 16, 1715. Came to Rye Jan. 28, 1742; died Nov. 1, 1801. Children:


4. Alexander Salter, son of John (3), born June 4, 1778; married, first, March 18, 1803, Mary Berry, who died May 13, 1810; second, Anna Webster, who died 1850. Children:

5. Jeremiah Webster, b. Nov. 9, 1822.

5. Jeremiah Webster Salter, son of Alexander (4), born Nov. 9, 1822; married Fanny Davis. Child:
   Webster, m. Dec. 30, 1880, Florence L. Berry; lived at Rye.

Albert E. Salter married Fannie Philbrick June 21, 1872; divorced; and she married, second, W. E. Carter of Vermont. Child:
   Huldah Salter, b. Aug., 1879.

SANBORN.

Benning Sanborn married Polly Jenness. Lived at Deerfield. Children:

Samuel Sanborn married Mary Barnes. Children:
   Nathan, b. 1768. Sarah, b. 1770.

Levi Thomas Sanborn came from Hampton Falls; married, Sept. 29, 1764, Sarah Jane Perkins. Lived at Rye. Children:
GENEALOGY.

SAUNDERS.

1. ——— SAUNDERS. Children (all of whom were probably brothers):
   2. John.
   4. George, b. April 18, 1732.
   5. Robert.

2. JOHN SAUNDERS, born 1720, perhaps son of ——— (1), came from Torbay, Eng., and settled at the Isles of Shoals; married, first, April 7, 1740, Mary Berry; second, 1760, Tryphena Philbrick, who afterwards married Jonathan Berry. He was lost in the big October gale, 1770. Children by first wife:
   Esther, bapt. Sept. 17, 1741; m. first, John Yeaton, who was lost in the big gale, 1770; m. second, 1783, Simon Knowles; lived at Rye.
   7. John, bapt. Nov. 9, 1746. George Berry, bapt. Sept. 11, 1748; m. Anna Page. He was killed by falling from his horse; lived at Epsom.

Children by second wife:

3. SAMUEL SAUNDERS, perhaps son of ——— (1), came from Torbay, Eng., and settled at the Isles of Shoals; married, 1746, Hannah Foss. He was lost in the gale. Children:

4. GEORGE SAUNDERS, perhaps son of ——— (1), born April 18, 1732; came from Torbay, Eng., and settled at the Isles of Shoals; married, 1756 or '57, Sarah Kive, who was born Jan. 13, 1736. A member of Captain Parsons' company in the Revolutionary War. He died in 1786. Children:
Elizabeth, b. June 29, 1755. Sarah, bapt. Sept. 18, 1757; d.

5. ROBERT SAUNDERS, perhaps son of ——— (1), came from Torbay, Eng., and settled at the Isles of Shoals; married Elizabeth Berry. He died March 7, 1807, aged 92 years. Child:
   Robert, bapt. March 30, 1742; d.

6. ROBERT SAUNDERS, son of John (2), baptized July 3, 1743; married, July 7, 1765, Mary Locke, who lived 96 years. Lived at Epsom, and was buried at Effingham. Children:

7. JOHN SAUNDERS, Jr., son of John (2), baptized Nov. 9, 1746; married Dorcas Pitman. He was lost at sea. Children:

8. WILLIAM SAUNDERS, son of George (4), born Oct. 19, 1759; married Sarah Saunders. She afterwards married, Aug. 25, 1794, Joseph Verrill. Children:

9. GEORGE SAUNDERS, son of George (4), born June 3, 1769; married Mary Saunders, who afterwards married Levi Goss. Children:
10. **Samuel Saunders**, son of George (4), born Nov. 21, 1771; married, Nov. 29, 1792, Amelia Randall. He died before Oct. 5, 1794. Children:


Patience Locke, bapt. June 29, 1794.

13. **Job Saunders**, son of Robert (11), born Nov. 24, 1792; married ———. Lived at Derry. Children:

O. H., lived at Boston. W. H., lived at Chicago.

**SAWYER.**

**Horace Sawyer,** from Haverhill, Mass., married, Nov. 5, 1868, Susan M. Jenness. Lived at Rye. Children:


**SCADGEL.**

**Benjamin Scadgel** married ———. Children:


The Scadgel place was where Mr. Joseph Langdon Scavely lives. They kept a tavern and the sign hung on the large elm tree which stands southerly from the house.

**SCHEDEL—SCHEGEL.**

**Christopher Schedel** married Deborah ———. Children:

Mary, b. May 1, 1720. Benjamin, b. Nov. 27, 1727; m. Dorcas; lived in Rye in 1763. Jacob, b. Oct. 25, 1736.
SCOTT.

Daniel P. Scott married ———. Lived on Lafayette road. Children:
Walter P. Haven. Daniel O.

SEAVEY.

1. William Seavey, sent from England in 1631 to the Piscataqua settlement by Captain John Mason. He was a selectman and otherwise of some consequence in the settlement. In 1660, he was William the elder. He died about 1688. Children:
2. William, b. 1640.

2. William Seavey, son of William (1), born 1640; married Hannah ———, who was born about 1663, and died Jan. 31, 1748. He was on the grand jury in 1682, and was a surveyor in 1683. In 1728, he desired at a "proprietors' meeting" to be excused by reason of "age and infirmity" from any further service in laying out lands. His will was dated March 25, 1728-'29, and proved, June, 1733. Her will was made Sept. 10, 1741, proved, Feb. 28, 1748. She gave to her son Stephen, ten shillings; James, ten shillings; Ebenezer, a bed; to the children of son Thomas, £10; to her negro woman Anna, one cow. Children:
4. William, 3d.
5. James. Hannah, m. Samuel Wells, who d. before Sept., 1741. Hepzibah, m. Thomas Wright, mariner, who died before 1741. Mary, b. 1704; m. Capt. Samuel Banfield, who d. 1743; she d. 1753. Thomas (twin), went down East, d. before Sept. 1741. Ebenezer (Capt.), (twin), went down East; d. at Newcastle, 1744. Stephen, m. widow Mary True.

4. William Seavey, 3d, son of William (2), married, first, Mary Hincks, who died 1744; second, Sept. 25, 1748, Hannah Seavey, who died 1781 or 1786. Proprietors' clerk for some years, and probably ensign in Captain Jotham Odiorne's company, 1716. Children:


5. James Seavey, son of William (2), married, June, 1718, Hannah Pickering; in 1755 had wife, Abigail. Children:

Hannah, b. May 4, 1719; m. July 24, 1740, Jacob Sheafe.
8. James.


7. Amos Seavey, carpenter, son of William, 3d (4), born 1718; married, 1744, Mary Langdon, who died Feb. 23, 1807, aged 82 years. He died Feb. 19, 1807, and they were buried in one grave. Lived in the old Seavey house at East Rye. Children:


James, b. 1757; d. unm. July 15, 1811. John, b. 1761; m. Nov. 20, 1791, Anna Seavey.


15. Joshua, b. 1777. William, b. 1782; d. in Demerara, W. I. Fanny, b. Oct., 1787; m. May 15, 1803, Benjamin Garland, aged 32 years. Gideon; old Uncle Eben Wallis undertook to keep him but he ran away.

10. Lieut. William Seavey, son of Amos (7), born 1745; married Anna Trefethern. He died March 15, 1829. First lieutenant under Captain Joseph Parsons at Newcastle in the Revolutionary War. Children:

Elizabeth, m. Lieut. John Foye; lived at Rye. Mary, b. Dec., 1769; m. Ebenezer Odiorne; lived at Rye. Anna, b. April, 1772; m. Levi Dearborn of North Hampton; lived in Illinois.


18. John Langdon, b. Sept. 8, or May 24, 1793.


Children by second wife:


12. Joseph Seavey, son of James (8), born Dec. 20, 1767; married Mary Whidden, who was born June 18, 1776-77, and died Aug. 7, 1853. He died Nov. 7, 1849. Children:


13. Ebenezer Seavey, son of Paul (9), born 1765; married, first, Prudence P. Marden; second ———, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah Berry. Lived at Rochester. Children:


14. Samuel Wallis Seavey, son of Paul (9), born 1779; married widow Dorothy or Dolly (Parsons) Follett of Kittery, Me. Children:


15. Joshua Seavey, son of Paul (9), born 1777; married, April 16, 1797, Betsey Webster. Lived in Illinois. Children:


16. William Seavey, son of Lieut. William (10), born May 19, 1774; married Elizabeth Ayers of Greenland, who was born June 13, 1781. He died Sept. 20, 1854. Commissioned lieutenant under Captain E. Philbrick, May 17, 1811. Children:

17. LIEUT. AMOS SEAVERY, son of Lieut. William (10), born 1787; married, June 16, 1807, Sarah Drake. She died April 3, 1874. Lived at Rye and Greenland. A member of Captain James Coleman’s company of cavalry in the War of 1812. He died in Greenland, Sept. 5, 1852. Children:


18. JOHN LANGDON SEAVERY, son of Lieut. William (10), born Sept. 8, 1793; married, Dec. 22, 1813, Sidney, daughter of Joseph L. Seavey. She died March 8, 1858. Children:


19. THEODORE J. SEAVERY, son of Joseph Langdon (11), baptized July 3, 1785; married, Dec. 21, 1820, Betsey Stevens, who died June 12, 1835. Children:


Martha Adeline, b. 1834; unm. Mary Jane, b. 1837; m. March, 1871, J. Wesley Foye. Joseph Langdon, b. 1840; unm.


23. Edward Seavey, son of Joseph (12), born July 20, 1810; married Mary Willey. Children:
James E. Martha Ann.
George Henry, m. Dec. 24, 1871, Sarah Adeline Moulton.

Clara E., m. Ebenezer Odiorne. M. Eva, non compos mentis. Hanson W., m. March 7, 1886, Lizzie, dau. of John Hunt Foss.


26. **Lyman Seavey**, son of William (16), born Aug. 31, 1802; married, April 4, 1822, Eliza S. Parsons. He died Nov. 8, 1862. Lived at Spinney, Me. Children:

   Isaac, b. July, 1822; m. Elizabeth Weeks of Portsmouth; he d. Dec. 3, 1862; lived at Newburyport. Martha, m. first, R. W. Trask; second, James Copeland. Susan, m. Wilson; she killed her child, aged seven years, during a fit of insanity, at Boston. Adeline, d. Otis, lived in California. Amos, d.

27. **William Warren Seavey**, son of William (16), born Nov. 8, 1807; married, March 17, 1835, Hannah M. Jewell of Stratham, who was born March 22, 1809. He died Jan. 3, 1861. Children:


28. **Harrison Seavey**, son of William (16), born March 17, 1822; married, May 21, 1854, Martha J. Webster. He died Oct. 8, 1858. Children:


30. **Alfred V. Seavey**, son of Joseph Whidden (22), born July 31, 1836; married, first, Jan. 31, 1861, Charlotte
A. Garland; second, Feb. 17, 1870, Mary A. Drake; third, May, 1877, Clara Drake. She died Jan. 26, 1903. Children:


31. IRVING J. SEAVERY, son of Joseph Whidden (22), born 1852; married, Nov. 24, 1872, Sarah O. Drake. He died Jan. 4, 1896. Children:

32. JAMES E. SEAVERY, son of Edward (23), married, June 13, 1869, Charlotte Foss. He died Aug. 12, 1873. Child:

33. EVERETT H. SEAVERY, son of Irving J. (31), born Sept. 6, 1875; married, April 21, 1897, Lizzie H. Bebee. Child:

34. GEORGE H. SEAVERY, son of Edward (23), married, Dec. 24, 1871, Sarah A. Moulton. He died. Child:

1. SAMUEL SEAVERY, son of ———; married Abigail ———. Children:


2. ITHAMAR SEAVERY, son of Samuel (1), born Jan. 27, 1712; married Mary ———. Children:


3. SAMUEL SEAVERY, JR., son of Samuel (1), born May 18, 1714; married ———. Children:

4. Henry Seavey, son of Samuel (1), born April 23, 1719; married, Sept. 15, 1740, Mary Kingman. Children:

5. Jonathan Seavey, perhaps son of Samuel (1), born Feb. 2, 1732; married Stevens. Lived in Greenland; moved to Bartlett. Children:
   Comfort, b. 1756; m. Ellen Tasker.

   Ellen, m. David Blake of Hampton. Deborah, d.


7. Jonathan Seavey, son of Jonathan (6), married Sally Seavey (his cousin). Children:

1. Henry J. Seavey, son of ———, married Smith. He lived between David Remick's and Wallis' Four Corners, East Rye. Was under Captain Joseph Parsons at Newcastle; afterwards went privateering. Went to Epsom; removed to Rye; died in 1803. Children:


1. William Seavey, son of ———, married, July 23, 1752, Ruth Moses. Lived at Rye, near the Captain Elvin Rand farm. Children:


2. DANIEL SEAVEY, son of William (1), born May 1, 1763; married, Dec. 5, 1783, Rachel Rand. Children:

1. SAMUEL SEAVEY, son of ———, married ———. Lived on Samuel P. Garland's farm, now owned by Clarence Goss. Children:
   2. Isaac. Sarah.

2. ISAAC SEAVEY, son of Samuel (1), married, April 6, 1785, Abigail Gardiner of Portsmouth. Child:

JOSEPH SEAVEY, son of ———, married Hannah ———. Children:

HENRY SEAVEY, son of ———, married, first, Mary ———; second, Abigail ———. Children:

SAMUEL SEAVEY, son of ———; married Mary ———. Child:
   Mary, b. Dec. 23, 1734.

HENRY SEAVEY, JR., son of ———; married Elizabeth Fuller. Children:

JAMES SEAVEY, son of ———, married Abigail Pickering. Child:
   James, b. March 1, 1743.
JOSEPH SEAVEY, son of ———, married, Nov. 22, 1744, Sarah Scott. Child:
Sarah, b. 1745.

SOLOMON SEAVEY, son of ———, married, March 30, 1758, Fallen. Children:
Joseph, bapt. 1759. Daughter, b. 1762.

JOSEPH SEAVEY, son of ———, married, first, Dec. 24, 1769, Sarah Locke; second, Oct. 2, 1771, Susannah Kennison. Children:

NOAH SEAVEY, son of ———, married, May 6, 1763, Temperance Rand. Lived on Gomorrah road, Portsmouth. Children:

ELIJAH SEAVEY, son of ———, married, Sept. 4, 1764, Sarah Berry. Lived at Barrington. Children:
Phudesy (Fredrick), b. June 1, 1765. Oily (Olive), b. Aug. 28, 1768.

WILLIAM SEAVEY, son of Henry, born Aug. 3, 1761; married, May 17, 1780, Dolly Foss, daughter of Ichabod Foss. Lived at Barrington. Children:

JOSEPH SEAVEY, son of ———, married ———. Children:

BENJAMIN SEAVEY, son of ———, married ———. Children:
Winthrop Seavey married ______. Lived in Illinois. Child:
Gideon W., attorney, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Moses Seavey, son of Benjamin, married Huldah Locke. Removed to Deerfield. Lived at the foot of the hill on Washington avenue, where John Philbrick resided. He conveyed to Amos Seavey, in 1762, all his share of his late father's right in the common land. Children:


SHANNON.

Thomas Shannon married, May 31, 1753, Ann Rand. Lived at Chester. Children:

SHAPLEY.

1. Henry Shapley, married Elizabeth Saunders. Lived at Gosport. Children:
2. Henry Carter, b. 1743 (?). Reuben, m. first, Blaisdell; second, Ann Clark; lived at Portsmouth. John, m. Leighton.
4. Edward.

2. Henry Carter Shapley, son of Henry (1), born 1743 (?); married, first, Judith Randall; second, Dorcas Saunders; third, Sally Caswell. He died March 17, 1830. Served as corporal under Captain J. Parsons in the Revolutionary War. Children by first wife:
Betsey, b. (before m.) 1766; m. July 4, 1788, Robert Poor of Portsmouth; lived at Rye.
5. Henry J., b. 1767.
Children by second wife:
Reuben, b. 1774; m. Feb. 19, 1796, Mary Saunders. Judith. Sally.
Children by third wife:
George W. (b. before m.); m. Ann Gray.


Sally, b. Oct. 12, 1791; d. unm. Dec. 4, 1875; lived down Beach road. Henry, lost in privateer Portsmouth.

4. Edward Shapley, son of Henry (1), married Hepzibah Rand. Children:
Sally, d. unm. at the Isles of Shoals, aged 18 years. James, cast away in a whaling vessel. Robert, enlisted in the navy as a marine; ordered to the Lakes and never heard from.

5. Henry J. Shapley, son of Henry Carter (2), born 1767; married Mary Berry. Lived at Rye. Children:


Children:

Reuben, b. Nov. 12, 1824; d. May 11, 1846. George, b. Sept. 6, 1822; drowned Oct. 4, 1851, in a gale while fishing in the bay.

17, 1862. Served in the War of 1812 under Captain E. Philbrick. Children:


12. William H. Shapley, son of Samuel (9), born June 3, 1831; married, first, Sarah J. Hill; second, Margaret Thompson. Children by first wife:

James Hill. Abby Jane, b. May 27, 1854.

Children by second wife:

Mary R., b. April 4, 1858. Harriet E., b. June 8, 1861.


SHEAFE.


Thomas Sheafe married Marion———, who died, 1383, in England.
Edmund Sheafe, born 1605; married Elizabeth Cotton. Children:
Rebecca. Elizabeth. Sampson, b. 1650.

Jacob Sheafe married, 1625, Margaret Webb, who died in 1698. Children:
Jacob, d. Dec. 26, 1760. Two children, burned in their house at Boston.

Jacob Sheafe married ———. Children:
Elizabeth, b. 1644; m. Robert Gibbs. Mehitable, b. 1656; m. 1677, Sampson Sheafe, son of Edmund (?).

1. Sampson Sheafe, came from Boston to Newcastle in 1675 and died in Boston, aged 76 years. Children:

2. Jacob, b. 1677; m. Mary ———. Sampson, b. 1681.

2. Jacob Sheafe, son of Sampson (1), born 1677; married Mary ———. Children:
Abigail. Mary, b. 1718; m. Sampson Sheafe in Boston. Elizabeth. Margaret.

1. Sampson Sheafe, born 1611; married Sarah Walton of Newcastle. Children:
Sampson, b. 1712.

2. Jacob Sheafe, son of Sampson (1), born Oct. 21, 1715; married, July 21, 1740, Hannah Sceavey, who died in 1773, aged 54 years. Children:
SHERBURNEx.

Henry Sherburne married Rebecah Gibbon; died 1681. Child:
   Elizabeth, m. Capt. Samuel Banfield.

Andrew Sherburne, born May 22, 1738; married Susannah Knight, who was born March 6, 1741. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:

1. Henry Sherburne married Sarah Warner. Children:
   Samuel, m. Warner.


2. Jonathan Sherburne, son of Henry (1), married, March 4, 1787, Nancy Perkins, who was born 1767, and died April 4, 1811. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:

SHORTRIDGE.

Richard Shortridge married, 1662, Esther, daughter of Godfrey Dearborn of Hampton. Children:

SHUTE.

James Shute married ——. He owned a field opposite Gilman Berry’s. Child:
   Sarah, bapt. 1737.

SLEEPER.

1. Aaron Sleeper, married ——. Lived at Kingston. Children:
2. Benjamin Sleeper, son of Aaron (1), married Abigail Coffin. He died (?), and she married, second, Richard Jenness. Children:

- Tristram Coffin, b. 1741; m. Dec. 18, 1766, Ruth Tarlton. Thomas, b. Sept., 1767; m. Sally Brown.
- William, b. April 28, 1775. Benjamin, b. April 28, 1778; m. Marion Clough.


- Nancy, b. 1790; m. Simon Jenness, an adopted child.

4. William Sleeper, son of Eliphalet (3), born April 28, 1775; married Sally Smith of Exeter, who was born June, 1775, at Exeter. Lived at Rye. Children:

- Charles Benjamin.

5. Richard Jenness Sleeper, son of Eliphalet (3), born July 17, 1801; married, June 6, 1829, Emily Garland, who was born Sept. 4, 1808. Lived at Rye. Children:

- Martin V., b. June 22, 1835.


7. Martin V. Sleeper, son of Richard Jenness (5), born June 22, 1835; married Martha J. Jenness. Children:

THOMAS SLEEPER married, first, 1798, Sally Berry; second, 1815, Melitabile Crockett. Lived at Rye in the lane near Alfred Seavey's, and at Newington. Mariner. Children:


SMART.

1. SAMUEL G. SMART, married, April 9, 1866, Mary Watson Garland, daughter of Edward L. Children:

2. FRED L. SMART, son of Samuel G. (1), born Nov. 27, 1866; married, Dec. 28, 1885, Martha A. Mace. Children:

SMITH.

1. DAVID SMITH, perhaps son of Israel and Sarah of Hampton, married Sarah ———. Lived near David Marden's at Rye. His sister Mary married Thomas Marden of "Long Lane." Children:
   3. Samuel (?).

2. DAVID SMITH, son of David (1), born Jan. 18, 1741; married Mary Marden. Children:
   Molly, b. 1769; m. Stephen Marden. Sally, b. 1771; m. Joses Philbrick.

3. SAMUEL SMITH, perhaps son of David (1), married, March, 1786, Elizabeth Hall, who died Sept. 11, 1847, aged 87 years. He died Jan. 4, 1824, aged 72 years. Children:
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SPEAR.

1. SAMUEL B. SPEAR, born Nov. 7, 1823; married Adeline Cook, who died Jan. 12, 1892. He died April 27, 1900. Painter by trade. Children:

2. CHARLES W. SPEAR, son of Samuel B. (1), born June 17, 1856; married, first, June 13, 1879, Lizzie Remick, who died Nov. 10, 1886; second, Dec. 17, 1889, Mary L. Marden. Children:

SQUIRE.

JOHN SQUIRE married Eliza Burnell. Electrician. Children:
   Alice, b. May 13, 1887. Frances, b. April 10, 1889.

SWENSON.

ANDERS SWENSON married Louise Swenson of Sweden. Children:

TARLTON.

Two brothers Tarlton came from Liverpool, Eng. One landed in the Carolinas, the other, Elias, settled at or near Little Harbor, or Newcastle. He had a son Elias.

1. ELIAS TARLTON served his time at Strawberry Bank (Portsmouth), and at that time knew every person in the place. He married Rendall. Children:
   Richard.
2. Elias.
2. Elias Tarlton, son of Elias (1), married Hannah Ackerman. Children:


Joseph Tarlton married, Jan. 10, 1762, Mary Goss. She married, second, Nat Jenness. He was lost privateering. Child:
   A girl, m. Stephen Rand.

THOMAS.

William Thomas (probably son of James and Alice of Nottingham, baptized May 24, 1741), married, Nov. 24, 1768, Mary Saunders. She married, second, Abraham Mathes. Children:
   James, b. 1764. William, b. 1766; lost privateering in Revolutionary War; captured by British. John Saunders, b. 1768. Thomas, d. young.

James Thomas married, 1809, Lois Clarke. Children:

Elbridge A. Thomas married, Dec. 25, 1865, Ellen M. Picot. Children:

TIBBETTS.

Jacob Tibbetts married Judith Berry. Lived at Ragged Neck. Children:
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TOWLE.

It is said the Towles came from Ireland.

1. JONATHAN TOWLE, son of Joseph and Mehetable (Hobbs) Towle of Hampton, married Anna Norton. Children:

2. JONATHAN TOWLE, son of Jonathan (1), born July 4, 1729; married Elizabeth Jenness. Lived where Lemuel Bunker resided. Children:
   7. Simon, b. 1753. Mary, b. 1755; m. Jan. 6, 1774, James Hobbs.
  10. Benjamin, b. 1769. Sally, b. 1776; m. Lemuel Bunker.

3. LEVI TOWLE, son of Jonathan (1), born Sept. 22, 1731; married, Oct. 11, 1853, Ruth Marden. Children:

4. SAMUEL TOWLE, son of Jonathan (1), born Nov. 5, 1735; married, first, Aug. 4, 1760, Rachel Elkins; second, Nov. 18, 1762, Esther Johnson. Children by second wife:

5. JAMES TOWLE, son of Jonathan (1), born Oct. 28, 1737; married ———. Children:

6. NATHAN TOWLE, son of Jonathan (1), born May 19, 1745; married ———. Children:

7. SIMON TOWLE, son of Jonathan (2), born 1753; married Elizabeth Marden. Children:
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Benjamin Marden, b. 1782; m. Betsey Sanborn. Simon, m. Hannah Yeaton. Perna, unm.

8. LEVI TOWLE, son of Jonathan (2), born 1757; married, first, Feb. 7, 1782, Mary Locke; second, Lucy Hobbs; third, Perna Judkins. Children by first wife:
   Dearborn, b. 1783; m. Rhoda Harvey.
Children by second wife:
Child by third wife:
   Sally, b. 1798; m. first, James Rundlett; second, Abraham Blake.

9. JOSEPH TOWLE, son of Jonathan (2), born 1766; married, Dec. 25, 1781, Sally Wallis. Children:

10. BENJAMIN TOWLE, son of Jonathan (2), born 1769; married Betsey Woods. Lived at Epsom. Children:

MATTHIAS TOWLE married ———. Children:
   Matthias. Samuel.

TREFETHERN, OR TREFERRIN.

The Trefetherns came from Scotland to Newcastle.

1. HENRY TREFETHERN married Mary ———. Child:
   2. Robinson, b. 1721.

2. ROBINSON TREFETHERN, son of Henry (1), born 1721; married, Jan. 25, 1748, Abigail Locke “of the Neck.” He came from Newcastle, and lived on the Col. Benjamin Garland place at Rye Center, and sold it to him and others in 1756. Children:
   Mary, b. April 12, 1748; m. Miller.
3. **WILLIAM TREFETHERN**, son of Robinson (2), born June 5, 1751; married, Jan. 27, 1774, Elizabeth Tucker. She died Feb. 12, 1837, aged 87 years. He died June 17, 1820. Was a member of Captain Parsons’ company in the Revolutionary War. Children:


Henry, b. Oct. 5, 1794; m. Mary Brown; he d. Sept. 8, 1828.


4. **CAPT. WILLIAM TREFETHERN**, son of William (3), born April 24, 1775; married, first, Jan. 20, 1801, Lydia Berry, who died June 9, 1820, aged 43 years; second, Susannah Piper. He died Oct. 8, 1853. Lived where George Perry resides. Children by first wife:


Child by second wife:

Hanson Hoitt, b. June, 1822; d. Oct. 12, 1853; he lived on the old Trefethern place, where George Perry lived in 1900.

5. **NATHANIEL TREFETHERN**, son of William (3), born Feb. 22, 1785; married, July 6, 1807, Charlotte Jewell, who was born Sept., 1784. Lived at Rye. He died March 18, 1856. Children:

12. Charles F., b. 1807.

Florence, b. March 17, 1809; m. Ebenezer W. Lang; lived at Rye. Daniel J., b. 1812; m. April 7, 1861, Sabrina Trefethern; he d. June 8, 1841; lived at Rye. Louvia, m. Simon G. Trefethern; lived at Rye.


   Izette Morris, b. May 31, 1835; m. Feb. 1, 1880, Oren Drake.


   Mary J. James Oren. Emily A. Frances L. Lewis W. Charles.

    Anna. Frederick A. Elvina Porter.


13. Simon Goss Trefethern, son of Joseph (6), born March 10, 1810; married, April 1, 1833, Louisa Trefethern. She died March 5, 1865. He died Sept. 8, 1861. Lived at Rye. Children:


14. Joseph Parsons Trefethern, son of Joseph (6), born June 12, 1814; married, April 6, 1837, Olivia B. Marden. She died April 14, 1889. He died Dec. 24, 1889. Children:


15. John Ichabod Trefethern, son of Joseph (6), born June 11, 1816; married, first, Nov. 1, 1840, Elizabeth Mason; second, 1864, Adna Nutter. Children:


16. Samuel A. Trefethern, son of Joseph (6), born April 3, 1822; married, July, 1846, Eliza Ann Marden. She died May 19, 1903, aged 78 years. Children:

17. Oliver Trefethern, son of Joseph (6), born March 4, 1826; married Sarah Moulton. She died Sept. 13, 1875. Children:

18. Supply Foss Trefethern, son of Joseph (6), married, June 18, 1862, Mary Emily Clark. Lived at Rye. She died June 16, 1902. Children:

   Austin, b. Jan. 28, 1872; m. April 7, 1894, Mary L. Gilbert. Nellie, b. Oct. 6, 1877; m. Nov. 28, 1900, George R. Newick.


25. Herman O. Trefethern, son of Horace L. (21), born Jan. 6, 1862; married, Dec. 10, 1891, Annie L. Odiorne. She died May 9, 1900. Children:
   A boy, b. April 8, 1897. A girl, b. Oct. 18, 1898.

TUCK, OR TUCKE.

1. Rev. John Tuck, son of Deacon John and Bethia (Hobbs) of Hampton, married Mary Dole. He declined a call to settle in Chester and devoted himself to labor among the Isles of Shoals. He was pastor of the church in Gosport forty-one years, and died in office there. Children:
   Love, m. Muchmore; lived in Maine.
   2. John.

   Mary, b. March 24, 1763; m. Thomas Rand. John, b. Dec. 27, 1765. Samuel, b. May 4, 1768; m. Judith Gardiner. Love Muchmore, b. Sept. 23; m. Simon Drake; "Simon Drake wanted a mate, And for a duck took Lovey Tuck;" this was a common saying when
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they were married, and has been handed down to the present time. Joseph, b. July 27, 1770; went to sea and never heard from. Richard, b. March 22, 1772; went to sea and never heard from. Abigail, b. April 5, 1774; m. Bishop. Thomas.

TUCKER.

1. William Tucker married, April 5, 1721, Mary Archer. Children:


2. Nathaniel Tucker, son of William (1), born Sept. 18, 1732-'33; married, Feb. 8, 1753, Elizabeth Hall. He was in the French and Indian war. Children:


Children by second wife:

John W., alias Joy Wilmot Upham, b. June 11, 1808; m. Mary Fogg of Eliot; he d. May 14, 1880.

5. James, b. Aug. 17, 1810.

   Mary Elizabeth, b. Nov. 17, 1850. Nancy, b. March 1, 1852.

1. William Tucker, married _______. Children:


William W. Tucker married, Jan. 29, 1883, Mary G. Trefethern. Painter by trade. Children:


Richard Tucker married _______. Child:

   William, b. Dec. 4, 1791.

TURNER.

John Turner came from France about the time of the Revolution, married, first, Seward of Barnstead; second, Hannah Perkins of Kittery, Me. She died in 1854. He died in 1833. Children by first wife:

Children by second wife:
Joseph, m. Rebecca Shillaber. Mary, d. Charles, d. Harry, b. Oct. 11, 1811; came to Rye when 16 years of age and lived with John Foye five years.

VARRELL.

1. Solomon Varrell, probably came from Kittery, Me., married Deborah Bartlett. Children:
   Elizabeth, m. Lear. Rebecca, m. first, Lang; second, John Clay of Candia. Hannah, m. Dudley Norton; lived at Portsmouth.
2. John, bapt. 1759. William, b. 1763; m. Maria Norton; he d. March 20, 1813; lived at Rye. Mary, b. 1765; m. Jacob Morrison. Sarah, b. 1768; m. Andrew Beck.
3. John Varrell, son of Solomon (1), baptized 1759; married, first, April 22, 1784, Anna Lang; second, May 8, 1808, Eleanor Norton. He died Sept. 10, 1811, aged 52 years. Children:
5. Nathaniel Varrell, son of John (2), baptized April 30, 1786; married, 1811, Hannah Lewis. Child:
   Lydia, b. 1811; d. June 28, 1845.
   5. John.

5. John Varrell, son of Washington (4), married, first, Aug. 11, 1844, Mary H. Lord; second, 1868, Margaret Muchmore. Children:


1. **John Varrell**, married ———. Lived at Greenland. Children:

2. William. Deborah, m. Clay; lived at Candia. A girl, m.

2. **William Varrell**, son of John (1), married Maria Norton, who died July 13, 1836, aged 77 years. He came from Greenland to Rye and died in 1803. Children:


3. **Nathaniel Varrell**, son of William (2), born 1789; married, 1816, Mary Hanson. Children:


Sarah Olive, m. Levi Brown; lived at Rye. Anna Maria, m. April 17, 1853, John W. Randall.
5. William Dudley. Mary Elizabeth, m. Ira Gilbert Randall; lived at Rye. Hannah Jane, b. March 8, 1834; m. Daniel Moulton; she d. Feb., 1889; lived at North Hampton.


5. WILLIAM DUDLEY VARRELL, son of Capt. William (4), married Sarah O. Locke. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:


1. EDWARD VARRELL (said to be a cousin of Solomon), came to Rye from York; married, first, Nov. 4, 1773, Elizabeth Saunders; second, Nov. 19, 1784, Mary Berry. He died Oct. 13, 1819, aged about 75 years. Children by first wife:

Children by second wife:


5. Richard, bapt. 1805.

2. SAMUEL VARRELL, son of Edward (1), baptized June 10, 1787; married, Nov. 26, 1812, Elizabeth Waldron. Children:
   Elizabeth Mary, b. Aug. 31, 1813; m. Joseph T. Jenness.
7. Robert Waldron. Martha Lang, b. April 12, 1822; m. Thomas M. Lang of Portsmouth; she d. Feb. 12, 1875. Harvey, d. in Boston.

3. John Varrell, son of Edward (1), baptized March 9, 1794; married Betsey Brown of Seabrook. He was in the War of 1812 under Marshall. Child:
   Eliza Jane, b. Feb., 1811; m. William Rowe; she d. Nov., 1862; had John, William and Caroline.


5. Richard Varrell, son of Edward (1), baptized 1805; married, March 4, 1824, Molly, widow of John Mace, and daughter of Nat Berry. Children:
   Gilman, d. March 29, 1831. Clementina, b. 1830; m. first, William Heath; second, William Young.


7. Robert Waldron Varrell, son of Samuel (2), married Eliza Foss. Children:
   Laura E., b. 1848; m. Orin Webster.


Forrest C., b. April 27, 1873; m. June 17, 1903, Mary E. Waldron. Ernest, b. Feb. 10, 1886.

10. CHARLES F. VARRELL, son of Gilman Nathaniel (8), born March 25, 1862; married Lilla L. Pethick. Children:


11. ORVILLE F. VARRELL, son of Gilman Nathaniel (8), born Feb. 26, 1874; married, Dec. 20, 1892, Kate M. Rand. Child:

Daughter, b. March 21, 1893.

Joseph Varrell married, Aug. 25, 1794, Sarah Saunders, widow of William S. Saunders. Removed to Alexandria. Children:


WALDRON.

1. JONATHAN B. WALDRON, came from Portsmouth Plains, married, Sept. 24, 1789, Elizabeth, daughter of Joshua Foss, who died Jan. 5, 1835, aged 72 years. He died Oct. 25, 1813, aged 52 years. Children:

Elizabeth Saunders W., b. Dec. 16, 1790; m. Samuel Varrell. Polly Westbrook, b. Aug. 19, 1792; m. Samuel J. Locke; lived at Rye.


2. Robert Saunders Waldron, son of Jonathan B. (1), born June 9, 1794; married, first, Martha Lang, who died Nov. 25, 1831, aged 42 years; second, Hannah Drown. He died July 25, 1835, aged 42 years. Children by second wife:
   Robert, m. Anna ———. Martha, m. Samuel K. Choate.


   Sarah Elizabeth, b. 1842; m. William Stickney; had one child; he died, and she m. second, May 30, 1871, William Hunton. Mary C., b. 1846; d. July 20, 1846.

5. Benjamin Franklin (adopted), son of Ben Randall of Gosport.

5. Benjamin Franklin Waldron, adopted son of Richard II. (4), married Sarah Jane Baston, who died Nov. 5, 1884. Lived at Rye. Children:

Isaac Waldron of Barrington married, May 8, 1796, Mary Jane Wallis. Children:
   Samuel Wallis, m. Martha Melcher. Elizabeth Parsons, m. Hall J. Howe. Isaac, m. Eliza ———. Henry, m. Mary F. ———. Alfred A., m. Elizabeth P.

Jacob Waldron of Portsmouth married, June 3, 1811, Margaret Tarlton of Newcastle.

WALKER.

2. Jesse Merrill, b. 1799.

2. Jesse Merrill Walker, son of Samuel (1), born 1799; married, March 2, 1825, Jane B. Sleeper, who was born April 1, 1808, and died March 24, 1894. He died Oct. 8, 1867. Children:
   Benjamin Franklin, b. July 4, 1825; m. April 5, 1849, Harriet Stevens of Newport R. I.

3. Jonathan Towle Walker, son of Samuel (1), born Sept. 27, 1804; married, July 12, 1831, Mary E. Brown, who died April 11, 1858. He died Dec. 29, 1884. Lived at Rye. Was a carpenter by trade and held the office of postmaster for more than thirty years. Children:
9. Lewis Everett, b. Aug. 8, 1842.

   Helen S., b. March 30, 1857; d. Nov. 28, 1858.


7. Charles A. Walker, son of Jesse Merrill (2), born June, 1838; married, first, Margaret Neil, who died Jan., 1874; second, Jan. 15, 1879, Clara Marden. Lived at Rye. Child by first wife:
   Hermon E., b. Dec. 14, 1864; m. May 3, 1889, Sarah Wright of Wilton, N. H.

8. George S. Walker, son of Jesse Merrill (2), born June, 1848; married, first, Sept. 9, 1871, Augusta M. Page, who died March 7, 1886; second, Feb. 14, 1889, Christie Foss. Children by first wife:

Children by second wife:

   11 Ezra Howard, b. Oct. 21, 1875; m. Dec. 4, 1901, E. Annie Manson.


   Harlan Manson, b. March 4, 1903.
NATHANIEL WALKER married Catharine Beck. Lived at Portsmouth. Children:
John K., b. Dec. 4, 1810; m. Ann Thomas; lived at Portsmouth.
Almira, b. Dec. 25, 1813; m. Robert Shillaber. Mary W., b. Dec. 19; m. John Moran (?). Gideon, b. April, 1826 (?); m. first, Mary Anderson; second, Margaret Anderson; lived at Manchester. Hannah Beck, m. Israel Marden.

WILLIAM WALKER married, first, April 21, 1804, Anna Cater; second, Betsey Peverly.

WALLIS.
1. RALPH WALLIS, son of George Wallis, who came to Portsmouth from London, in 1635, in the Abigail, bringing his son Ralph with him. George was then about 40 years old. Ralph married, Nov. 18, 1686, Ann Shortridge. Lived at Sandy Beach. Children:
   3. George. Mary, m. Peter Ball.

2. SAMUEL WALLIS, son of Ralph (1), married, first, Sarah Moses, daughter of James Moses of Sagamore; second, Deborah, widow of James Reeder. He died about 1793. Was lieutenant in Captain Richard Jenness' company, 1729. They owned two slaves, Phillip and Caesar, who were given their freedom and went to Salem, Mass., but afterwards came back to the old homestead in Rye and were buried on the Wallis farm. Children:
   4. Samuel (Lieut.), b. 1747. Martha L., b. 1752; m. March 1, 1796, John Langmaid; lived at Chichester, N. H.

3. GEORGE WALLIS, son of Samuel (2), married Margaret McCleary and removed to Epsom. Children:

4. LIEUT. SAMUEL WALLIS, son of Samuel (2), born 1747; married, Nov. 16, 1773, Elizabeth Parsons, who died
June 9, 1827, aged 73 years. He died Feb. 25, 1832, aged 85 years. Was ensign in Captain Parsons' company in the Revolutionary War. Inherited the Wallis farm. It is from the early Wallis settlement at Rye that "Wallis Sands" derived its name. Children:

Sarah, bapt. March 20, 1777; d. Mary Jones, b. June 1, 1778; m. May 8, 1796, Isaac Waldron of Portsmouth; she d. Dec. 1, 1839.

William Wallis married Molly Brown and removed to Northwood. Children:


WATSON.

Thomas Watson married ———. He lived on Captain Elvin Rand's place at East Rye. Children:

Samuel, b. 1739. John, b. 1741; m. Oct. 25, 1767, Alice Clark.

WEBSTER.

1. John Webster, son of Thomas Webster and Sarah of Hampton, born Feb. 16, 1674; married, Sept. 21, 1703, Abiah Shaw. Lived at Rye. Children:

Jeremiah, b. Dec. 21, 1703; m. Ladd. Charity, b. April 2, 1706.

2. Josiah Webster, son of John (1), born April 2, 1706; married, Sept. 21, 1738, Patty Goss, who was born in 1714, and died Nov. 18, 1798. Children:

3. John Webster, son of Josiah (2), born Jan. 18, 1751; married Dorothy Chapman of North Hampton, who died Aug. 9, 1837. He died Sept. 22, 1823. Children:

Abiah, m. John Salter. Abigail, b. 1777; m. Samuel B. Berry.
Mary, b. 1779; m. Alex Salter (?); lived where Sam Hunt and Rand did; house burned. Martha, b. 1781; m. Jethro Locke; lived at Rye. Dolly, b. 1784; m. July 20, 1806, Stephen Green. Anne, b. 1787.


7. John Hobbs, b. May, 1795. Mary, b. April, 1798; m. 1815, Noah Wiggin; lived at Stratham.

4. Richard Webster, son of Josiah (2), born Jan. 1, 1754; married, Oct. 29, 1778, Elizabeth Randall. He died Jan. 16, 1836. She died March 14, 1826, aged 71 years. He was a patriot in the Revolutionary War, serving under Captain Parker at Fort Sullivan and Captain Parsons in Rhode Island. He also went several cruises privateering. Children:


5. Josiah Webster, son of Josiah (2), born May 14, 1757; married Sarah Locke, who was born in the house where Joseph J. Drake lived. He lived where Oren Drake did. Children:

Mary, b. April 17, 1781; m. 1806, Henry Elkins. Josiah, b. Jan. 6, 1783; m. Hannah Grant; d. 1841.


   John, b. Oct. 4, 1827-'28; unm.; lived at Rye. Emily C., b. Oct. 12, 1829-'30; d. unm. Daniel C., b. July 2, 1832-'33; m. April 7, 1861, Sabrina Trefethern; lived at Rye; both died.

8. RICHARD WEBSTER, son of Richard (4), born Oct. 6, 1788; married Polly Philbrick. Lived at Epsom and Rye. Children:

9. MARK RANDALL WEBSTER, son of Richard (4), born April 20, 1791; married, Nov. 26, 1829, Mary Ann Lang. Lived on Sandy Beach road, Rye. He died July 17, 1865. Children:

10. DAVID WEBSTER, son of Josiah (5), born Sept. 23, 1784; married Nowell. Children:
   John Gerrish; lived at Boston.

11. DAVID LOCKE WEBSTER, son of David (10), married Johanna Rich. Lived at Boston. Children:
   Andrew Gerrish; m. Lizzie F. Briggs; lived at Boston. Augustus Floyd, m. Lizzie Josselyn. Elizabeth, m Arthur Reid; d. in Paris, 1870.
GENEALOGY.

Orin Webster married Laura E. Verrill. Lived at Boston. Children:
Hattie, b. 1874. Archie, b. 1877.

WEDGEWOOD.

1. David Wedgewood, son of Jonathan and Mary of North Hampton, born April 11, 1740; married, Nov. 21, 1762, Mary, daughter of Jonathan Marston. Children:


3. David Wedgewood, son of David (1), married, March 2, 1794, Mary Sleeper. Lived at Rye. Children:
   5. Eliphalet Sleeper, b. 1798.


WEED.

George Weed, it is said, lived in Rye and removed to Amesbury, Mass., prior to 1700.
WEEKS.

Joshua Weeks married, Sept. 4, 1760, Sarah Marston. Lived in Rye, 1761. He died about 1776. Children:


Charles Wendell married, first, Mamie Dow; second, ———. Children:

Auburn. Olive.

WELLS.

1. Samuel Wells married Priscilla Brock (?). He lived on the hill where George Lang lives, east side of A. D. Parsons' house. Children:


2. Samuel Wells, son of Samuel (1), born Dec. 2, 1735; married, April 28, 1763, Elizabeth Thompson. Lived at Rye. Children:


WENTWORTH.

Charles E. Wentworth married Minerva S. Jenness of Rye. Child:

Charles Sumner, b. April 7, 1873.

WEYMOUTH.

Shadrach Weymouth married ———. Children:

George, b. Sept., 1749. Eunice, bapt. 1756. Thomas Cotton, b. 1758. James, b. 1759; d. 1852, at Belmont, Me., aged 93 years; was in Revolution. Samuel, b. 1761.
   **Children:**
   


3. William, b. Feb. 29, 1772 (?).

2. **Joseph Whidden**, probably son of Samuel (1), born Oct. 26, 1780; married Abigail ———. Lived on Lafayette road, Portsmouth. **Children:**


4. **Capt. Samuel Whidden**, son of William, married, March 1, 1827, Elizabeth Langdon. Lived on Lafayette road, Portsmouth. **Children:**

   William, d. Langdon, m. widow Anna P. Seavey. William, d. Elizabeth, b. 1843; unm. Samuel Storer, unm.

**Samuel H. Whidden**, son of ———, married, Dec. 22, 1842, Data Brown, who died 1878. He died Jan. 26, 1886. Lived at Portsmouth. **Children:**


**Horace Whidden** married Mary Heheir. Both died. **Children:**

   Samuel S., b. April 9, 1889. Charles H., b. June 10, 1892.
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WHITE.

GEORGE W. WHITE married, Sept. 29, 1869, Polly W. Marden. Lived in Rye. Children:


WILLEY.

1. SAMUEL WILLEY married, April 5, 1798, Martha Seavey. Children:

Clarissa, m. Nov. 28, 1822, Thomas Foye. Mary, b. 1809; m. Edward Seavey.

2. WILLIAM S. WILLEY, son of Samuel (1), born 1814; married Lucy Lang. Children:

Ellen, b. 1837; d. Feb. 9, 1840. Charles.

WILSON.

ISAAC WILSON married, May 14, 1879, Hannah Cragg of Sweden. Children:


WOODMAN.

1. JONATHAN WOODMAN, came to Rye when 14 years old and lived with John Foye; married, April 12, 1812, Sally Rand (who had before marriage Emily Rand, married Nathan Waldron of Portsmouth). Children:


Chauncy, b. May 11, 1863; m. Sept. 10, 1893, Carrie S. Russell; lived at Rye.
GENEALOGY.

JONATHAN WOODMAN married, Dec. 12, 1769, widow Hannah (Jenness) Rand. Children:


YEATON.

Three persons by the name of Yeaton came over and established themselves, it is said, in fishing at Newcastle. But they did not agree, and one went to Fryeburg, Me., one to Somersworth, and one remained at Goat Island, since called Newcastle.

1. JOSEPH YEATON, married, first, ———; second, July 17, 1751, Susannah Lang. Children by first wife:

Mary, m. Peter Johnson. Sarah, b. 1746.

Children by second wife:


2. JOSEPH YEATON, Jr., son of Joseph (1), born 1752; married, Feb. 5, 1776, Elizabeth Rand. Child:

Samuel, b. 1776.

3. WILLIAM YEATON, son of Joseph (1), born 1756; married, Sept. 17, 1780, Hannah Towle. Lived on Sandy Beach road. Children:


JOHN YEATON, perhaps brother of Joseph (1), married, Aug. 24, 1759, Esther Saunders. He was lost in a gale, and she married, second, Simon Knowles. Children:

John, b. 1762; m. Hayes. Mary, b. 1764. Elizabeth, b. 1766; m. John Staunton. Esther, b. 1769; m. Isaac Remick; she had Betsey Drew before m. Merribah, m. Palmer. Polly.
John Yeaton married Ruth Grant. Lived at Newcastle. Children:


2. Hopley, b. Jan. 20, 1792. Eben, m. Hepsibah Bell; he was lost at sea.

1. Hopley Yeaton, son of Ebenezer of Newcastle, born Jan. 20, 1792; married, Jan. 7, 1813, Lydia Foye. Lived at Wallis farm, Rye, and Newcastle. Children:


2. William Foye Yeaton, son of Hopley (2), born March 16, 1814; married Lovina Berry. Lived at Moultonborough. He died Aug. 8, 1880. Children:

Marriages, Not Included in Foregoing Records.


John Allen of Stratham and Elizabeth Cate of Greenland, Nov. 21, 1738.

Joshua Atwood of Bradford and Mehitable Seavey, Jan. 6, 1745.
Christopher Amazeen and Mehitable Rand, Sept. 1, 1783.
Henry Amazeen of Newcastle and Louisa Rand of Rye, Sept., 1826.
John Ayers and Polly Patterson, both of Greenland, March 12, 1793.
John Ayers and Mercy Tarlton of Portsmouth, March 18, 1796.
John Ayers of Greenland and Anna Drake of Hampton, Jan. 7, 1812.

Peter Barnes and Abigail Lang, June 21, 1759.
Nathaniel Batchelder of Deerfield and Molly Libbee of Hampton, June 10, 1781.
Samuel Batchelder of Greenland and Abigail Norton of Portsmouth, Aug. 3, 1815.
Jeremiah Batchelder of North Hampton and Caroline M. P. Chesley of Rye, Sept. 10, 1823.
Edmund C. Batchelder and Nancy Philbrick, both of North Hampton, 1810.
John Batchelder and Betsey Burleigh of Newmarket, April 8, 1825.
Charles E. Batchelder and Martha M. Brown, both of North Hampton, Jan. 1, 1863.
John Batchelder and Martha Fogg, both of North Hampton, April 30, 1815.
Jacob Brown of Hampton Falls and Abigail Berry of Greenland, Aug. 29, 1792.
Nathan Brown and Molly Jenness, both of North Hampton, April 11, 1801.
Caleb Brown and Phila Fellows of Kensington, April 9, 1822.
Simon Brown, Jr., of Hampton and Lucinda Batchelder of North Hampton, April 29, 1824.

Dearborn Blake of Epping and Eliza Shaw of Hampton, Oct. 23, 1777.


Joseph Blake of Hampton and Susan L. Batchelder of North Hampton, Nov. 28, 1837.

Moses B. Blake of Hampton and Sarah A. Goss of Rye, 1836.

Ivory Blazo and Adeline E. Brown, both of Stratham, Nov. 7, 1862.

John Butterfield and Sarah Dolbee of Chester, Sept. 28, 1767.

Thomas Beck of Portsmouth and Hannah Elkins, May 28, 1761.


John Beck and Betsey Odiorne, both of Portsmouth, Sept. 16, 1798.

Caleb Brewster and Elizabeth Lear of Portsmouth, Dec. 28, 1766.

Moses Chase, Stratham, and Lucia Moulton, Dec. 22, 1755.

Elisha Chase and Betsey L. Merrill, both of Stratham, Sept. 13, 1809.

Daniel Connor and Sarah E. Adams, both of Exeter, Sept. 1, 1805.

John R. Cronk and Dorothy Brown of Portsmouth, Nov. 29, 1827.

Pelahah Crockett and Mary Marden of Stratham, Dec., 1760.


James Chapman and Abigail Philbrick, both of North Hampton, Dec. 10, 1801.

Benjamin Carr of Salisbury, Mass., and Sarah Shaw of Kensington, 1816.

Isaac C. Carleton of Pelham, Me., and Lydia H. Lord of Berwick, Me., March 26, 1856.

Job Chapman of Hampton and Rachel Goss of Rye, June 6, 1737.

Levi Clark of Stratham and Lovina Wiggin of Greenland, June 6, 1790.

Joseph Cornelius and Emily Francis Howe, both of Portsmouth, 1859.
MARRIAGES.

Rev. George Walker Christie of Kittery, Me., and Sarah Pauline Aldrich of Rye, April 29, 1875.
Jonathan Dolbee and Hannah Marden, Dec. 25, 1744.
Jonathan Dearborn of Hampton and Sarah Wait of Amesbury, April 24, 1746.
Joseph Dearborn and Mary Dearborn of North Hampton, Jan. 29, 1776.
Jonathan Dearborn, Jr., and Sarah Wait of Amesbury, April 24, 1746.
Joseph Dearborn and Mary Dearborn of North Hampton, Jan. 29, 1776.
Samuel Dearborn, Jr., and Sarah Meserve of Greenland, Jan. 7, 1807.
John Dearborn of Hampton and Mrs. Deborah Cate of Stratham, Jan. 6, 1827.
William Dennett, Jr., and Olive Paul of Portsmouth, June 16, 1816.
Abner Down and Sarah Down of Gosport, Oct. 13, 1810.
John L. Downs and Susan M. Marten of Portsmouth, April 25, 1858.
Benjamin W. Dow of Exeter and Sarah A. Locke of North Hampton, April 8, 1857.
Eben H. Dalton and Celia A. Hainer of North Hampton, Nov. 6, 1864.
Benjamin Woodbridge Dean of Exeter and Eunice Libby, Sept. 26, 1765.
Thomas Disco and Mary Damrell, Dec. 6, 1753.
John Emery and Sarah A. Wigin of Stratham, June 30, 1861.
Chester W. Eaton and Emma Giles Leach, May 14, 1868.
Jeremiah Fuller and Mary Scadgel, July 26, 1745.
Bradbury C. French and Mary Batchelder, Jan. 7, 1827.
John Fellows of Deerfield and Lois Fellows of Kensington, Nov. 21, 1811.
Ebenezer C. Fogg and Jemima Philbrick of North Hampton, May 17, 1824.
Ebenezer Fogg and Mrs. Lydia Brown of North Hampton, Dec. 22, 1846.
Harold M. Foye and Lizzie Odiorne of Portsmouth, Jan. 20, 1839.
David Haines and Lydia Cater of Greenland, Feb. 17, 1743.
Thomas Haines and Deborah Lamprey of Hampton, Aug. 8, 1745.
Nathan Haines of Greenland and Hannah Johnson of Portsmouth, March 16, 1780.
Andrew Herrick of Cape Ann and Sarah Goodwin, Oct. 20, 1763.
Benjamin Holmes and Margaret Holmes of Portsmouth, July 6, 1780.
John Holmes and Sarah Ann Hall of Portsmouth, Dec. 2, 1844.
James M. Haley of Gosport and Hattie A. Clark of Kittery, Me., July 3, 1866.
Hartwell Hall of Lee and Abigail Elkins of Portsmouth, 1823.
Jeremiah Hart and Mary Kimball of Portsmouth, July 20, 1799.
Elisha Hart and Phebe Caverly of Portsmouth, May 4, 1794.
Charles Hardy and Mary Cochrane of Portsmouth, Aug. 14, 1802.
William Ham and Mary L. Holbrook of Portsmouth, Jan. 28, 1809.
Francis Harney and Mehitable Tarlton of Newcastle, May 24, 1814.
Moses Head and Catherine Osborne of Portsmouth, May 19, 1816.
Daniel Henderson of Dover and Betsey Hatch of Newington, Aug. 10, 1788.
James Hoig and Sally Palmer of Kensington, July 20, 1818.
Edward Johnson and Sarah Allard, Feb. 25, 1743.
Ebenezer Johnson and Margaret Barnes of Portsmouth, Feb. 19, 1748.
Jacob Johnson and Phebe Ayers of Greenland, June 4, 1789.
Samuel Johnson and Sally Johnson of Northwood, July 5, 1828.
Mendum Janvram and Elizabeth Leach Hyde of Portsmouth, Sept. 21, 1815.
John L. Jewell and Sophie E. Marston of Stratham, Nov. 23, 1837.
Henry Jenness of North Hampton and Charlotte Lamprey, Aug. 5, 1813.
Peter Jenness of Meredith and Betsey Leavitt of North Hampton, Feb. 29, 1819.
H. A. Jenness and Sarah E. Foster of Newmarket, Oct. 12, 1860.
Seth Jenness of New Durham and Sophronia Smiley of Portsmouth, May 27, 1858.
Jonathan L. Kennison and Maria Aspinwall of Portsmouth, April 19, 1897.
Joshua W. Kenney of Newcastle and Isabella T. Neal of Portsmouth, Sept. 1, 1816.
John Kinsman, Jr., of Portsmouth, and Elizabeth F. Brown of North Hampton, 1828.
Eleazer Knowles of Candia and Hannah Knowles of Rye, Oct. 21, 1810.
Josiah Knowles and Susannah Godfrey, April 6, 1820.
Amos Knowles and Sally Perkins of Hampton, March 8, 1827.
Samuel M. Knowles of North Hampton and Elizabeth M. Jewell of Stratham, March 24, 1840.
Samuel Knowles and Abby A. Tarlton of North Hampton, May 19, 1848.
John Lane and Hannah Lamprey, Sept. 28, 1732.
Joel Lane and Mahala Brown of Kensington, Jan. 2, 1814.
John D. Lane and Margaret Dow of North Hampton, Nov. 30, 1843.
MARRIAGES.


Jeffrey Lang and Esther Morril of Salem, Dec. 5, 1751.

Benjamin Lang and Mary Thompson of Portsmouth, June 4, 1756.


Moses Lufkins of Ipswich, Mass., and Sarah Brown, June 30, 1756.

Isaac Libbee, Jr., and Margaret Kalderwood, Sept. 20, 1766.

Nathan Longfellow and Tryphene Huntley, Aug. 24, 1756.


John Lovering of North Hampton and Lydia Towle of Hampton, June 20, 1776.

Caesar Liberty and Phebe Ozel (probably colored), Aug. 2, 1783.

Curtis Law of Fort Constitution and Olive Mullen of Newcastle, Sept. 16, 1811.

Jonathan Locke and Mary Vennard of Newcastle, Dec. 21, 1812.

Sherburne Locke and Louisa Lamprey of Hampton, Aug. 15, 1821.

Eli Lamprey and Hannah Sanborn of Hampton, Oct. 12, 1823.


Amos T. Leavitt of Hampton and Abigail L. Brown of North Hampton, June 14, 1829.

Edson L. Littlefield and Lydia S. Davis of North Hampton, Nov. 30, 1837.

George P. Ladd and Sarah J. Hanson of Great Falls, June 20, 1870.

John Lear and Eliza Varrell, March 21, 1775.


Jonathan Marston of Hampton and Sarah Weeks of Rye, June 30, 1743.

David Marston and Clarissa Marston of North Hampton, May 19, 1825.

Thomas Moulton and Hannah Down of North Hampton, Aug. 1, 1750.

Daniel Moulton of Gilmanton and Molly Lampre of North Hampton, Feb. 12, 1789.

Nathan Moulton of Hampton Falls and Charlotte A. Prescott of Kensington, 1816.

Daniel N. Moulton and Molly Brown of North Hampton, Aug. 9, 1818.

John Moulton and Charlotte Towle of Hampton, March 7, 1827.

Morris H. Moulton and Harriett Fogg of North Hampton, Sept. 11, 1860.

David Marston, Jr., of North Hampton and Olive D. Stevens of Strat- ham, July 28, 1839.

Joseph Mace and Elizabeth Rugg of Gosport, March 11, 1787.

Joseph Mace of Hampton and Abigail Fogg of North Hampton, Nov. 15, 1796.

Stephen Marden of Candia and Anne Stead of Portsmouth, Dec. 18, 1777.


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Samuel Marden and Betsey Marden of Portsmouth, Aug. 6, 1799.
Daniel Marden and Elizabeth Curtis of Portsmouth, Aug. 28, 1828.
Samuel Moses of Epsom and Bridget Weeks of Greenland, April 9, 1760.
Nathaniel Morgan and Mary Bickford of Epsom, March 9, 1777.
Aaron Moses of Portsmouth and Rubanna Mason, Feb. 10, 1805.
William Miller and Eliza Ann Dean, Feb. 18, 1813.
John B. Mead and Sarah H. Smith of North Hampton, 1817.
Benjamin Moore, Jr., and Eleanor Jewell of Stratham, March 11, 1822.
Thomas C. Marsh of Hampton Falls and Elizabeth Turner of Hampton, March 30, 1823.
Thomas Moses and Margaret Huntress of Portsmouth, April 4, 1811.
Alva Herman Morrill of Rye and Elizabeth Lake Hubbard of Wells, Me., Dec. 3, 1872.
Henry W. Moran and Mary P. Remick of Portsmouth, March 1, 1858.
B. N. Marden of Lewiston, Me., and Louise Chamberlain of Auburn, Me., Jan. 1, 1866.
David Nelson and Mary Atwood of Ipswich, Mass., Sept. 26, 1740.
John Nelson of Portsmouth and Ruth Mace of Rye, 1803.
William Nelson and Anne Whitten, June 24, 1763.
Christopher Noble and Martha Rowe of Portsmouth, Dec. 26, 1744.
Robert Neal and Alice Clark of Newcastle, April 19, 1750.
Samuel Norris and Elizabeth Holmes of Portsmouth, Oct. 30, 1766.
Samuel Norris and Sally Holmes of Portsmouth, Oct. 6, 1808.
Moses Norton and Elizabeth Goddard, Nov. 23, 1775.
Isaac Newton and Mrs. Mary Newton of the Isles of Shoals, July 23, 1804.
Mark Newton and Mary Caswell of the Isles of Shoals, March 31, 1817.
John Newton and Mary Haley of the Isles of Shoals, July 23, 1804.
Samuel Nudd and Hannah Tarlton of Greenland, June 17, 1779.
John Nowell and Sarah Randall of Gosport, Sept. 8, 1782.
Lemuel Ordway and Anna Dearborn of London, Nov. 11, 1802.
George Odell of North Hampton and Sally B. Towle of Hampton, Oct. 15, 1818.
William Pierce and widow Randall of Gosport, Nov. 11, 1780.
Joseph Plaisted and Mary Fitzgerald, Nov. 13, 1780.
Benjamin Page and Mary Fogg of North Hampton, May 30, 1781.
Jeremiah Palmer and Lucy Yeaton of Portsmouth, June 26, 1819.
Sewell Pike of Hampton Falls and Polly Prescott of Kensington, Nov 11, 1813.
Noah Piper of Stratham and Mary Crimble of North Hampton, April 12, 1820.
MARRIAGES.

Noah Piper and Hannah Crimble of Stratham, March 12, 1837.
Thomas W. Philbrick and Jane C. Benson of Portsmouth, July 4, 1852.
Josiah D. Prescott and Lucy A. Batchelder, June 3, 1865.
Avrillion Vincy Palmer of Rye and Elizabeth Anna Smith of Newmarket, Sept. 25, 1875.

John Ruswick and Mary Barker of Hampton, Dec., 1739.
Job L. Randall and Lizzie Randall of Gosport, Aug. 18, 1838.
John Randall and Hannah Bragg, 1816.
Samuel Rowe and Merribah Rowe of Portsmouth, July 10, 1761.
Benjamin Randall and Mary Bragg of Gosport, Jan. 14, 1791.
Jeremiah Robinson of Exeter and Mary Page of North Hampton, Oct., 1784.

John Robinson and Mary Shapley of Gosport, April 27, 1789.
Peter Robinson and Hannah Randall of Gosport, July 16, 1811.
Asa Robinson of Brentwood and Maria Porter, Dec. 18, 1821.
Asa C. Robinson of Stratham and Mary B. Downs, Feb. 12, 1824.
Samuel Robinson of Gosport and Nancy Knowles of Seabrook, Aug. 29, 1824.

Robert Robinson and Tammy Caswell of Gosport, May 18, 1826.
Nathan Robie and Lucy Kenniston of Hampton Falls, May 2, 1821.
William Rugg and Judith Mace of Gosport, Dec. 8, 1792.
Christopher Rhymes and Sarah Hale of Exeter, May 21, 1767.
Ebenezer Sanborn of Hampton and Martha Salter of Newcastle, May, 1740.

John Simpson and Sarah Sheafe of Newcastle, Sept. 4, 1748.
Enoch Sanborn and Hannah Walker of Newbury, Dec. 16, 1773.
Jeremiah Sanborn of Sanbornton and Sally Page of North Hampton, Nov. 29, 1800.

Henry Saymore and Ann Cutt of Portsmouth, Sept. 13, 1750.
Esekiel Stanton and Mary Yeaton of Barrington, Sept. 11, 1782.
Kitteridge Sheldon and Eliza Holmes of Portsmouth, July 12, 1826.
Andrew Shaw and Clarissa L. Marston, Jan., 1843.
Josiah Shaw, Jr., and Rhoda Dow of Hampton, Dec. 23, 1816.
Elijah Shaw of Kensington and Mrs. Sarah Wells of North Hampton, March 26, 1809.

William Stackpole and Elizabeth W. Jenness of Portsmouth, May 26, 1844.

John Shaw and Betsey Folsom of Exeter, June 19, 1785.

John Snell of Portsmouth and Olive Cate of Greenland, March 2, 1797.
Andrew Sherburne of Portsmouth and Susannah Knight of Rye, Dec. 4, 1760.
HISTORY OF RYE.

Lieut. John Smith of Fort Constitution and Caroline G. Willard of Newcastle, June 3, 1813.
Samuel A. Spinney and Mary E. Waldron of Portsmouth, Nov. 7, 1852.
Joseph E. Stoddard and Elizabeth Lightford of Portsmouth, Aug. 28, 1864.
Josiah Searcy and Lucinda, widow of James M. Goss.
Josiah Seavey and widow Alton.
James Seavey, Jr., and Patience Berry, May 23, 1780.
John Seavey and Ann Seavey, Nov. 20, 1791.
Isaac Towle and Elizabeth Philbrick of Hampton, Feb. 17, 1754.
Amos Towle and Hannah Philbrick of Rye, Aug. 1, 1792.
Darius Towle and Sally Dowds of Hampton, 1830.
James Tarlton of Portsmouth and Katherine Odiorne of Newcastle, Jan. 16, 1755.
James Tarlton and Harriett Atkins of Portsmouth, Dec. 20, 1806.
Joseph Taylor and Mary Lovering of North Hampton, June 20, 1776.
Edward Tredick and Jane Trundy of Newcastle, Oct. 13, 1776.
Samuel Todd and Sally Grover of Portsmouth, Sept. 1, 1804.
Benjamin Thomas and Hannah Cushing of Portsmouth, 1812.
Lyford Thing of Brentwood and Lydia Pickering of North Hampton, Jan. 18, 1826.
John Varrell and Eleanor Norton of Portsmouth, May 8, 1808.
William Wallis and Comfort Cotton of Portsmouth, Aug.-15, 1738; lived at Epsom.
Weymouth Wallis and Martha Wallis of Greenland, July 8, 1772.
Benjamin Wallis and Deborah Fuller, March 18, 1780, both of Greenland.
Joseph Wallis and Margaret Fuller of Greenland, Nov. 23, 1769.
Reuben Wallis of Greenland and Elizabeth Rand of Rye, Jan., 1785.
Comfort Wallis and James Knowles, June 30, 1748.
Joshua Weeks and Sarah Jenness, Oct. 24, 1834.
Moses Wells, Jr., and Polly Merrill of Hampton Falls, May 31, 1804.
Hiram Wells of Sandown and Lydia V. Green of Rye, 1860.
Solomon White and Mary Locke, June 25, 1745.
Thomas Whidden, Jr., and Frances P. Foss of Rye, Jan. 3, 1830.
Samuel Whidden of Greenland and Hannah Langdon of Portsmouth, Jan. 8, 1745.
Samuel Whidden and Hannah Jones, July 5, 1874.
Simon Ward and Abigail Fullerton of North Hampton, March 2, 1781.
Daniel Welch and Elizabeth Abbot of Greenland, Feb. 29, 1744.
William Wormwood and Love Fuller, Oct. 26, 1747.
John F. Williams and Peggy Appleton, July 4, 1790.
Hunkin Wheeler and Betsey Tarlton of Portsmouth, July 6, 1808.
David Webster and Eunice Nowell of Portsmouth, Feb. 1, 1809.
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Ayers, Ruhannah, Aug. 24, 1831, aged 74 years.
Allen, Dorcas, Oct. 31, 1817, aged 83 years.
Berry, William, son of Jeremiah, Dec. 16, 1827, aged 75 years.
Berry, Levi, son of Jeremiah, April 1, 1833, aged 74 years.
Brown, Polly, widow of Jonathan, Dec. 6, 1853, aged 65 years.
Brown, Martha, widow of Joseph, May 19, 1842, aged 85 years.
Bunker, Izette, March 8, 1850, aged 25 years.
Caswell, Joseph, Aug. 20, 1890.
Coleman, Nathaniel, 1803.
Davidson, Abigail, Jan. 20, 1817, aged 77 years.
Davidson, William, March 21, 1807.
Downs, widow Betsey, April 27, 1863, aged 75 years.
Downs, Abner, April 7, 1818.
Edmonds, Jonathan, June 26, 1829.
Elkins, Henry, Nov. 16, 1834, aged 95 years.
Fisher, John, 1803.
Foye, Eunice, wife of William, May 26, 1839, aged 29 years.
Foss, Job, son of John, April 15, 1827, aged 42 years.
Foss, widow Rachael, wife of Joshua, March 15, 1818, aged about 75 years.
Foss, William, son of Joshua, Dec. 7, 1814, aged 46 years.
Garland, widow Mary L., May 12, 1826, aged 90 years.
Garland, Jonathan, Oct. 23, 1826, aged 62 years.
Goss, Levi (at Portsmouth), July 23, 1836, aged 88 years.
Goss, Sally, Oct. 29, 1845, aged 80 years.
Goss, Joseph, April 27, 1795.
Goss, Sally, wife of Daniel, Nov. 27, 1819, aged 68 years.
Goss, Sarah Berry, wife of Simon, May 16, 1822, aged 35 years.
Goss, Esther, daughter of Jethro, Dec. 14, 1822, aged 82 years.
Goss, Thomas, son of Thomas, Feb. 17, 1823, aged 76 years.
Goss, Elizabeth, July 7, 1824, aged 70 years.
Gould, widow, supported by town, 1805.
Gerry, William F., Feb. 15, 1898, aged 56 years.
Grove, Nathaniel, Feb. 15, 1810.
Green, Richard, March 4, 1832, aged 94 years.
Hall, Edward, drowned June 6, 1827, aged 62 years.
Haines, Reuben, March 24, 1806.
Hobbs, Perney, daughter of James, March 26, 1809.
Holmes, Nancy, wife of Jacob, March 25, 1834, aged 30 years.
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Johnson, Polly, wife of Jacob, Feb. 25, 1830, aged 62 years.
Johnson, Mary, widow of Peter, Aug. 29, 1831, aged 84 years.
Johnson, Giles (captain), 1801.
Johnson, Sally, May 2, 1794.
Jenness, Anna, daughter of Job, Feb. 26, 1825, aged 75 years.
Jenness, Jonathan, son of Joseph, Dec. 29, 1836, aged 76 years.
Knox, Margaret, Aug. 2, 1832, aged 80 years.
Knox, Drisco, Sept. 5, 1835, aged 87 years.
Lang, Sarah, 1801, aged 96 years.
Lang, George, Oct. 6, 1789, aged 41 years.
Lang, Stephen, died in Revolutionary army, July 6, 1778.
Langdon, Ann, daughter of Samuel, Jan. 20, 1725.
Leer, Mary, wife of Benjamin, June 13, 1834, aged 60 years.
Locke, Richard, Oct. 23, 1823, aged 79 years, at Northwood.
Locke, Joseph, April 22, 1790.
Mason, Daniel, Oct. 30, 1834, aged 92 years.
Mason, Betsey, Nov. 20, 1820.
Murry, Elizabeth, wife of Samuel, Dec. 17, 1750.
Josher, Samuel, Nov. 9, 1878.
Moulton, Nehemiah, Aug. 15, 1816, aged about 75 years.
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Poursel, Phebe, Nov. 26, 1820, aged 90 years.
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Poor, Robert, April 29, 1807.
Randall, William, son of George, Sept. 17, 1827.
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Robinson, James, Sept. 1, 1840, aged 53 years.
Remick, Nancy, wife of Moses, Jan. 29, 1808.
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Saunders, widow Sarah, May 5, 1813, aged 78 years.
Seavey, Ann, wife of John, Jan. 26, 1827, aged 72 years.
Seavey, Cato (colored), April 4, 1829, aged 98 to 108 years.
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Shapley, James, Aug. 4, 1821, aged 62 years.
Shapley, Benjamin, May 8, 1828, aged 35 years.
Sleeper, Ruth. Feb. 23, 1832, aged 85 years.
Sleeper, Tristam, Jan. 26, 1811, aged 67 years.
Smith, David, June 1, 1804, aged 70 years.
Wedgewood, David, Aug. 23, 1814, aged 44 years.
Whidden, Hannah, 1801, aged 91 years.

—Wallis, Phillis (colored). March 17, 1821, aged 80 years.
—Wallis, Caesar Seavey (colored), Nov. 18, 1821, aged 81 years.

Total number of deaths during the nineteenth century—1,931.

"An account of ye number of people have died with ye late fattel dis-
temper in several towns in ye province of New Hampshire Between ye
Month of June, 1735, and Month of July, 1736.

In Rye have died under ten years . . . 34
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Total . . . 44

Two families lost 3. one lost all. one lost 4 one lost 5."

Nicholas Hodge is said to have lived to the great age of 112 years.
A Mrs. Tucker died in 1803, aged 100 years. Sarah Norris died in 1853,
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