

PREFACE

William Reade, our emigrant ancestor, who was born in England in 1605, sailed from London, on July 26, 1635, on the ship "Assurance." He landed at Boston shortly afterwards, and proceeded at once to Wassegusset (now Weymouth), where he located permanently. In a very short time he became prominently identified with the affairs of the new colony.

He was made a freeman on September 2, 1635, and it is a noteworthy coincident that on this very day the General Court, sitting at Boston, passed an order changing the name of the settlement theretofore known as Wassegusset and establishing it as a plantation under the name of Weymouth. On the following day, September 3, the Court ordered the inhabitants of Weymouth to send a deputy to represent them at the General Court. The selection of this deputy does not seem to have been made until the following year. At this early day in the history of the community there seem to have been three distinct opposing factions or elements in the colony, each supported by a strong following, and each desiring to be represented in the Court, and probably as a compromise they determined to send three deputies instead of one, leaving it to the Court to decide which one should be admitted. William Reade, John Bursley and John Upham were the three persons elected. It is supposed that John Bursley represented those who remained of the Gorges Company and friends who followed them; William Reade representing those who came in from other towns in the colony, with an interest centering in the capital, and John Upham those who came with Rev. Joseph Hull and his sympathizers.

At a session of the General Court, held in Boston on Sep-

tember 8, 1636, these three deputies presented themselves to the Court, and under that date we find among the records of the Court the following order:

"Whereas the town of Waimoth hath sent 3 deputies to this Courte being a very small towne, at the request of the said deputies two of them were dismissed by Court viz: Mr. Bursley and John Upham."

It may be inferred from the foregoing that William Reade was permitted to take his seat in that body at once, and while his name does not appear among the list of those in attendance at that session, this may be accounted for by the fact that he was admitted after the opening of the Court. He is recorded as being present at the next assembling of the General Court, on December 8, 1636.

From the foregoing it will be noticed that William Reade was Weymouth's first representative or deputy in the General Court.

An interesting and important event which occurred during the session of the Court at which William Reade was admitted to membership was the voting by the Court, on October 28, 1636 (O. S.), or November 7, 1636 (N. S.), of an appropriation for a school or college, which proved to be the establishment of Harvard College, the first institution of learning in the colony, and indeed on the continent. The record of this appropriation reads as follows:

"The Court agreed to give 400£ towards a schoale or colledge whereof 200 to bee paid the next yeare & 200 when the work is finished & the next Court to appoint wheare & wt. building."

This action of the Court was a noteworthy one, as it shows the interest of the early settlers in the cause of education. The sum appropriated was a large one in that day, and was double the amount of the entire receipts in any one previous year from taxes, levied by the General Court.

Within the last few years many persons have been interested in looking up the record of their ancestors, to ascertain if they rendered such service or held office, which entitled

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their descendants to membership in the various patriotic societies of the country.

In this connection it will be seen that all the descendants of William Reade of Weymouth are eligible to membership in the Society of Colonial Wars and kindred societies, having similar requirements for membership, by reason of his service as a member of the General Court of Massachusetts Colony in 1636 and 1638. And as additional title to such membership, the descendants of each of the several branches can claim this right by reason of the several ancestors having been soldiers in the King Philip's war, namely:

William Reed, A 4, was a private in Lieut. Edward Oaks' Company, April 26, 1676.

Thomas Reed, W 7, was a private in Lieut. Gillam's Company, Maj. Savage's command, February to May, 1675-76.

John Reed, T 9, was a private in Capt. Johnson's Company, later Capt. John Jacobs, in 1675.

James Reed, M 10, was a private in Capt. Johnson's Company in 1675, and later, on April 8, 1682, was a member of a military company in Taunton.

Besides these, many other titles to membership can be established by reason of services rendered by ancestors on the maternal side.

Following page 385 the author has inserted a table showing his own ancestry, both paternal and maternal, in which he designates twenty-four ancestors under whom he claims title to membership in the Colonial Wars Society.

Many of our ancestors did service in the French and English Wars, as will be seen by a search of the genealogy, but I have not deemed it necessary to compile a list of them.

Membership in the "Mayflower" Society is highly prized by those who can establish their title to it. It will be seen that about one-half of the descendants of William Reade of Weymouth may claim title to membership in this society, through their maternal ancestor, Esther Thompson, the wife of William Reed, A 4, whose father, John Thompson, married Mary Cook, daughter of Francis Cook, one of the "May-

flower" Company. Thus all of the A branch (descendants of William Reed 4) are entitled to such membership. This is the largest branch of the four, and indeed about equals the other three combined. In addition to these it will be seen that a considerable number of the descendants of the M branch (descendants of James Reed 10) can claim title through Sarah Warren, wife of William Reed, M 121. She was a lineal descendant of Richard Warren, one of the signers of the compact in the cabin of the "Mayflower," as is shown by a sketch of her on page 82.

On page 407 will be seen a note which reads as follows: "The descendants of David and Jane (Reed) Stockbridge are also 'Mayflower' descendants through Elder William Brewster, the leading figure in the Pilgrim Church." The line of descent is through Margaret Turner, who was the wife of John Stockbridge, who were the parents of David Stockbridge. Margaret was the daughter of Joseph and Bathsheba Hobart (Leavitt) Turner, Joseph Turner being the son of John Turner, Sr., and Mary (Brewster) Turner. Mary was the daughter of Jonathan and Lucretia (Oldham) Brewster. Jonathan was the son of Elder William Brewster. There are a number of scattered cases of intermarriage of "Mayflower" descendants, note on page 546. Susan Clark Reed, A 789, who married Emory Alden, a direct lineal descendant of John and Priscilla Alden. And doubtless there are a great many others if they were traced out.

The descendants of fifteen at least of the Reeds can claim title to membership in the societies of the Sons of the Revolution and the Sons of American Revolution and similar societies, by virtue of the service of the following ancestors, in the Revolutionary War, viz.:

- T 91, page 70, John Reed.
- T 109, " 80, John Reed.
- A 156, " 89, Capt. William Reed.
- A 178, " 99, Abel Reed.
- A 182, " 100, Rev. John Reed.
- A 205, " 110, Samuel Reed.

- A 209, " 113, Benjamin Reed.
- W 238, " 126, Thomas Reed.
- W 244, " 128, John Reed.
- T 282, " 134, Job Reed.
- M 324, " 140, Benjamin Reed.
- W 558, " 185, Thomas Reed (Capt.).
- W 560, " 185, Samuel Reed (Lieut.).
- W 562, " 185, Isaac Reed (Ensign).
- W 594, " 195, Ezra Reed.

The descendants of the following Reeds can claim title to membership in the Society of the War of 1812, namely:

- A 381, page 146, Joshua Reed.
- A 472, " 166, Joseph Reed.
- A 497, " 172, Noah Reed.
- A 511, " 173, Rev. David Reed.
- W 585, " 193, Henry Ludovicus Reed.
- T 678, " 210, Charles Leonard Reed.
- M 714, " 217, Simeon Reed.
- A 725, " 220, Abel Richmond Reed.
- A 748, " 223, Jonathan L. Reed.
- W 1107, " 268, Goddard Reed.
- W 1119, " 272, Abiah Reed.

I have not mentioned those who can claim membership in the above-named societies by descent through their maternal ancestry, except in the case of the "Mayflower" descendants, for the reason that the latter must necessarily have been maternal ancestry, as there were none of the Reeds on the "Mayflower," William Reade having come over some fifteen years later on the "Assurance" of London.

Many inquiries have been made as to the change in the manner of spelling our family name, and as to when the spelling was changed from Reade or Read to Reed. I can only state that when I took up this work, I found the almost universal custom was to spell it Reed, but later I found some few of the connection, principally in the Taunton branch, and among those of families who had removed to

Maine and New Hampshire, spelt it Read. There was, however, no uniform rule even among these, as in many cases where the father would spell it Read, the sons would spell it Reed, and it was so difficult to follow it in the families who preferred Read, that I concluded to adopt the uniform spelling of Reed. As to when the change took place, I should say in the second generation, as it will be seen by the will of William Reed, A 4, on pages 10 to 13, that he spells his children's names in three different ways, viz.: Reade, Read and Reed, and on page 10 it will be noticed that to an agreement, which he entered into, he signed his own name William Reed, and from that time on documents signed by the Reeds are mostly signed Reed, and the town records refer to them in most instances as Reed.

In the history of the Reeds, published in 1861, by J. Whittemore Reed, he gives an interesting account of the "Origin of the name and history of the clans," in which he mentioned seventeen different ways in which the name is spelled, namely: "Reed, Read, Reid, Rede, Red, Rad, Rheade, Rheadus, Wrede, Whrede, Reda, Rada, Radha, Wada, Wrade, Raad, Ried, are all derived from Rhea, which had its origin in Phoenicia."

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Redesdale.

FIRST GENERATION

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William Reade.

b. 1605.

m. Avis Deacon.

William Reade was born in 1605, and sailed from Gravesend in the County of Kent, England, in the "Assurance" of London (Isaac Bromwell and George Percy, Masters). There were on board this vessel, at the time of sailing, two hundred and twenty-one persons, the most of whom were very youthful. Of the whole number, but one of them was sixty years of age. The average age was from twenty-three to twenty-five years. The date of the sailing of this expedition cannot be accurately ascertained, but from information procured from ancient records, it may be fairly assumed that the correct date was about the 24th July, 1635. This party landed in Boston and William Reade proceeded to and settled in Weymouth, Massachusetts.

It is supposed he came from Maidstone near London. On March 9, 1636-7, he purchased from the estate of Zachery Bicknell, his house and farm, which was located on the western side of Middle street, the old house stood on the knoll opposite the junction of Middle and Charles streets. The premises are at this time owned by James Clapp. Some members of the family occupied this farm until 1768, when John Reed who married Mary Bates, purchased the old farm of about forty acres, situated on both sides of Front street, near and adjoining the old Reed Cemetery (so called).

William Reade was among the earlier settlers of Weymouth, it having been made a plantation May 8, 1635. On September 2, 1635, he was made freeman, and was very soon

called upon to take part in public affairs. Was representative at the General Court, December 7, 1636, and also September 6, 1638. In the spring of 1635, Rev. Joseph Hull and his company came to Weymouth, having sailed from England on March 20, 1635. Prior to this time, a very undesirable element had located at Weymouth, but upon the arrival of Hull's company, the township or plantation took on a new growth, and a different and more desirable class of people than those who had previously located there, took up their abode in Weymouth.

On July 13, 1635, the ship "Alice" (Richard Orchard, Master) sailed from Gravesend. She had thirty-two passengers on board, among whom was Avis Deacon, then but nineteen years of age. The oldest of this party was but thirty-five years, and the youngest but nine months. The average age of the entire company was but twenty-two years. It is a fact, worthy of note, that in those early days, nearly all of the emigrants who came to this country were very young, and few men or women, of mature age, could endure the hardships and privations of the new world, or cared to leave the place of their birth, to make their homes in a new country, about which so little was known at the time.

There was a Thomas Deacon, nineteen years of age, on board the "Assurance" with William Reade, supposed to be a twin brother of Avis Deacon.

Avis Deacon must have married William Reade soon after her arrival in this country.

Appended is the official record of the services of William Reade in the General Court, and also of his purchase of the house and land mentioned above.

1636
7, Dec. "Certificate of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A General Court shoulde[n] at Boston, the 7th day of the 10th month, 1636. Pr'sent.

Deputies,

Goo-Will-Read."

1638/7. "William Reade, having bought the house and twenty acres of land at Weymouth, unfenced, for £7, 13s, 4d, wch was Zachary Bicknells (after Bicknells death), of Richard Rocket and his wife, is to have the same sale confirmed by the child when he cometh to age, or else the child to alow all such costs as the Court shall think meet."

1638.
8, Sept. "At a General Court, held at Boston, the 6th Day of the 7th Month, a 1638. Pr'sent.

Deputies,

* * *

Will-Read."

Vol. 1, Records of Colony Mass., pp. 184, 189, 235.

1638.
8, Sept. "There is a rate of 400. granted, but the warrants not to be sent out until the other accounts be cleared, and that to be done, within eight weeks, and these afternamed are to meet the first Tuesday in November, and to take the Treasurer's account, and then to appoint the warrants to be sent out. The committee are,

* * * William Reade."

Vol. 1, Records Colony Mass., p. 242.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Office of the Secretary,

Boston, March 12, 1884.

I certify the foregoing citations to be true abstracts from the printed Records of Massachusetts, Vol. 1, 1628-1641.

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.

(Seal)

WM. M. OLIN, Secretary.

The name of William Reade is the eleventh on the list of names in the first division of land in Weymouth, and eighteen acres were allotted to him.

The following abstracts are taken from the Town Records of Weymouth, Massachusetts:

"Sould by Edward Smith unto William Reade the 25th of the 3d month (May) 1644" "Ten acres & half of land

in the Westernneck Eight acres & half of it was first given to him the said William Reade two acres first given to Rich Addams bounded on the east with the land of said William Reade on the west with the land of Richard Addams, North & South with the Commons."

"At a meeting of the Town the 26th of the 9th, month (November) 1651, There were chosen Townsmen. John Rogers, Nicholas Byram, David Hunt, John Burge, Thomas Dyer, William Reade & William Dyer, & are to be invested with power for the carrying on the Towns affayers for the ensuing year."

We have no record of the exact date of death of William Reade. From the foregoing records it will be noticed that William Reade was chosen Townsman on the 26th day of November, 1651. This is the last mention we have of him in public life. That he died sometime between the years 1651 and 1658, is evident from the following abstracts, taken from the above-mentioned record and which relate to his widow, Avis Reade.

On the 6th of April, 1658, the Townsmen,

"Ordered that the Widow Read shall have liberty to take in a garden plott in the swamp before her House, provided she lay up that garden plott to common, formerly granted, Neere Maenith Pratts barne & that she take no more, than the aforesaid plott contaynes."

The 6th day of the 12th Month (Feb.), 1659.

"At a meeting of the Townsmen (or Selectmen) it was further granted that Widow Avis Read, should have a swamp lott by virtue that her Husband was then an Inhabitant, when the sayd swamp lotts were granted."

"At a general Town Meeting held March 7-1659/60. Voted that Elder Bate, John Bicknell, Richard Porter, & Others, should have lotts in the Pine Swamps, and that Widow Read should have one lott in the same Pine Swamp and that Sergt Whitmarsh should Measure all the lotts."

In the first division of lands in 1663, Widow Reed received Lot No. 13, of 10 acres, beginning at the Braintree line, and Lot. No. 4, of 30 acres, in second division.

* Francis Cooke (Mayflower)
- Hester Mahieu

Mary Cooke - John Thompson

Esther Thompson

SECOND GENERATION

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CHILDREN

2. Margaret, b. 1636; d. July 6, 1659; m. May 11, 1651, John Vining.

3. Hannah, b. 1637; m. April 2, 1658, Nicholas Whitmarsh.

* 4. William, b. Oct. 15, 1639; m. 1675, Esther Thompson.

5. Esther, b. May 8, 1641.

6. Ruth, b. 1642; d. in 1663; m. Dec. 19, 1662, John Whitman.

7. Thomas, b. 1645; d. Nov. 14, 1719; m. in 1670, Sarah Bicknell.

8. Mary, b. 1647; d. 1655; unmarried.

9. John, b. 1649; d. Jan. 13, 1720; m. Bethiah Frye.

10. James, b. —; d. July 21, 1726; m. April 18, 1683, Susanna Richmond. 1657

SECOND GENERATION

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William Reed, son of William and Avis (Deacon) Reade.

b. Oct. 15, 1639; d. in 1706.

m. 1675, Esther Thompson, daughter of John Thompson, who came over in Wesson's company when six years of age, and Mary Cook, daughter of Francis Cook, who was of the Mayflower company. She died in 1706.

William was constable in Weymouth in 1675, which was in those times the principal office of the town. He was selectman in 1681, and an extensive dealer in land. His will, dated Oct. 26, 1705, a copy of which is hereto appended, was proved Sept. 12, 1706, and may be found in the probate office (lib. 16, fol. 73), he and his wife dying between the time of making and the time it was probated. He lived on Pleasant street on the south-westerly side, a part of the old house still standing at this date (1888) having been remodeled and occupied by Palmer Loud. The old dam which he built across the river is near the house, and was probably built between 1680 and 1690. He owned all the land both sides of the street from Hingham line to Ragged Plain (so called) and from the river to a point westerly of the house owned by William

14. Jacob, b. Nov. 6, 1691; d. 1766; m. 1st. Sarah Hersey; m. 2d. Hannah Noyes (widow).
15. Bashna, b. ———; m. Nicholas Porter.
16. Mercy, b. ———; m. ——— Whitmarsh.
17. Mary, b. ———.
18. Hester, b. ———; m. in 1707, Joseph Allen.
19. Sarah, b. March 21, 1694; m. Hezekiah King.

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Thomas Reed, son of William and Avis (Deacon) Reade.

b. 1645; d. Nov. 14, 1719.

m. in 1670, Sarah Bicknell, daughter of John and Mary Shaw Bicknell, b. about 1651, who d. at Weymouth, Aug. 21, 1719.

The following is a statement by Quincey L. Reed, of South Weymouth, Massachusetts, as to who "Sarah," the wife of Thomas Reed, was:

"In the Genealogical History of the Porter family, by the Hon. J. W. Porter, of Bangor, Maine, published 1878, on page fourteen, a very imperfect account is given of John Bicknell, and his first wife Mary, and their children. Of course it is all that can be found on the records, but does not tell who this Mary was, nor whether the three children given, were all of that branch; neither does it give dates of birth of all of them. Then on page fifteen, it reads, that James Richards (2d), son of William Richards (1st), married Ruth Bicknell, oldest child of John and Mary (Porter) Bicknell. John Bicknell's first wife was Mary Shaw, William Richards' wife was Grace Shaw, both daughters of Abraham Shaw. The children of these two families were cousins, but James Richards was in no way related to the children of John and Mary (Porter) Bicknell, and married their oldest daughter Ruth. This James Richards was a business man at that period, before 1700, and his books are in existence at this time. In his books he speaks, in 1693, of 'Brother John Dyer of Boston'—1694, 'Brother John Richards' and 'Cousin Thomas Porter'—1695, 'Brother

Joseph Richards'—1696, 'Sister Hannah Bicknell'—1698, 'Uncle Shaw'—1701, 'Uncle Vinson'—1702, 'Brother Thomas Reed'—1705, 'Sister Reede'—1706, 'Brother Reed'—1707, 'Enoch Lovell on his father Reeds account'—1709, 'Brother Maurice Trufant.' In addition to all this, I have many more of the different citizens of that period, referred to in this same manner, and in every instance, where they are known, they bear the same relationship as is expressed in his language. It was customary to some extent, at that period, upwards of two centuries ago, to refer to the relationship of the parties, in making entries in their account books. The first reference is 'Brother John Dyer of Boston.' Dea. Thomas Dyer, in his will 1676, gives his house in Boston to his son John, who married Mary Bicknell, probably oldest child of John and Mary (Shaw) Bicknell. The next is 'Brother John Richards'—he was an older brother of James; then 'Cousin Thomas Porter,' he was a son of Thomas Porter, brother of Mary (Porter) Bicknell, and cousin to Ruth Bicknell, wife of James Richards; then 'Brother Joseph Richards,' another older brother to James; then 'Sister Hannah Bicknell,' she was sister to Ruth Bicknell, the wife of James Richards; the next is 'Uncle Shaw,' this was John Shaw, who married Alice Phillips, brother to Grace, the mother of James Richards. The next is 'Uncle Vinson,' who was he? Who could he have been and uncle to James Richards and his wife? I can find no one but Thomas Vinson, who married Martha Shaw, sister to Grace. The name of Martha has been in the Vinson family to the present time. Then comes 'Brother Thomas Reed' and 'Sister Reed.' How were they brother and sister to James Richards and his wife? According to the ages of John Dyer and Thomas Reed, the wife Sarah, of Thomas Reed, was probably the second child of John and Mary (Shaw) Bicknell. John Bicknell was thirty-four years of age when his first wife, Mary Shaw, died in 1658, and was probably married sometime between 1645 and 1650. He had a son John, born 1654, a daughter Naomi, born 1657,

a daughter Mary, date of birth unknown, but probably the oldest child bearing her mother's name, who married John Dyer, and between the birth of his daughter Mary and his son John, his daughter Sarah was probably born, who married Thomas Reed. John Dyer was born 1643. Thomas Reed was born 1645. Then comes 'Brother Maurice Tru-fant'; he married Mary Bicknell, own sister to Ruth, the wife of James Richards. Then compare the names of the daughters of the two families, those of John Bicknell were Mary, Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, Elizabeth, Joanna, Experience; those of Thomas Reed were Mary, Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, Elizabeth. These are not given according to their ages, but the names are all there. To a person of the present generation this may appear of little account, but to one acquainted with the customs of that period, two and one-half centuries ago, it has far more significance than appears on the face of it. It is now nearly fifty years since I first began investigations to ascertain who this Sarah was who married Thomas Reed, my own ancestor, about 1670. I have exhausted all the records of Weymouth, and other records, but could never find any indication who she could be, and had given it up as an impossibility, until these records of James Richards were found. In the land grants of Weymouth, 1663, every family was represented. After following through all of these families, and disposing of all the Sarahs but one, 'Sarah Rogers,' it would be supposed she must be the person, but I have never been able to find the first point to sustain that, with the exception that her name was Sarah, while there are circumstances, facts and records, much that I do not write, in connection with Thomas Reed, and the Bicknell family, the Vinsons and the Shaws, that are unaccountable, only for this solution, which verify these records of James Richards, beyond a doubt."

Thomas Reed was chosen fence viewer, March 22, 1668-9, March 1673-4, March 1675-6, Feb. 23, 1679, in 1680, 6 March, 1698/9 and 7 March, 1708-9; constable, November 27, 1676; way warden, 1681-2 and 1690.

"At a Generall Town Meeting the 2d day of March 1690/1 Capt. Holbrook Chosen Moderator, There is chosen for Constable to serve for the year Ensueing William Torrey Senr and Edward Bate, There is Chosen for Selectman for the year Ensueing Sergt Reed, Capt. White, Ebenezer White Abiah Whitman, Capt Hunt James Smith Senr and John Rogers."

"A vote past with reference to a Motion Made or Caused to be made by Matthew Pratt Senr Concerning some towns Common land behind his house by way of exchange with the town to save fencing, The Town voted that James Lovell Senr and John Hunt should lay out and view the land so as may be to accomodate and Not to deprive if it May be Thomas Reed of his Wartering place Viz, Not to prevent Thomas Reed of his wartering place at any time in the year, and to make return of it to the Clerk."

On the first Monday in March, 1692-3, Thomas Reed (Sergt.) was again chosen selectman, at a general town meeting.

"At a Generall Town Meeting Legally Convened the 4th of March 1694/5 There was chosen for Surveyors for the year ensueing Lt. Nash, John Pratt senr, Thomas Randal, Nathl Ford and Joseph Green, of Highways, There was Chosen tithingmen, John Rogers, John Hunt, James Humphrey, Nicholas Shaw, Sergt Reed, John Shaw Jr, and Peregrine White."

He was also, on November 27, 1682, at a general town meeting appointed one of a committee "for the repaying of the old or building of a new Meeting house . . ." [See abstract under William Reed (4).]

At a meeting of the freeholders of the town of Weymouth held on the 24th day of April, 1693, the "waye over the great playne" was determined, and a committee, to whom any one who might "be agrived they May Com" for satisfaction, was appointed. Thomas Reed was a member of this committee. [See William Reed (4).]

1694/5. "The town past a vote that there shall be a Committee added to the present Selectmen with reference to the agreement for the settlement and procuring a School Master." Sergt. Reed was a member of this committee. [See William Reed (4).]

"At a General Town Meeting Convened the 2d day of March Anno 1695/6 Maj. Hunt, Chosen Moderator.

"Surveyors, Natl Humphrey, Sergt Thomas Reed, Joseph Pratt, John Rogers, Lt. Whitmarsh, Haywards, Joseph Drake and Richard Davenport.

"Fence Viewers, John Pratt Senr. Stephen French Jr. for to view all the fences above Thomas Porters and Thomas Reeds & so to Jonathan Whitmarshes Easterly, Thomas Richards James Humphrey, from Thomas Reeds down to Zachery Bicknells, and so all the lower plantation."

At a general town meeting, held on the 6th of March, 1698-9, Sergt. Reed, his brother William (4) and a number of others were chosen "for a committee to New Seat the Meeting house & to erect Seat or Seats as they Shall See Meet." [See abstract under William Reed (4).]

"At a generall Town Meeting the 4th of March 1705/6 Samuel Porter & Thomas Reed, Jr. (20), Chosen Constables, Col Hunt, Capt French, Elder Rogers, William Torrey, & Sergeant Reed Chosen a Committee to make or draw up some town orders or by laws for the benefit of the town, to present to the town for their aprobation and see to present the quarter Sessions to be aproved of and confirmed as the law directs."

He was a private in Lieut. Gillam's company, King Philip's War. Was under the command of Major Savage, Feb. to May, 1675-6.

Of Weymouth.

CHILDREN

20. Thomas, b. Sept. 12, 1671; d. Oct. 2, 1719; m. Jan. 4, 1701, Hannah Randall.
21. Mary, b. 1672; m. Nov. 24, 1697, Capt. Enoch Lovell.

22. Sarah, b. ———; m. July 28, 1697, Thomas Stockbridge.
23. John, b. Dec. 30, 1679; d. Dec., 1757; m. pub. Nov. 11, 1715, Sarah Whitmarsh.
24. Samuel, b. April 12, 1681; d. June 25, 1739; m. Jan. 7, 1704, Abigail White.
25. Ruth, b. Feb. 20, 1685; m. Benjamin White.
26. William, b. Feb. 4, 1688; m. Dec. 13, 1716, Jane Torrey.
27. Hannah, b. Sept. 25, 1689; m. Nov. 6, 1714, John Hunt.
28. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 9, 1694; m. Dec. 19, 1717, Thomas Hunt.

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John Reed, son of William and Avis (Deacon) Reade.

b. 1649; d. in Dighton Jan. 13, 1721, aged 72.

m. Bethia Frye, daughter of Geo. Frye; d. Oct. 20, 1730, aged 77.

He was a house carpenter, and appears to have been a man of considerable property, and an extensive dealer in land.

"At a Meeting of the Selectmen the 6th day of September 1680 Whereas there is information given against John Reed, John Vinson, & James Reed, for Cutting timber upon the Towns Commons contrary to the Towns order the Selectmen on the hearing of the Case & the evidence produced do order that the said John Reed John Vinson, & James Reed do forthwith pay each of them twenty Shillings the one half to the informer & the other half to Joseph Dyer Constable for the use of the Towne, and in case of refusall to be levied by a Warrant from the Selectmen to the Constable."

We learn from tradition this action, on the part of the selectmen, so offended John Reed and James Reed, that they determined to change their residence, and subsequent records show that they immediately removed from Weymouth to Taunton (South Purchase) about 1680, and John remained there until he was set off in the new town of Dighton, May 30, 1712, and died there. James afterwards removed with his family, about 1705, to Middleborough. In 1682 they were both enrolled on the military roll of Taunton.

The records describe about a dozen pieces of land bought

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Thomas Reed, son of Thomas and Sarah (Bicknell) Reed.

b. Sept. 12, 1671; d. Oct. 2, 1719.

m. Jan. 14, 1701, Hannah Randall, a daughter of John Randall, who died Sept. 4, 1730. She died April 16, 1767.

They were married by Ephraim Hunt, a justice of the peace.

At a general town meeting of Weymouth the 4th day of March, 1705-6, Thomas Reed was chosen constable, and on Feb. 4, 1707-8, he was chosen Haywards or field driver.

Of Abington.

CHILDREN

73. Thomas, b. Oct. 18, 1701; d. Feb. 27, 1768; unmarried.

74. Daniel, b. Sept. 10, 1704; m. Feb. 22, 1728, Ruth Torrey.

75. Hannah, b. March 14, 1706; m. Jan. 8, 1730, James Pettee.

76. John, b. _____.

77. William, b. _____.

78. Sarah, b. Aug. 1, 1715; m. May 3, 1739, Abiah Whitman (3d) his second wife.

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John Reed, son of Thomas and Sarah (Bicknell) Reed.

b. Dec. 30, 1679; d. Dec., 1757.

m. pub. Nov. 11, 1715, Sarah Whitmarsh.

"At a general town meeting held in Weymouth the 13th day of March, 1726-7, chosen for sealer of leather John Reed."

He was again chosen sealer of leather on March 4, 1727-8, and again on March 5, 1732-3.

Of Weymouth.

WILL

"In the name of God Amen, I John Reed of Weymouth, County of Suffolk, after the payment of my funeral expenses, which I order my executor to pay out of what I have given him, I do will and bequeath to my beloved wife

W 74

Daniel Reed, son of Thomas and Hannah (Randall) Reed.

b. Sept. 10, 1704.

m. 1st. Feb. 22, 1728, Ruth Torrey.

m. 2nd. Oct. 15, 1765, Sarah Howland Dawes, widow of Samuel Dawes of Bridgewater.

See his will annexed. Selectman 15 years in Abington. He was called Capt. Daniel Reed.

WILL

"In the name of God, Amen, This twenty seventh day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, I Daniel Reed of Abington in the County of Plymouth, Gentleman, being weak of body but of sound and perfect memory praised be God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First & principally I commit my Soul into the hands of God that gave it hoping for pardon of all my sins the salvation of my Soul thro' the alone merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer & my body to the earth to be buried in such decent manner as to my executors hereafter in this my will named shall be thought meet.

"Imprimis I will that all my just debts & funeral charges be paid by my executors in convenient season after my decease.

"Item I give & I bequeath to my wife ten dollars or three pounds yearly according to my agreement with her before marriage, as also two cords of wood to be delivered her yearly while she remains my widow & I will that my two sons pay each their half of the above legacy during the term above mentioned & further I will that my wife improve one dwelling house for the time above mentioned.

"Item I give devise & bequeath to my son Daniel his heirs & assigns forever all my field lying south of the road including the mowing tilling & also the barn & corn barn on said field, more to my son Daniel all the land I own north-

ward of the road leading by my house & west of the road commonly called Backstreet as also the dwelling house on said piece, more to my son Daniel a piece of pasture land bounded as follows, Viz:—west on the field first mentioned north on the road leading by my dwelling house east on the road above called Back Road running south with said road to a large white oak tree standing in the pasture marked D on the north side & T on the south from thence running a west course to another white oak tree with the abovesaid mark I to the field first mentioned. More to my son Daniel one half of the width of my land on the east side of the road till it comes to the east end of the land I purchased of Ezekiel Reed & also one half of the width of what I purchased of Moses Cushing & Joshua Lovell that lies east of the land I purchased of the above said Ezekiel Reed & I will that my son shall have the north side of the abovesaid division more to my son Daniel one half the lot I purchased of Moses Cushing lying east of the river called Frenches Mill River & that he shall have the north side of that lot also more to my son Daniel half my lot fronting upon the road against Whitcomb Pratt's dwelling house & I will he shall have the north side of that likewise, more to my son Daniel one half of a piece of Meadow I purchased of Deacon Samuel Pool at a place called the Old Mill Pond & I will that he shall have the west end of said meadow.

"Item To my son Thomas Reed I give & bequeath to him his heirs & assigns all my lands on the east and south of the two roads aforementioned not before disposed of bounded as follows, Viz:—south on Samuel Nash's land east on the road running to the white oak tree near the road marked as above mentioned then running west to the other marked tree & so to the field first disposed of which is its western bounds and also the house standing on said piece of land, more to my son Thomas one half of the width of my lands on the east side of the road which I purchased of Ezekiel Reed & others till it comes to the east end of the lot I purchased of said Ezekiel Reed as also one half of the

lots I purchased of Moses Cushing & Joshua Lovell that runs further east than the lot last mentioned & I will he shall have the south side of said lot with the barn on the same.—More to my son Thomas, one half my lot fronting on the road against Whitcomb Pratt's dwelling house & I will to him the south side of said lot, more to my son Thomas, the one half of a piece of meadow I purchased of Deacon Samuel Pool at a place called the Old Mill Pond & I will that he shall have the east end of said meadow. More to my sons Daniel & Thomas Reed all my lands lying at a place called Mattakees Plain purchased of John Torrey, John Chubbuck, Amos Shaw, Joshua Lovell, Nath'l Bailey & John Hollis to be equally divided between them two.

"Item To my grandson Daniel I give and bequeath to him & his heirs all my real and personal estate in the township of Weymouth & further my will is that my just debts and funeral charges shall be paid out of my personal estate in the township of Abington & the rest to be equally divided between my two sons & I will that my son Daniel shall have the improvement of my interest at Weymouth until my grandson arrives at the age of twenty one years.

"Item I do hereby nominate and apoint my son Daniel Reed sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

"In witness whereof I the said Daniel Reed have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

"Signed, sealed and published by the abovesaid Daniel Reed to be his last will & testament in presence of us witnesses.

"Mathew Nash.

Barnabas Reed.

Jacob Smith Jun'r."

Daniel Reed (Seal)."

CHILDREN

237. Daniel, b. Nov. 10, 1729; m. 1st. Feb. 1, 1755, Mary Turner; m. 2d. Anna Dawes; b. in 1735.
238. Thomas, b. April 17, 1732; m. 1st. July 10, 1755, Mary (Hobart) White; m. 2d. Sarah Thaxter Pulling.
239. Ruth, b. April 3, 1735.

A 234

Paul Reed, son of Elijah and Sarah (Reed) Reed.

b. Dec. 20, 1765; d. ———, in Vermont.

m. Mercy Noyes, daughter of Capt. Daniel Noyes; died,
a widow in Abington.

Of Abington or Middleborough.

CHILDREN

539. Adam, b. May 11, 1793; d. in 1813, aged about 20. Member
of Middlebury College, Vt.

540. Paul Adam, b. in 1820.

A 235

Joshua Reed, son of Elijah and Sarah (Reed) Reed.

b. July 25, 1768.

m. Feb. 7, 1788, Deborah Noyes, daughter of Capt.
Daniel Noyes.

He settled in East Bridgewater.

CHILDREN

541. Deborah, b. May 30, 1790.

542. Joshua, b. July 24, 1792.

543. Samuel P., b. ———.

544. Silence, b. Oct. 19, 1796.

545. Daniel Noyes, b. Aug. 13, 1799.

546. John, b. Jan. 29, 1802; m. Nov., 1833, Hannah G. Barrel.

547. Mary F., b. ———.

A 236

Jacob Reed, son of Elijah and Sarah (Reed) Reed.

b. June 25, 1771.

m. ———, Sarah ———.

Of Abington, Mass.

CHILDREN

548. David, b. Dec. 1, 1800. Settled in Cummington, Mass.

549. Cyrus, b. ———; lived in New York City; m. Cynthia

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Daniel Reed, son of Daniel and Ruth (Torrey) Reed.

b. Nov. 10, 1729.

m. 1st. Feb., 1755, Mary Turner, of Weymouth.

m. 2nd. Anna Dawes, daughter of Samuel and Sarah
(Howland) Dawes. She was born in 1735.

Of Abington, Mass.

WILL

"In the name of God Amen. I Daniel Reed of Abington in the County of Plymouth, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman, being advanced in years, but being in free exercise of reason & memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die—do make & ordain this my last will & testament—that is to say principally & first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, hoping for a full & free pardon of all my sins through the merits of Jesus Christ my only redeemer & Savior—and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried with Christian burial nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God—And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give & dispose of the same in the following manner, viz:—

"Imprimis:—I give and bequeath to my son, Daniel Reed, a piece of land lying on the westerly side of the road near John Chamberlain's dwelling house—also the homestead farm I bought of Benjamin Townsend with the buildings standing thereon—Likewise one other piece of land lying on the road leading to Hanover near Ezekiel Townsend's dwelling house called Mattakees Plain—also the one half of a lot of timber & pasture land lying on the east side of my mill river—likewise the north mowing field of my homestead farm, north of my small farm, bounded northerly by the land that formerly belonged to Samuel Nash, easterly by the road, southerly as the stone wall now stands across said lot—Also a piece of woodland lying north of the school-house on the easterly side of the road, bounded northerly by the land of my son Daniel Reed then Westerly by the

road, to run southerly so far by said road as to bring it on a straight line with the wall mentioned on the other side of said road, then to run easterly on a straight line with said wall, until it extends so far as by turning & running northerly shall bring it on a straight line with the boundary line between John Tolman's and my son Daniel.

"Daniel Reed.—Likewise a piece of meadow land, lying in the Old Mill Pond (so called) also one third part of a saw mill formerly known by the name of French's Mill with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging. Also the one half of a pew in the Abington Meeting House, which pew the said Daniel now occupies.

"Item.—I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Reed the whole of my homestead farm, excepting that which I have given to my son Daniel Reed, together with all the buildings standing thereon, also the one third of the saw mill before mentioned with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging, likewise the one half of a pew in Abington Meeting House which I now occupy—Also the lands which I bought of Robert Townsend & Benjamin Townsend lying near the saw mill above mentioned, with the dwelling house standing thereon, like wise a piece of salt meadow lying in Weymouth in the old Cedar Swamp (so called).

"Item.—I give to my son John Reed the improvement of two thirds of the Job House farm (so called) where he now lives with the buildings thereon during the term of his natural life & at his decease is given & bequeathed to my four grandchildren & children of my son John Reed (viz) John, Owen, Nancy & Ruth Reed, in the following manner, two thirds of the above described premises equally to my two grandchildren above mentioned John & Owen Reed & one third equally to my two granddaughters above mentioned Nancy & Ruth Reed I likewise give and bequeath to my son John Reed the other half of the last mentioned pew—

"Item.—I give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth Torrey the land & buildings that I bought of Job House,

which formerly belonged to Ezekiel Lincoln, which Nathaniel Wells Bennett now improves—

"Item.—I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Shaw seven hundred dollars to be paid equally by my two sons Daniel Reed & Jacob Reed in one year after my decease.

"Item.—I furthermore give & bequeath to my three sons Daniel Jacob & John Reed equally my money on hand & all securities for money of all kinds—I likewise give to my sons Daniel & John Reed all my wearing apparel equally.

"Also I give to my son Jacob Reed all my real estate that I have not otherwise disposed of with all my outdoor and indoor moveables—

"Item.—I appoint & ordain my son Jacob Reed my sole executor to this my last will & testament—

"Lastly it is my will & pleasure that my just debts & funeral charges be paid equally by my two sons Daniel & Jacob Reed.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & six.

Daniel Reed (Seal)"

"Signed sealed, published & declared by the said Daniel Reed to be his last will & testament in presence of us the subscribers.

Samuel Norton.

Noah Ford.

Jacob Gurney Junr."

CHILDREN OF DANIEL AND MARY

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552. Jacob, b. Sept. 12, 1762; d. Jan. 21, 1839; m. Nov. 18, 1799, Nancy Porter.

553. Molly, b. July 3, 1766.

CHILDREN OF DANIEL AND ANNA

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CHILDREN OF DANIEL AND ANNA

554. John, b. Aug. 27, 1769; m. 1st. Dec. 1, 1789, Thankful Jenkins; m. 2d. March 1, 1805, Dorothy Brown.

555. Sarah, b. Aug. 17, 1772; m. Jacob Shaw.

Lived in East Bridgewater and was a justice of the peace.

CHILDREN

1075. Deborah, b. April 8, 1837.
 1076. Hannah G., b. Sept. 1, 1839.
 1077. John W., b. Sept. 8, 1842.
 1078. Joshua, b. Feb. 3, 1848.

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549

Cyrus Reed, son of Jacob and Sarah Reed.

b. ———.

m. ———, Cynthia ———.

Moved from Pembroke to New York.

Of New York City.

CHILDREN

1079. James S., b. Dec. 3, 1836; m. Nancy B. Pierce.
 1080. Cyrus H., b. June 27, 1844.
 1081. Cynthia L., b. Sept. 5, 1847.
 1082. Cynthia Henrietta, b. Sept. 5, 1847.

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551

Daniel Reed, son of Daniel and Mary (Turner) Reed.

b. July 11, 1759.

m. April 4, 1782. Annie Blanchard.

It will be noticed by reference to the will of his grandfather, Daniel Reed, that he bequeathed him all the lands and personal property he possessed in the township of Weymouth.

Of Weymouth.

CHILDREN

1083. Turner, b. about 1782-83; d. April 10, 1806, in his 24th year.
 1084. Daniel, b. Nov. 18, 1784; m. 1st. Jan. 1808, Hannah Gurney; m. 2d. Sally Snow.
 1085. Deane, b. May 28, 1787; m. July 23, 1812, Elizabeth Norton.
 1086. David, b. March 27, 1790; d. Sept. 19, 1869; m. 1st. Elizabeth T. Brown; m. 2d. Nov., 1840, Delia Smith.
 1087. Jesse, b. June 20, 1793; m. Feb. 14, 1818, Lucy Johnston Reed.

1088. Anna, b. Jan. 10, 1795; m. March 16, 1815, Richard Holbrook.
 1089. Josiah, b. July 28, 1798; d. Aug. 8, 1879; m. June, 1829, Abigail N. Bicknell; d. Aug. 17, 1847.
 1090. Molly, b. Jan. 7, 1800; m. ——— Gifford, of South Weymouth, Mass.
 1091. Katherine, b. April 10, 1802; d. Sept. 17, 1839; m. Jesse Pierce, of Skowhegan, Me.; d. May 6, 1854.
 1092. Gridly, b. Sept. 6, 1804; d. March 21, 1875; m. Nov. 22, 1830, Clarissa Dyer.
 1093. Lydia, b. July 2, 1807; m. Warren Blanchard; d. Dec. 28, 1881.
 1094. Turner, b. ———.

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552

Jacob Reed, son of Daniel and Mary (Turner) Reed.

b. Sept. 12, 1762; d. Jan. 21, 1839.

m. Nov. 18, 1799, Nancy Porter.

See his father's will, of which he is sole executor.

Of Abington.

CHILDREN

1095. Jacob, b. March 7, 1801; d. Aug. 1, 1819.
 1096. Bela, b. Dec. 2, 1803; m. Joanna S. Lane.
 1097. Ezekiel, b. Oct. 14, 1810; d. Oct. 27, 1885; m. Dec. 13, 1831, Cephisa Studley.

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554

John Reed, son of Daniel and Ann (Dawes) Reed.

b. Aug. 27, 1769.

m. 1st. Dec. 1, 1789, Dorothy Brown, daughter of Samuel and Dorothy (Torrey) Brown; she was born April 8, 1772.

m. 2nd. March 1, 1805, Thankful Jenkins, daughter of David Jenkins, a descendant of Edward Jenkins, of Scituate.

It will be seen by reference to his father's (Daniel Reed) will, that John, Owen, Nancy and Ruth, four of the children of John are mentioned.

Of Abington.

Moved to Maine. Resided in Skowhegan, Me. Occupation, carpenter and farmer; was a church attendant.

Of Skowhegan, Me.

CHILDREN

1839. Deane Elbridge, b. Sept. 14, 1813; lives in Madison, Me.; m. 1st. Oct. 25, 1841, Electa Burns; m. 2d. Oct. 24, 1848, Hannah Spaulding.
1840. Samuel Norton, b. Oct. 1, 1817; d. Nov. 1, 1845; m. pub. Aug. 13, 1833, Jerusha Bailey.
1841. Sheldon, b. Nov. 17, 1820; lives in Aroostook region; m. 1st. June, 1849, Betsy D. Reed; m. 2d. Jan. 1, 1867, Martha R. Blanchard, of Madison, Me.
1842. Webster, b. June 10, 1822; lives in Aroostook region; m. 1st. in 1844, Sophia Cook; m. 2d. Sept. 13, 1855, Electa S. Howes; m. 3d. Nov., 1866, Louisa L. Reed; m. 4th. July 3, 1874, Annie E. Pratt.
1843. Elizabeth Norton, b. Feb. 26, 1824; m. July 20, 1850, Samuel S. Fuller, of Bridgeton, Me.

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1086

David Reed, son of Daniel and Annie (Blanchard) Reed.

b. March 27, 1790; d. Sept. 19, 1869.

m. 1st. ———, Elizabeth T. Brown; d. March 6, 1839.

m. 2nd. Nov., 1840, Delia Smith.

He lived in Madison, Me., and was a farmer and hunter, church member, Republican.

Of Madison, Me.

CHILDREN OF DAVID AND ELIZABETH

1844. Woodbridge Brown, b. Nov. 19, 1810; m. Jan. 19, 1842, Orinda Neal.
1845. Charlotte, b. Sept. 7, 1812; d. April 4, 1877; m. John K. Morrison.
1846. Anson, b. Sept. 25, 1815; d. May 17, 1835.
1847. Nancy E., b. Dec. 6, 1816; m. W. Quincy Blanchard, of E. Madison, Me.
1848. Edson, b. Jan. 16, 1822; d. Sept. 2, 1863.
1849. Maria, b. Sept. 25, 1829; d. July 9, 1859; m. March 17, 1853, Joseph Wyman.
1850. Betsy T., b. Jan. 16, 1831; m. Oct. 31, 1860, Joseph Wyman.