

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY
OF THE
CARPENTER FAMILY
IN AMERICA

FROM THE SETTLEMENT AT PROVIDENCE, R. I.
1637 - 1901

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"Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell
their children, and their children another generation."

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PREFACE.

 VERY few words will suffice for a Preface. All that I can say of the time, labor, and patience spent in the preparation of this work has been told and re-told in the making of every family history. If in the end my work shall be found of an enduring value among its fellows, I will be content and feel that I am amply repaid for its production.

I am greatly indebted to Mr. Amos B. Carpenter of Vermont, author of "The Carpenter Memorial," for very material aid in the making of my book. Without that aid, so generously furnished, my work would be incomplete, and in fact every member of our two New England families owes him a debt of gratitude for his early searches relating to their genealogy and history. Beyond this special mention, there is a host of helpers to whom I have tried to give recognition and thanks in the proper place among the families to which they belong.

No claim is made to perfection, but I think that any one belonging to this Providence Family can easily trace out his or her particular line by the data herein furnished.

I am, very truly,

DANIEL H. CARPENTER.

Maplewood, N. J., 1901.

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Son of the carpenter, receive
This humble work of mine;
Worth to my meanest labor give,
By joining it to thine.

Charles Wesley.



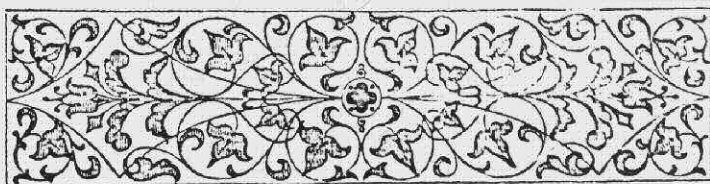
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THE CARPENTER FAMILY IN AMERICA.

INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER.



HERE were three distinct families bearing the name of Carpenter who made early settlement in America. They each were from England, and by way of distinction have been termed The Providence Family, The Rehoboth Family,* and The Philadelphia Family.† That the two first named were related is clearly assured, and the coat-of-arms found in the Rehoboth family being the same as that of the Philadelphia family is good evidence that the relationship extended thus far.

All the writers upon the subject of family history in England join in saying that the Carpenter family is of "great antiquity" in that country.‡ This is especially so of the western "shires,"—Hereford, Wilts, Somerset, and Gloucester,—where the name has for many centuries been prominent, and where nearly every parish register has its full quota of Carpenter baptisms, mar-

* See "Carpenter Memorial," by Amos B. Carpenter, published 1899.

† See "Lloyds and Carpenters," by Charles Perrin Smith of Trenton, N. J.

‡ See Burke, Playfair, Berry, Ashton, Green, Wood, etc., etc., and especially Robinson's "Mansions and Manors of Herefordshire."

riages, and burials, and where there is scarcely a church without its brasses or monument telling the story of some one bearing that humble name.

It is our province in this volume to make record concerning The Providence Family, the earliest of the three families to make settlement in the New World. With this family the name of *Carpenter** became permanent in America, yet it was not the first mention of the name, for that comes to us in that romantic incident in the life of Governor William Bradford of Plymouth Colony, when in June, 1623, *Alice Carpenter* landed at Plymouth and became the wife of the Governor on August 14th following, it being, as the Governor makes record, "the fourth marriage in the colony." She was the daughter of Alexander Carpenter, who, with his wife and their four other daughters, were members of the church at Leyden, Holland, at the time Bradford was there, and, notwithstanding the many fanciful stories regarding the "love life" of Bradford, the real facts of the case warrant our saying that it was at Leyden that they first met, he being at that time married to Dorothy May, November 9, 1613, and she being the wife of Edward Southworth, to whom she was married May 28, 1613. The sad death of Dorothy May† and the knowledge that *Alice* was a widow resulted in Bradford's writing to her, with the grander result of her coming to Plymouth and being united in marriage to the Governor, as before stated, on August 14, 1623.

To this family of daughters of Alexander Carpenter our New England people, and indeed we may say our whole country, owe an hitherto almost unacknowledged debt.

* There is no mistaking the origin of this surname, and there is *one way*, and *only one*, to spell *Carpenter*.

† She was drowned as the Mayflower lay at anchor in Plymouth Bay, December 7, 1620. We have no record of the death of Edward Southworth.

Their native place appears to have been at Wrington, Somersetshire, about eight miles from Bristol. *Julia Ann* was probably the eldest, and was born in 1583, and was married at Leyden on July 23, 1612, to George Morton* of York, England. She died at Plymouth, February 19, 1644, and was the progenitor of the Morton name in New England.

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Agnes was born about 1585, and was married on April 30, 1613, to Samuel Fuller of London. She died before 1617, as on May 27 of that year Fuller was married to Bridget Lee. Agnes was buried beneath St. Peter's Church, Leyden. Fuller died at Plymouth in 1633.

Alice was born in 1590, and as before mentioned married Governor Bradford in 1623. She died at Plymouth, March 26, 1674, requesting in her will that she be buried as near her deceased husband William Bradford as may be. Her request was granted; they both are buried at Burial Hill, Plymouth, where their monuments can be seen.

Mary was born 1595. After the death of her mother, Governor Bradford and Alice wrote her an affectionate letter requesting her to come to them at Plymouth and spend with them the rest of her life. This letter is still extant; in it Governor Bradford provides for her passage from Bristol. It was directed as follows, "*To Mary Carpenter† at Wrington in Somersetshire, some 8 miles from Bristol, this letter to be left at the house of Joseph Leggatt,‡*

*The Mortons came to Plymouth in the ship *Ann*, July, 1623 (as did also Alice Southworth). Their son was the celebrated Nathaniel Morton, the author of "New England Memorial," etc. Hon. Levi P. Morton, the late Vice-President, is a lineal descendant.

†The letter states that the bearer was the brother of Governor Winslow. It can be seen in full in vol. 14, pp. 195 and 196, of "New England Register."

‡I was at Bristol, England, in 1897, and curiously enough found Redcliff street, and a *Joseph Leggatt*, a leather dealer, on that street. I

near the sign of the rose in Ratcliffe street in Bristol to be conveyed as addressed." This letter was evidently written about 1645, and resulted in her coming to Plymouth. She died March 20, 1687, as the following quaint record in the Plymouth church gives evidence, "*Mary Carpenter, a member of the church at Duxbury, died at Plymouth, March 19-20, 1687, being newly entered into the 91st year of her age. She was a Godly old maid,—never married.*"

Priscilla was probably the youngest of the five daughters and was born in 1597. She was twice married, her first husband being William Wright, who died about 1633. Her second husband was John Cooper of Duxbury, where she died December 29, 1689, aged 92 years, being the survivor of the family.

The descendants of Bradford, Morton, Fuller, and Wright have been men of note and marked ability, men of whom New England has always been proud and who bear out in a remarkable degree an hereditary characteristic pertaining to *mothers* of eminent men—their records are clean and sweet with good deeds, their mothers' heritage of purity and Christian devotion.

Thus we see that all of Alexander Carpenter's descendants were early settlers of New England; and although the name changed, yet the families in all the collateral branches down to the present day are proud to claim their maternal ancestry.

There are a few other mentions of the Carpenter name in the early records pertaining to America, viz.:

went also to Wrington and found it a beautiful old town. I met the rector of the church on my way, and as he was just leaving for a prolonged absence missed seeing the church register. He said, however, that there were no Southworths or Carpenters in the place, and if he could get me any information at a later date he would write me, but so far have heard nothing from him.

Richard Carpenter is found at Barbadoes, where on May 3, 1630, he made deposition before Captain Thomas Powell regarding seditious speeches against His Majesty by one George French, and in 1634 and 1635 a Thomas, William, and Elias Carpenter are there, and in 1664 a Henry and Lawrence Carpenter. An old map of Barbadoes also shows Carpenter names among the residents.*

In Hotten's "List of Original Emigrants" the following Carpenter and Arnold names are found:

Thomas Carpenter, a carpenter from Amesbury, England, sailed for Boston in the ship James from Southampton, April 5, 1635, and on May 15, 1635, Tomazin Carpenter, aged 35 years, came in the ship Susan and Ellen, but as nothing further appears regarding them it is believed they immediately returned.

William Carpenter, Alice his wife, and Alice their daughter, aged 4 years, came to Virginia in the ship Sarah about 1623, and a Dixi Carpenter died at Fleur de Hundred, February 16, 1623. A Jan de Carpenter, laborer, wife and child, and Martin de Carpenter, young man, brass-founder, French Wallons, sign agreement to go to Virginia in 1621.

Elias Carpenter, aged 20 years, sailed for Barbadoes, December 25, 1635, in ship Falcon, from London.

Thomas Carpenter, aged 20 years, and Thomas Arnold, aged 18 years, sailed for St. Christopher, in ship Barbadoes, January, 1634.

William Carpenter, aged 19 years, sails for Barbadoes in ship Expedition, from London, November 20, 1635, and was examined by the minister of the town of Gravesend touching his conformity to the orders and discipline of the Church of England, etc.

* Vide English Colonial Calendar, Astor Library. Very unfortunately the Barbadoes Records were destroyed by fire and nothing further of these names can be found.

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? Jasper Arnold, aged 40, and Ann Arnold, aged 39, sailed from London in ship Abigail and have certificates from the minister of Shoreditch, Parish of Stephany, for New England, July 2, 1635.

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? James Arnold, aged 37, sails from London for Virginia, July 24, 1635, and Robert Arnold, aged 30, sails from London for Virginia, August 6, 1635, and Thomas Arnold, aged 30, sails from London for Virginia, May 15, 1635.

? Henry Carpenter was appointed secretary of St. Christopher, Antigua, and Leeward Islands, November 27, 1701.

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? A *David Carpenter* is found at Farmington, Connecticut, where he died January 22, 1651, leaving two children, viz.: *Elizabeth*, born about 1644, and *David*, born about 1647. This latter David lived at New London and had son David. The widow of David of Farmington married for second husband George Orvis, and third Richard Bronson. She had Elizabeth and David, baptized at Farmington, May 16, 1658.

Vide Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary," and "New England Register" for 1858. Nothing further is found regarding this family.

The foregoing mentions complete the references to the Carpenter name found in early records pertaining to the settlement of America, excepting, of course, the three families first mentioned.

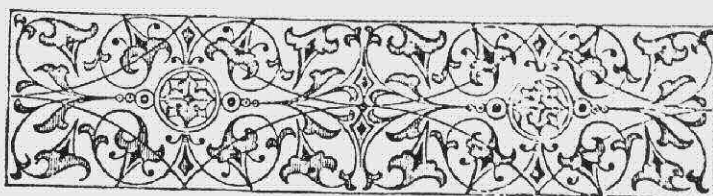
After the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620 there was a steady exodus from England to America, and during the succeeding twenty years there had arrived in New England 298 ships, bringing 21,200* passengers,—and, speaking of these passengers, it has been truthfully and

* Vide Carpenter's "History of Massachusetts."

laconically said that "God sifted Old England for the seed with which to plant New England." Never was a new country so blessed in its peopling, and never so providential an era as that which saw these worthy immigrants seeking homes in a faraway land, that there they might worship according to the dictates of their conscience. And now in these later days it is deemed a privilege beyond price to be able to claim direct relationship to these founders of "a Church without a Bishop, and a State without a King." And such with Cowper fondly say:

My boast is not that I deduce my birth
From loins enthroned, or rulers of the earth;
But higher far my proud pretensions rise—
The son of parents passed into the skies.

In closing this chapter it is well to remark that by reason of some investigations now being made it is thought best to defer the subject of the *kinship* existing between the early New England families with their English ancestry to as late a day as possible and incorporate the result of these searches in an "Addenda" at the close of the volume.



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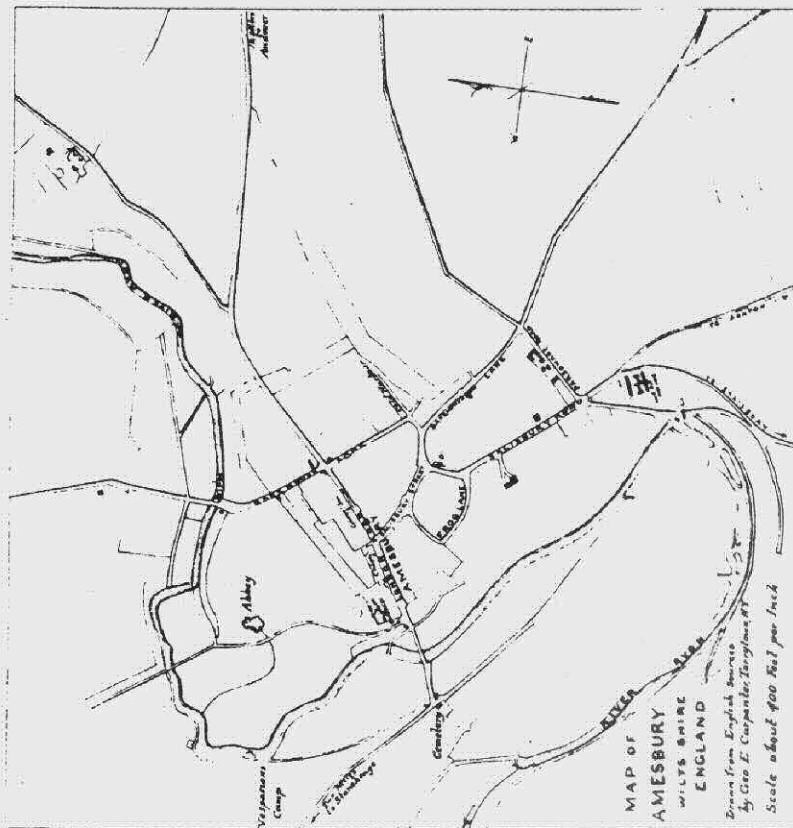
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THE first person bearing the name of Carpenter who made permanent settlement in America was **William Carpenter**, son and heir of **Richard Carpenter*** of Amesbury, Wiltshire, England. His wife was **Elizabeth**, daughter of **William†** and **Christiana (Peak) Arnold**. She was born at Cheselbourne, Dorsetshire, November 23, 1611. They were married a short time before their sailing for America.

* On searching the Parish Register at Amesbury, I found the following entries relating to the Carpenter name:

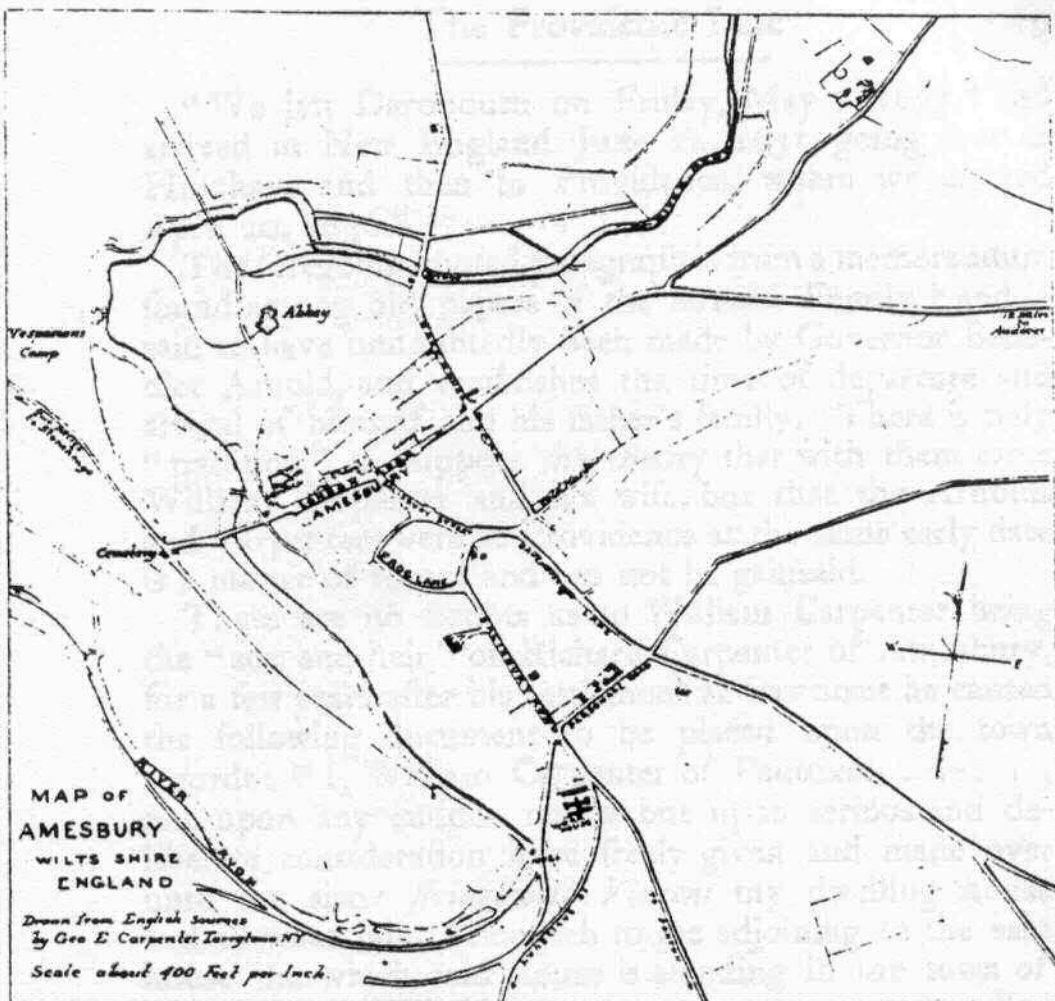
20369 — Anthony Ratten and Susan Carpenter were married . Nov. 11, 1610
 22363 — Newman Anthony and Joan Carpenter were married . Oct. 2, 1638
 22364 — Elizabeth, daughter of John Carpenter, was baptized Nov. 30, 1628
 22365 — John, son of John Carpenter, was baptized . . . Aug. 5, 1632
 22369 — Margaret, daughter of John and Joan Carpenter, baptized Mar. 14, 1635
 22371 — Agnes Carpenter was buried Mar. 2, 1624
 22372 — Richard Carpenter was buried Sept. 21, 1625
 — Christian Carpenter was buried Oct. 13, 1626
 — Christiana Carpenter was buried Nov. 27, 1631
 John Selwin, Minister. Thomas Biddle, Church Warden.
 John Samuel, Minister in Charge. John Harrison, " "

(Parish registers were first established in England in 1535. The first book of the Amesbury Register begins in 1610 and ends in 1638.)

† William Arnold, father of Elizabeth, was born June 24, 1587, and died at Providence, R. I., about 1676. His wife Christiana was daughter of Thomas Peak.



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Richard Carpenter Dated Dec. 14, 1671, and signed, William Carpenter [seal]. Recorded at Providence, in Book of Deeds, page 449. Witnessed by Timothy, Silas, Benjamin, and William Carpenter, Jr."

Amesbury, the native place of William Carpenter, is situated $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Salisbury and 78 miles westerly from London. Although now of but little comparative importance it was formerly a town of historical note dating back to the earliest days of English history, and long celebrated for its religious edifices. A monastery for three hundred monks was founded here in the sixth century by Prince Ambrosius, from whom the town takes its name, and from that event until the accession to the throne of Henry VIII, 1509, it was the residence and burial-place of many of the nobility, of whom mention is made of the daughters and wife of Henry III, and the mother of Edward I.

I visited Amesbury in January, 1897, and perhaps cannot give better description of the town than in the following article published in the "Epworth Herald" of April 2, 1898:

One of the very few books possessed by my grandfather was a small volume entitled, "The Shepherd of Salisbury Plains." Though more than half a century has passed since first I read its pages, its humble scenes and characters still hold a prominent place in my memory.

Near my grandfather's old homestead was a great tract of land called "The Salisbury Plains," and as my more remote ancestors emigrated from Amesbury, a village bordering on the great Salisbury plains of Wiltshire, I had a great desire to visit the scene of Hannah More's tender story and the place where three centuries ago my forebears had their home. At last the opportunity came to spend a season abroad.

Accordingly, one morning in January, 1897, I left Waterloo Station, London, for Salisbury. Thence I took a way-train to Porton, the nearest station to Amesbury. Leaving Porton (a forlorn-looking place) we (the lad who gave me a seat in his comfortable trap and myself) ascended a steep roadway and were at once on the Salisbury Plains. As far as the eye could reach no house was to be seen save the few cottages at Porton. It looked as level as a house floor; only here and there a

dwarfed tree or two broke the view to the far-off horizon. Immense stacks of hay and grain gave evidence of its productiveness, and what at first appeared level was really made up of gentle undulations—hill and valley. After going a little way we saw large flocks of sheep huddled together in pens hastily put up to protect them from a recent heavy snow-storm. These pens, made of panels of woven twigs supported by stakes driven in the ground, are moved from field to field, and seem to be the only protection the poor animals have against the cold winds of the plains. The little huts described in Hannah More's story are still to be seen. They are just large enough for the shepherd to rest in or give him a shelter. No barn, no shed, or house are here. Asking my boy companion about this, he told me that the farm laborers all lived in the villages, at Porton or Amesbury, coming out in the morning to their work and returning at night to their cottages. For more than an hour we rode on, seeing no one but the shepherds. Dr. Clarke wrote that he rode twenty miles over these plains without seeing a house.

Passing through a clump of trees we come out on the open. A splendid view is before us! The plain is ended here. Down 200 feet below us stretches another vast plain, with green meadows and meandering streams far away. Clusters of thatched cottages, whitewashed and glimmering in the sunlight, are just below us,—a distant church tower,—a clattering mill. So we see Amesbury! Amesbury, a thousand years old! Once the pride and dwelling-place of royalty, the shrine and burial-place of kings and queens. Now a humble hamlet resting peacefully in the memories of the past, and apparently fully satisfied with the present.

Descending by as steep a roadway as could well be safe for horse and vehicle, we reached the lower plain and were right in the streets of the village. My boy companion "set me down" at the post-office. Here I met Rev. Thomas Merchant, a local preacher of the Wesleyan Conference, with whom I had corresponded for many years.

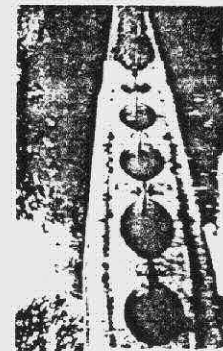
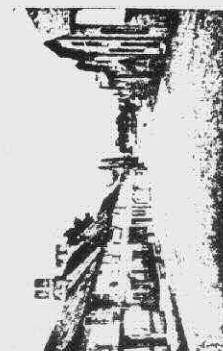
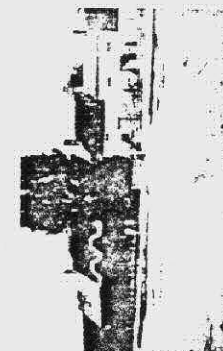
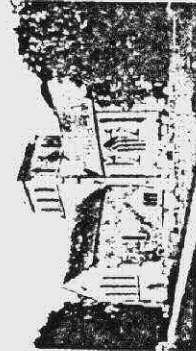
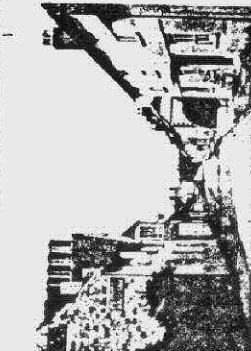
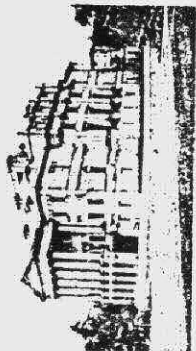
After a short rest, with Mr. Merchant as guide, I started out to see the quaint old town. It does not take a very long time to walk around this little Jerusalem. First we went to the section where once stood the cottage of my old ancestor. Our next halt was at "the church," said to be the oldest in all England. It is old inside and out, a cold, leaky old structure which would be condemned on sanitary principles in America.

As we came through the burial-grounds Mr. Merchant stooped down and with his hand brushed away the snow from a tombstone. "Here," said he, "rests one of our Wesleyans' best friends. 'Twas his father who first introduced Methodism, as you term it, to our village. At his death, by his will, he bequeathed to our chapel a sum of money, which has en-

abled our society to feel a bit secure in temporal matters." I read the name, Job Edwards. "Why," said I, "that must be the son of that good man whom Dr. Adam Clarke calls the 'ecclesiastical baker.'" "You have then read of Dr. Clarke's visit here?" said Mr. M—. "Oh, yes," I replied, "and if that old inn—'The George'—is still in existence, I want to stop there and see if I, too, with Dr. Clarke can get 'a good bed and tolerable supper.'" "'The George,'" said Mr. M—, "is but a few steps beyond our chapel, and after we have seen that I will go with you there."

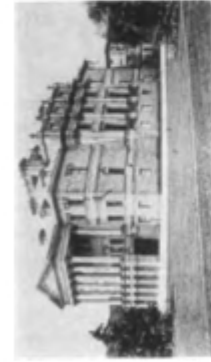
Accordingly, after a walk toward Stonehenge to see "The Abbey" and the old Roman camp of Vespasian, and a roundabout way among the picturesque thatched cottages, we retraced our steps and came to "the chapel." It is a plain, substantial building, comfortably seating about 250 persons, besides a Sabbath-school room and vestry. A small but beautiful organ stands out prominently by the side of the pulpit, and altogether the arrangements are neat, suitable, and "churchly." Twice the society has had to enlarge its quarters, and the appearances are that very soon this will have to be done again.

In 1806 Dr. Adam Clarke, in a letter to his son, says: "We reached a small town, or rather village, called Amesbury. It is situated among the hills, in a chalky soil, and is dry, neat, and clean. There is one inn in the place, 'The George,' which, much to our satisfaction, afforded us a tolerable supper and beds, and also stabling for our horses." This visit of Dr. Clarke seems to have been something of "a vacation tour," for with him there were several members of his family; but he was hardly "booked" at the inn before he was asking, "Are there any *religious people* here?" He was told that there was a people who had left the church and were under the direction of a baker by the name of Edwards. Determined to find this "ecclesiastical baker," he was directed to his cottage. This visit was of such a pleasant character that the "ecclesiastical baker" was invited to sup with him at the inn. At this date, 1806, there were only eleven members, meeting under the care of Joseph Edwards as "Mr. Wesley's people." From this little society several devoted ministers of the Wesleyans have come, and the "ecclesiastical baker" is still gratefully remembered when one seeks among the Amesbury Wesleyans. Well, I too supped and slept at "The George," and think I was somewhat ahead of Dr. Clarke, for I had an excellent supper and bed. I wonder, too, whether my room, with its panes of glass filled with the names of tourists, diamond cut, was not the very one in which, ninety years ago, he had lodged!—for in all these years there has been so little of change here that one could easily be so placed. However, the same walls and the same roof gave me the same shelter. They are part of the old abbey suppressed in the time of Henry VIII, and mark the



VIEWS IN AMESBURY, ENGLAND.

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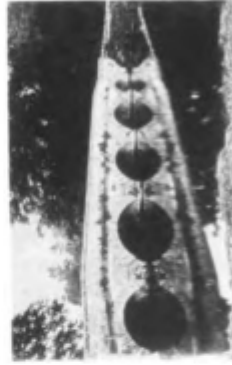
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closing years of Papal jurisdiction in England. Long may they stand a monument of the age that gave England a Wyckliffe, a Tyndale, and an open Bible.

The first mention that we can find relating to *William Carpenter* occurs in what is called the "Initial Deed," a document hastily drawn up by Roger Williams, at the time of settlement, in which by initials he designates "his loving friends and neighbors" who are to have equal rights with himself.

These friends and neighbors were twelve in number, and until December 23, 1661, this "Initial Deed" was all they had to show in the way of title to their holdings. On this date a formal "Confirmatory Deed" * was given them from Roger Williams and his wife, intending thereby to make their titles secure, but in some unaccountable manner a part of the original settlers' names were omitted, so, to remedy this, another deed was given in 1666, at which time Mr. Williams stated that the original "Initial Deed" was delivered on the 8th day of the 8th month, 1638.

These three deeds are as follows:

Memorandum, That I, R. W. having formerly purchased of Canonicus and Miantonomi, this our situation or plantation of New Providence, viz. the two fresh rivers Wonas. and Moosh. and the grounds and meadows thereupon, in consideration of £30 received from the inhabitants of said place, do freely and fully, pass, grant and make over equal right and power of enjoying and disposing the same grounds and lands unto my loving friends and neighbors S W. W A. T J. R C. J G. J T. W H. W C. † T O. F W. R W. and E. H. and such others as the major part of us shall admit into the same fellowship of vote with us. As also, I do freely, make and pass over equal right and power of enjoying and disposing the said land and ground reaching from the aforesaid rivers unto the great river Pawtuxet, with the grass and meadow thereupon, which was

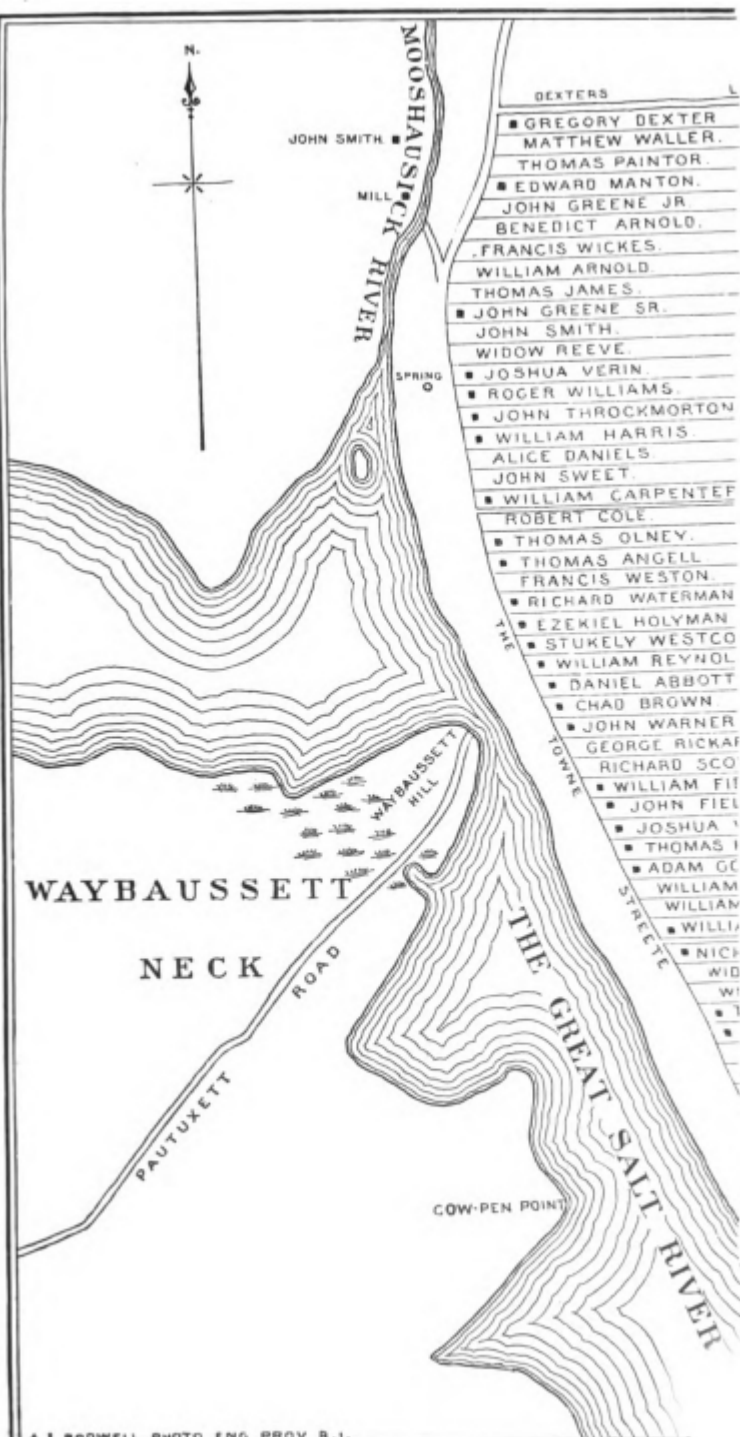
* A facsimile of this deed appeared in the "Providence Journal" on June 24, 1886, during the 250th Anniversary proceedings.

† William Carpenter.

so lately given and granted by the two aforesaid sachems to me. Witness my hand.

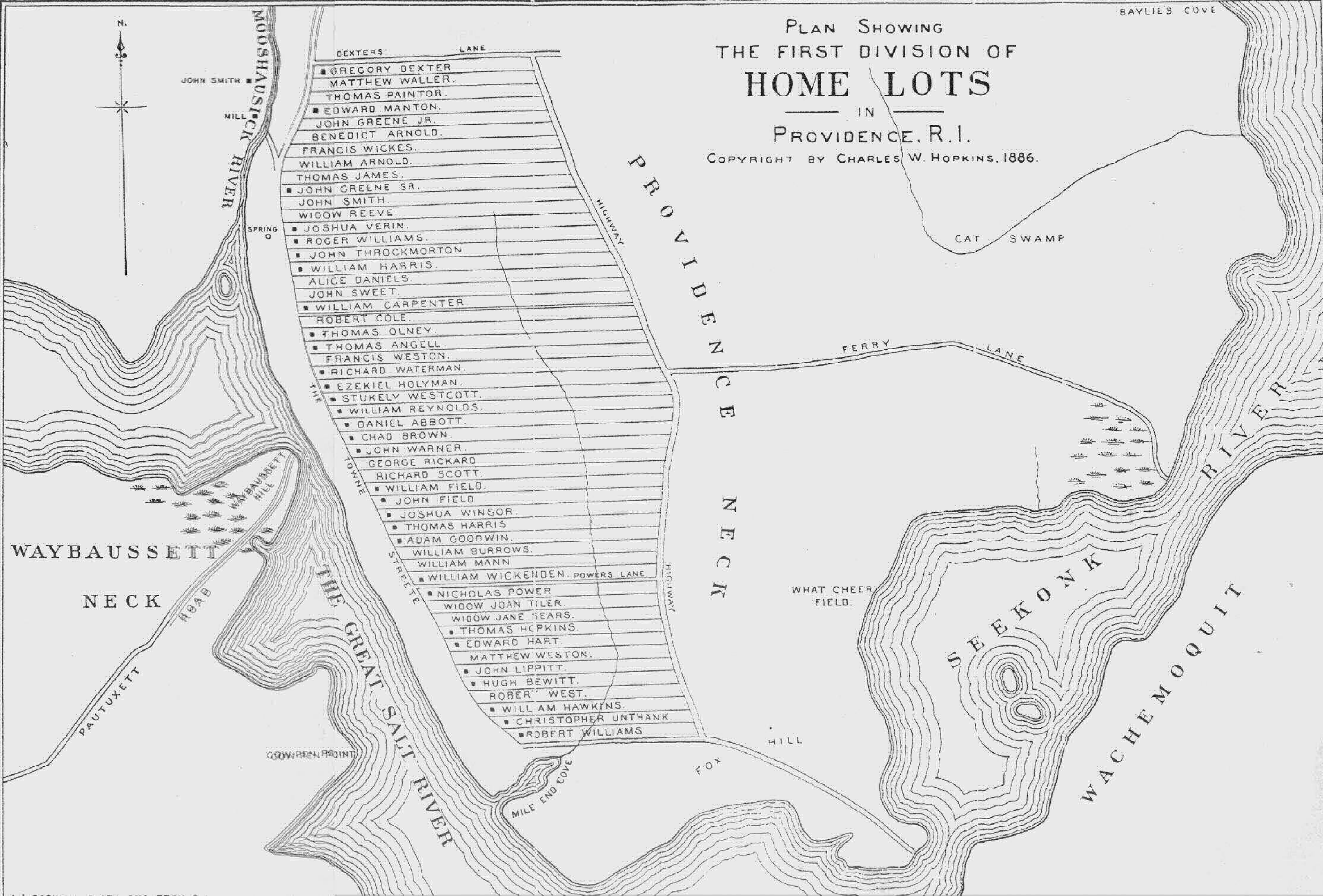
R. W.

Be it known unto all men by these presents, that I Roger Williams, of the Town of Providence, in the Narraganset Bay, in New-England, having in the year 1634 and in the year 1635 had several treaties with Conanicusse and Miantonome, the chief Sachems of the Narragansetts, and in the end purchased of them the lands and meadows upon the two fresh rivers called Mooshassick and Wanasquatucket, the two Sachems having by a deed under their hands two years after the sale thereof established and confirmed the bounds of these lands from the river and fields of Pawtuckut and the great hill of Neotaconconitt on the north-west, and the town of Mashapauge on the west, notwithstanding I had the frequent promise of Miantonomi my kind friend, that it should not be land that I should want about these bounds mentioned, provided that I satisfied the Indians there inhabiting, I having made covenant of peaceable neighborhood with all the Sachems and natives round about us; and having in a sense of God's merciful providence unto me in my distress, called the place, Providence. I designed it might be for a shelter for persons distressed for conscience, I then considering the condition of divers of my distressed countrymen, I communicated my said purchase to my loving friends John Throckmorton, William Arnold, William Harris, Stukely Westcott, John Greene, sen., Thomas Olney, sen., Richard Waterman and others who then desired to take shelter here with me, and in succession unto so many others as we should receive into the fellowship and society of enjoying and disposing of the said purchase; and besides the first that were admitted, our town records declare that afterwards we received Chad Brown, William Field, Thomas Harris, sen., William Wickenden, Robert Williams, Gregory Dexter and others, as our town book declares; and whereas, by God's merciful assistance, I was the procurer of the purchase, not by monies nor payment, the natives being so shy and jealous, that monies could not do it, but by that language, acquaintance, and favor with the natives and other advantages which it pleased God to give me, and also bore the charges and venture of all the gratuities which I gave to the great Sachems, and other Sachems and natives round about us, and lay engaged for a loving and peaceable neighborhood with them to my great charge and travel, it was, therefore, thought by some loving friends, that I should receive some loving consideration and gratuity, and it was agreed between us, that every person that should be admitted into the fellowship of enjoying lands and disposing of the purchase, should pay thirty shillings into the public stock, and first about £30 should be paid unto myself by thirty shillings a person, as they were admitted; this sum I received in love to my friends, and with respect to a town and place of



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succor for the distressed as aforesaid. I do acknowledge the said sum and payment as full satisfaction. And whereas in the year 1637, so called, I delivered the deed subscribed by the two aforesaid chief Sachems, so much thereof as concerneth the aforementioned lands from myself and my heirs unto the whole number of purchasers, with all and every power, right and title therein, reserving only unto myself one single share equal unto any of the rest of that number, I now again in a more formal way, under my hand and seal, confirm my former resignation of that deed of the lands aforesaid and bind myself, my heirs, my executors, my administrators and assigns never to molest any of the said persons already received or hereafter to be received into the society of purchasers as aforesaid, but they, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, shall at all times quietly and peaceably enjoy the premises and every part thereof; and I do further, by these presents, bind myself, my heirs, my executors, my administrators and assigns, never to lay claim nor cause any claim to be laid, to any of the lands aforementioned, or unto any part or parcel thereof, more than unto mine own single share, by virtue or pretence of any former bargain, sale or mortgage whatsoever or jointures, thirds or entails made by me the said Roger Williams or of any other person either, for, by, through or under me. In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of December in the present year 1661.

ROGER WILLIAMS. [L S.]

Signed, sealed and delivered, in presence of us.

THOMAS SMITH,
JOSEPH CARPENTER.

I Mary Williams wife unto Roger Williams do assent unto the premises. Witness my hand this 20th day of December, in the present year 1661.

The mark of M W MARY WILLIAMS.

Acknowledged and subscribed before me.

WILLIAM FIELD, Assistant.

Providence 8 of 8th month, 1638, so called.

Memorandum, that I Roger Williams having formerly purchased of Conanicus and Miantonomi, this our situation or plantation of New Providence, viz: the two fresh rivers Wonasquatucket and Moosehasick and the grounds and meadows thereupon, in consideration of thirty pounds, received from the inhabitants of the said place, do freely and fully pass grant and make over equal right and power of enjoying and disposing the same ground and lands unto my loving friends and neighbors, Stukely Westcott, William Arnold, Thomas James, Robert Cole, John Greene, John Throckmorton, William Harris, William Carpenter,

Thomas Olney, Francis Weston, Richard Waterman, Ezekiel Holyman and such others as the major part of us shall admit unto the same fellowship of vote with us. As also I do freely make and pass over equal right and power of enjoying and disposing the lands and grounds reaching from the aforesaid rivers unto the great river Pawtuxet and the grass and meadows thereupon, which was so lately granted by the aforesaid Sachems to me.

Witness my hand, Providence 22, 10 mo. 1666, so called.

ROGER WILLIAMS.

This paper and writing given by me about twenty-eight years since, and differs not a tittle, only so is dated as near as we could guess about the time, and the names of the men written in the straight of time and haste are here explained by me.

ROGER WILLIAMS.

In presence of us,

JOHN BROWNE,

JOHN SAYLES,

THOMAS HARRIS, Assistant.

The "First Baptist Church in America" was constituted at Providence between August 3, 1638, and March 16, 1639. Its founders were Roger Williams, Ezekiel Holyman, William Arnold, William Harris, Stukely Westcott, John Green, Richard Waterman, Thomas James, *William Carpenter*, Francis Weston, and Thomas Olney (these being the same persons named in the Initial Deed, lacking names of Robert Coles and John Throckmorton).

Benedict, in his "History of the Baptists," gives an exceedingly interesting account of this event. He says, "the candidates for communion chose Ezekiel Holyman,* a man of gifts and piety, to baptise Mr. Williams, and he in return baptised Mr. Holyman and the other ten." And as we read the history of Providence we can but note that nearly every one of these ten candidates at

* Benedict spells his name "Holliman," but I have seen an original deed from him to William Carpenter of date 1658 to which he signs his name very plainly "Holyman."

some time or other showed that they were men of "gifts and piety." From my earliest recollection I recall being told that *William Carpenter* was "a preacher" in England, and the fact that he performed the marriage ceremony at the wedding of his daughter is, I think, ample proof that he was recognized by his church as one of its "lay ministers."

Up to this date, 1638, the "Proprietors," as they now began to be called, were living on their "Home Lotts," situated conveniently near together for neighborly intercourse and mutual protection. These lots contained about six acres each and all fronted on the "Town Street" with a dividing line between the lots running east and west.

William Carpenter's lot was separated from the lot of Robert Coles by a *highway*. "Town Street" is now Main Street, and the *highway* is Meeting Street, so called because of the Friends' Meeting House which now occupies William Carpenter's lot.

Immediately after the signing of the Initial Deed the Proprietors made division of their purchase. William Carpenter and his father-in-law, William Arnold, with Zachariah Rhodes,* William Harris, and Robert Coles, for their shares were allotted a large tract at "Pautuxet," where they at once made settlement. It was a beautiful meadow-land, about four miles southerly from Providence, bounded on the east by Narragansett Bay and on the south by the Pawtuxet River. In later years it was known as "Cranston," and is now undergoing the changes consequent upon the rapid growth of Providence, which is yearly adding its acres to blocks of buildings.

It was here that William Carpenter spent the remaining years of his life. For nearly half a century it was

*Zachariah Rhodes married Joanna Arnold, a sister of the wife of William Carpenter; he died in 1665, and in 1667 she married Samuel Reape.

"his home," and around him at "Pautuxet" were gathered children and friends and all of earthly good needed to bring contentment and peace. The chronicles of the times have much to say of him. There is scarcely a page of the town records but has some mention of him. He was on numerous commissions to settle boundary lines, to lay out roads, to locate and build bridges, and in all the affairs of the colony no man enjoyed the confidence of Roger Williams more than did he. He was elected to the General Court on March 10, 1658, and was re-elected the following five years, and for the years 1665, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, and '72 he was chosen assistant to the General Assembly, and was Deputy in 1679. And when King Philip's War was threatening to annihilate the colony the General Assembly, on April 4, 1676, passed the following resolution: . . . "Voted, that in these troublesome times and straits in the Colony this Assembly desiring to have the advice and concurrence of the most judicious inhabitants, do desire at their next sitting the company and counsel of William Carpenter." . . .

This war was terribly disastrous to the colony; the years 1675, '76, and '77 were years of terror. On June 28, 1675, the Indians burned eighteen houses at Providence, and by March, 1676, there was only one house left standing between Providence and Warwick. Hubbard, in his narrative of the war, says that "on January 27, 1676, the Indians despoiled Mr. Carpenter of two hundred sheep, fifty head of cattle and fifteen horses, all of which they drove with them. Two that belonged to the said Carpenter were wounded and one of the enemy slain." Austin says, "William Carpenter's house was attacked by about 300 Indians and was set on fire by them, but the flames were extinguished by the defenders. Two of his household were killed."

The tradition of the family is that the house was a

"block-house," built for defense by William Carpenter, and that in it were all the neighboring families, who made a brave stand against the Indians, compelling them at last to retreat; but, sad to say, Mr. Carpenter's son William was killed during the attack. During this war there were fifty houses burned in Warwick, about the same in Pawtuxet, and some 200 in Providence. At Providence the Town Records were thrown in the Mill Pond by the town clerk, and thus saved.*

Notwithstanding these serious losses we find Mr. Carpenter at the close of the war busily engaged in repairing the damages done to his estate, and if we compare the statement made by him to the Town Council on August 12, 1674, with the provisions made for his children in his will, we find that in a great measure he had regained his prosperity and was enabled to leave "houses" as well as lands to his heirs. Probably the last public service he performed bears date April 25, 1683, when as "last survivor of the Thirteen Proprietors" he gave deeds to the heirs of his fellow proprietors for lands which had been hitherto held as joint owners by the proprietors.

We need dwell no longer in presenting evidences regarding his public services or of his private life, for to place them all here would leave no room for other matters. He was now an aged man. He had made his will February 10, 1680, but by reason of the death of his eldest son, Joseph, in 1683, a codicil was added on March 15, 1684, and on October 1, 1685, the will was presented to the Town Council for probate, bearing upon it this endorsement: "*William Carpenter died September 7, 1685.*"

*The General Court of Massachusetts enumerated the sins which had brought upon the colony this disastrous war; among them were, "Pride in men's wearing long and curled hair, excess in apparel, naked breasts and arms and superfluous ribbons, toleration of Quakers, extortion in shopkeepers and mechanics, and the riding from town to town of unmarried men and women under pretence of attending lectures" !!

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THE WILL OF WILLIAM CARPENTER.

As per Vol. vi, pages 138-150, of Providence (printed) Records.

To all people before whome these presents shall come, William Carpenter of Pautuxett in y^e towneshipp of Providence, in his Majestyes Colloney of Rhode Island & Providence plantations in New England in America, being in bodyly health & in sound & perfect Memory (blessed God) and not knowing how soone y^e only wise God may despose of me to death: And being willing to sett my Earthly Estate in order to prevent future troubles y^t may arise after my decease; Doe Ordaine this to be my last Will & Testament, in forme & maner as followeth.

first My will is that all y^e debts oweing by me at my decease be truely payd./

2 Item I give unto my Eldest son Joseph Carpenter twenty shillings in merchantable pay of this Colloney to be payd by my Execut^{ors}, after my decease.

3 Item I give to my Daughter Liddea Smith twenty shillings in merchantable pay of this Colloney to be payd by My Execut^{ors} after my decease.

4 Item I give to my daughter Prescilla Vinsent twenty shillings in merchantable pay of this Colloney to be payd by My Execut^{ors} after my decease.

5 Item I give & bequeath, unto my two sons Silas Carpenter & Benjamin Carpenter & theire Heirs all my Right Title & intrest in the Neck Called Pautuxett Neck with all my Right, Title & intrest in that place Called the vinyard for Ever to be Equally devided betweene them two & theire Heirs, or as they shall otherwayes agree to part the same.

6 Item I doe give unto my son Timothy Carpenter & his Heirs for Ever all my Right Title & Jntrest in & to that tract of upland & meadow lieing on y^e west side of saxefrax Cove, the which I bought of thomas Olney of the towne of Providence with all y^e appurtenance[] thereto belonging.

7 Item I doe give unto my aforesaid son Timothy and his Heirs for Ever the one halfe of that share of meadow I bought of Mr Richard Parker of Boston lieing upon y^e brooke Called Mashapauge brooke, and my sayd son Timothy to have his part at y^e lower End of y^e sayd Meadow.

8 Item I doe also give unto my aforsaid son Timothy & []eirs for Ever all that percell of upland lieing & adjoyneing together, on which sd land y^e now dwelling house of y^e sayd Timothy standeth: As also the meadow adjoyneing to y^e sayd upland so farr as the south End of y^e Meadow Called the Midle Meadow with all appurtenances thereto. And my will is that my two sons Silas Carpenter & Benjamin Carpenter &

theire Heirs shall have a sufficient high way at all times to passe & repasse to y^e other part of y^e said Meadow.

9 Item I doe give to my son Ephraim Carpenter durieng y^e time of his Naturall life, the one halfe of that halfe (yet remaineing, not given to my aforesaid son Timothy) of y^e Meadow bought of y^e aforesaid Parker lieing upon y^e aforesayd Mashapauge brooke, And after y^e decease of my aforesayd son Ephraim to revert & be y^e Right of My Grand Son & his Heirs for Ever; that is to say Ephraim Carpenter y^e Eldest son of My aforesayd son Ephraim Carpenter by his first wife.

10 Item I give unto my daughter Priscilla Vinsent & her Heirs the other part or halfe of that halfe share of meadow bought of y^e aforesayd Parker lieing upon y^e aforesd Mashapauge brooke, not before to my sd sons Timothy & Ephraim hereby desposed of.

11 Item I doe give unto my son Ephraim Carpenter & his Heirs, And to my daughter Priscilla Vinsent & her heirs for Ever all my Right, Title & intrest in & to that Cove lieing neere y^e place Called y^e landing place, (in pautuxett) the which Cove I bought of Thomas Angell of Providence; The sayd Cove to be Equally devided betwixt them in quantitie & qualitty.

12 Item I give & bequeath unto my two sons Silas Carpenter & Benjamin Carpenter & theire Heirs for Ever all y^e rest of y^e Meaddow now within y^e fence from y^e south End of y^e aforesaid Midle Meadow southward, Also all such swampy low land as will make meadow adjoyneing to y^e sayd meadow to be Equally devided betwixt these my two sons, or as they shall agree about it:

13 Item I give to my two sons aforesaid Silas & Benjamin & theire Heirs for Ever my owne share of meadow lyeing upon the aforesd mash-paug []oke As also that part of a share of Meadow that I bought of my brother Stephen Arnold lieing upon y^e aforesayd brooke to be Equal [] devided, or as those my two sons Silas & Benjamin shall agree:

14 Item I give unto these my aforesayd two sons Silas & Benjamin all my Right Title & Intrest of lands & meadows now within fence whereon theire dwelling house now standeth, with all y^e fenceing & fruit trees thereon & appurtenances thereto belonging to be to them & theire Heirs for Ever, to be Equally devided betwixt them, or as they two shall agree.

15 Item I give unto my three sons Timothy, Silas & Benjamin Carpenter & theire Heirs for Ever all my Right or Rights of lands to me belonging yet undevided lieing & being on y^e East side of Pauchasett River & y^e salt water home to y^e deuideing line betwixt Providence & Pautuxett, & y^e same to be Equally devided betwixt my aforesd three sons Only my will is that my son Timothy shall have that part that falleth by devisiion next unto y^e aforesayd deuideing line betwixt Providence and Pautuxett.

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16 Item I give unto my Grandson Ephraim Carpenter, y^e Eldest son of my afore said son Ephraim & his Heirs for Ever, all my Right & title in & to a percell of land adjoyneing to y^e aforesayd deviding line & on y^e North side of y^e sayd line; it lieing betwixt Mashapauge pond & spectickle pond; bounded on the north with a hill, further my will is that my Grandson Ephraim shall at y^e age of one & twenty years Enter & be in possession of y^e same.

17 Item I also give unto my aforesd Grandson Ephraim Carpenter & his Heirs for Ever twenty acrs of upland, the south part of y^e said land adjoyneing to the aforesd deviding line of Pautuxett, bounding on y^e west with y^e sayd spectickle pond, & on y^e north with a percell of meadow sayd to be in y^e possession of Abraham Man of sayd Providence, & to Enter & be in possession of y^e same at y^e age of one and twenty yeares.

18 Item I give unto my three sons Timothy, Silas, & Benjamin Carpenter & theire Heirs for Ever all my Right title & Jntrest in & to all those lands meadows & Comoning to me belonging in y^e sd towne of Providence, both devided & undevided on y^e East side of y^e seven mile line set by order of y^e aforesd towne, not hereby or by any other Instrument before desposed of, with all y^e appurtenances thereof to be Equally devided.

19 Item I give to my son Timothy Carpenter and his heirs for Ever, all that Right of Comoning that I bought of Robert Coles with all appurtenances to it belonging.

20 Item I give to my son Silas Carpenter & his Heirs for Ever my owne Right of Comon in y^e aforesd towne with all y^e appurtenances thereto belonging.

21 Item I give to my son Benjamin Carpenter & his heirs for Ever all that Right of Comoning with all y^e appurtenances in y^e sayd towne, that Right of Henry Neale formerly of y^e sayd towne of Providence.

22 Item These Comons are on y^e East side of y^e sd seven mile line.

23 Item I give unto my son Timothy Carpenter & his Heirs for Ever all that Right of lands meadowes & Comoning in y^e towne of Providence to me belonging in y^e towne of Providence lieing on y^e west side of y^e seven mile line ariseing to me by vertue of that Right I bought of Robert Coles of y^e sayd towne.

24 Item I give unto my son Silas Carpenter & his Heirs for Ever all that Right of lands meadowes & Comoning to me belonging in y^e aforesd towne lieing on y^e west side of y^e seven mile line ariseing to me by vertue of that Right that I bought of Roger Mawry of y^e sd towne deceased.

25 Item I give unto my son Benjamin Carpenter & his Heirs for Ever all that Right of lands meadowes Comoning to me belonging in y^e sayd towne lieing on the west side of y^e seven mile line ariseing to me

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by vertue of that Right I bought of Roger Mawrey formerly of y^e sayd towne.

26 Jtem I give unto my Grandson william Carpenter & his Heirs for Ever all that Right of lands meadowes and Comoning to me belonging in sd providence lieing on y^e west side of y^e seven mile line arising to me by vertue of that Right that I bought of John Smith (Mason) of y^e sd providence.

27 Jtem I give unto my grandson Joseph Smith son of my daughter Liddea) & his Heirs all that Right of lands Meadowes & Comoning in sd providence to me belonging on y^e west side of y^e seven mile line, arising to me by vertue of that Right of Robert Colwell of the said towne.

28 Jtem I give unto my Grandson Ephraim Carpenter & his heirs, all that Right of lands meadowes and Comoning to me belonging on the west side of y^e seven mile line arising to me by vertue of my owne Right in sayd towne; the which Right was formerly Recorded to my son william deceased in sd towne.

29 Jtem I give & bequeath unto my three sons Timothy Carpenter, & Silas Carpenter & benjamin Carpenter & their heirs for Ever two thirds of all my Right, or Rights to me belonging in all y^e lands & meadowes on the west side of Pauchassett River betwixt Pautuxett River & the deviding line, part thereof Runn, & part to be Runn to be Equally devided amongst my three sons. Excepting, my will is, that these my aforesd three sons shall in some Convenient place set out to my aforesayd Grandson Ephraim Carpenter out of their two thirds one hundred acres of land to be to him & his Heirs for Ever; y^e sayd hundred acres of land to be part thereof Meadow proportionably to Each hundred acres Contained in y^e aforesd two thirds & y^e sayd hundred acres to ly together.

30 Jtem I give to my two sons Joseph Carpenter & Ephraim Carpenter, And to my daughters Liddea Smith & Priscilla vinsent & their heirs for Ever the other third part of all my Right or Rights to me belonging on y^e west side of y^e sayd Pauchasett River, & betwixt Pautuxett River & y^e aforesaid line to be Equally devided amongst these my two sons & my two daughters.

31 Jtem I give unto my two sons Silas & Benjamin Carpenter all my Carts, Ploughs, & all tacklin[] to them or any of them belonging Except one draught Chaine I give to my son Timothy Carpenter: As also all other Tooles of what sort so ever I give to my two aforesaid sons Silas & Benjamin & their heirs Equally./

32 Jtem I Give unto Elizabeth my deare & loveing wife in Consideration of all her demand in y^e law, to be at her owne sole dispose all my wearieing apparrill of what sort so Ever & all y^e rest of my Mooveable Estate what so Ever not hereby before disposed of: And further my will is, That my two sons Silas & Benjamin take y^e whole & sole Care of

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Elizabeth my loveing wife theire mother to provide for her in all Respects & Conditions as a woman ought to be provided for duering her naturall life & to see her body descently Buryed.

33; And further my will is that my two sons, Silas Carpenter & Benjamin Carpenter be my whole & sole Exsecutors to pay all y^e debts owing by me at my decease & to receive in all debts owing to me & to see my Body descently Buryed; And to see this my will truely performed in all Respects to y^e true meaneing thereof.

34 And further my will is, That if my Grand child Ephraim Carpenter y^e Eldest son of my aforesd son Ephraim, if he shall decease before y^e age of one & twenty yeares, Then what before given to my aforesd Grand child shall revert & be y^e Right of his sister Susanna Carpenter & her Heirs for Ever.

35 And further my will is That y^e Jntrest herein given to my Grand child Joseph Smith y^e son of my daughter Liddea shall revert & be y^e Right of his Brother Simon Smith & his heirs for Ever. In Case my Grand child Joseph Smith shall decease this life before y^e age of one and twenty yeares. In wittnesse whereof I doe here unto sett my hand & seale this tenth day of februarye one thousand six hundred seventy & nine, or Eighty & the thirty second yeare of his majestyes Reigne Charles the Second Etc^r:

Signed & Sealed in y^e presence of us

John whipple

Andrew Harris

Rebekah whipple

William Carpenter [seal]

This beforesd last will of William Carpenter of Pautuxett was signed sealed & wittnesed y^e yeare & day beforesaid before me

John whipple, Assistant./

October y^e first 1685:

Andrew Harris & Rebekah whipple upon Engagement testefied as wittneses to y^e abovesaid will in y^e presence of y^e Councill Before me

Joseph Jenckes, Assist:

Memorandum the word Right, the word or name Roger mawrey; And the word or name Ephraim were interlined before the signeing & sealeing of these presents. And my son Ephraim Carpenter shall have twenty shillings payd him by my Exsecutors as y^e rest of my other sons & daughters have by these will given them wittnes my hand and seale y^e day & yeare before sayd.

william Carpenter [seal]

Be it knowne unto all persons by these presents, That whereas I william Carpenter of Pautuxett in y^e townshipp of Providence in y^e Colloney of Rhode Jsland & providence plantations in New England, in America, have made & declared my last will & testam^t: beareing date y^e tenth day

of februarye one thousand six hundred seventy & nine (or Eighty,). I the sayd william Carpenter by this present Codicill doe Rattifie & Confirm my sayd last will & testament Excepting that part, or parts thereof as upon my Mature Consideration I shal[] herein dispose & bequeath other wayes, then therein mentioned, & makeing them perticulars by this Codicill utterly voyd & null to all intents ; And for this Reason in Cheife, That I understand that my son Ephraim Carpenter talketh, or intendeth to sell those lands (or some of them) to him bequeathed & willed ; Therefore I will & order as followeth.

Item I doe give & bequeath unto my Grand son Ephraim Carpenter, y^e Eldest son of my son Ephraim Carpenter that part of the Cove given to my aforesd son Ephraim in y^e Eleventh part of my will or bequest, makeing it wholly voyd to my sd son Ephraim Carpenter & to be the only proper Right of my Grand son Ephraim Carpenter & his Heirs for Ever, & to be devided to my Grand son Ephraim as in y^e sayd Eleventh part of my sayd will mentioned.

Item I doe give & bequeath unto my aforesd Grand son Ephraim Carpenter & to my grand daughter Susanna Carpenter & their Heirs for Ever to be Equally devided betwixt them two ; all that part of lands being on y^e west side of Pauchasett River ; given & bequeathed to my aforesd son Ephraim Carpenter in y^e thirtyeth part or bequest in my will beforesd, And doe wholly Make null & voyd y^e sayd bequest in y^e part as to my son Ephraim Carpenter ; & to remaine good to the Rest in that bequest.

Item I doe order & declare that gift & bequest given & willed unto my aforesd Grandson Ephraim Carpenter in y^e twenty ninth part of my will or bequest to be wholly Null & Voyd, And that part to be devidable amongst my three sons Timothy Carpenter, Silas Carpenter, & Benjamin Carpenter, and their Heirs.

Item. I doe order will & declare that the Gift, or bequest willed & given unto my son Joseph Carpenter upon y^e west side of y^e aforesd Pauchasett River shall be wholly null & voyd to all intents as to my sayd son, he deceaseing before my death & not being in possession thereof, And doe will bequeath & declare that part as aforesd given to my sayd son Joseph Carpenter on y^e west side of y^e aforesayd River unto my Grand son Joseph Carpenter & his heirs for Ever, the which bequest is mentioned in y^e thirtyeth part or bequest in my will or bequest therein, mentioned. And my will & meaneing is that this Codicill or shedule be, & be adjudged to be part & percell of my sayd last will & testament. / And that all things herein Contained & mentioned be faithfully & truely performed & as fully & amply in Every Respect as if y^e same were so declared & sett downe in my said last will & testament, In wittnesse whereof I the sayd william Carpenter have hereunto sett my hand & seale, This fif-

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teenth day of March one thousand six hundred & Eighty three, or Eighty foure & thirty sixt yeare of his Majestyes Reigne Charles y^e second &c^r.

Signed & Sealed in y^e presence of us

Andrew Harris

william Carpenter [seal]

John whipple jun^r :

The first day of October 1685 at a meeteing of y^e towne Councill of Providence in y^e Colony of Rhode Jsland & providence plantations &c^r John whipple & Andrew Harris in y^e presence of y^e Councill upon their sollemne Engagements owned themselves witnesses to y^e abovesd Codicill ;

Before me Joseph Jenckes Assistant

The afore written will of y^e deceased william Carpenter Contayneing five pages, & also y^e Codecill, or shedule written on y^e other side of this leafe & part on this side are both at our Councill meeteing October y^e first 1685 Eamined & approved by us the towne Councill of Providence wittnesse our hands,

Joseph Jenckes Asist:

Richard Arnold Assistant:

Edward Smith

Thomas Arnold

Joseph williams

Eliezer Arnold.

Thomas Olney./

The Inventarey of y^e Estate of william Carpenter of Pautuxett in y^e towneshipp of Providence, deceased, in y^e Colloney of Rhode Jsland & Providence plantations in New England is as followeth./

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Imprimis one Cloake	02	00	00
Jt one loose Coate & one strait bodyed Coate	00	06	00
Jt Two loose bodyed Coates	01	00	00
Jt Two loose bodyed Coats neere worne out	00	03	00
Jt foure west coats two much worne	00	12	00
Jt Two paire of Trowsers	00	08	00
Jt Two paire of old woolen drawers	00	02	00
Jt one payre of old Trowsers	00	01	00
Jt one black Caster hatt something worne	00	06	00
Jt Two old hatts, & one old cloath Capp	00	01	00
Jt Three shirts	00	12	00
Jt Two very old shirts	00	01	06
Jt Two paire of stockins & one paire of shooes	00	05	00

The Providence Line

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Jt	five night Capps & two Bands	00-03-00
Jt	Two old silke neck cloath	00-01-00
Jt	One fether bed, two bolsters, two paire of sheets two blanketts, one blue Rugg & y ^e bed sted	06-00-00
Jt	To kash to witt new England silver	04-02-06
Jt	To one peece of Gold a tenn shilling peece	00-10-00
Jt	one cart & old wheelles & boxes & hoopess thereto, & two old shares & Coulters & old plough	01-10-06
Jt	one logg chaine & foure draught chaines	01-00-00
Jt	the Chaine & whats belongs to it	00-04-00
Jt	two old axes, narrow ones, one old broad Axe	00-06-00
Jt	one cross cut saw & two tenant sawes	00-08-00
Jt	Two hand sawes, tho old, three clevises & two pinns	00-05-06
Jt	one sledge & one Iron crow	00-07-00
Jt	Tenn Augers, greater & smaler	00-12-00
Jt	Two broad chizells & two narrow ones	00-02-06
Jt	Three plaine Irons & one wenscutt plough	00-01-06
Jt	Two Gouges; two drawing knives, & old Burr	00-05-06
Jt	one spoke shave, & one Gennett & one adds	00-03-06

The sum totall Errors Excepted 22-00-00

As to debts oweing by y ^e testators not any as we can find	00-00-00
As to debts due to y ^e testator severall,	00-00-00
yet not fully by us knowne, but when further knowne shall be brought to y ^e Councill	00-00-00

A faire apprisall of y^e Estate of william Carpenter of Pautuxett in y^e towneshipp of Providence, deceased September y^e 7th: 1685 of what did appeare to us as on y^e other side specified, Taken September y^e 30th: 1685: as wittnes our hands:

Silas Carpenter and	Andrew Harris
Benjamin Carpenter	John whipple
Exsecutors to y ^e deceased	Silas Carpenter
william Carpenter of	Benjamin Carpenter
Pautuxett in y ^e towneshipp	

of Providence in y^e Colloney of Rhode Jsland and Providence plantations in new England by his last will & testament beareing date y^e tenth day of ffebruarey in y^e yeare 1679, or 80: upon theire solemne Engagemnt in y^e presence of y^e Councill the first day of October 1685 testefied & declared that what is Contained on the other side of this paper written & on this page is y^e Estate of y^e deceased william Carpenter which he died possessed with, or of, & that it is all & wholly his Mooveable Estate so farr

as they any wayes know or understand, And if any other, or more at any time appeare it shall be brought forth and Inventaryed.

Taken before us

Joseph Jenckes Assist :

Richard Arnold Assistant

John Whipple & Andrew Harris as apprizers to y^e aforesayd Inventarey upon y^e first day of October 1685 in y^e presence of y^e Councill upon theire solemne Engagement did declare that they made a faire appraisall of y^e Estate of y^e deceased william Carpenter what to them was brought forth to aprize, & know not but it was his whole Mooveable Estate.

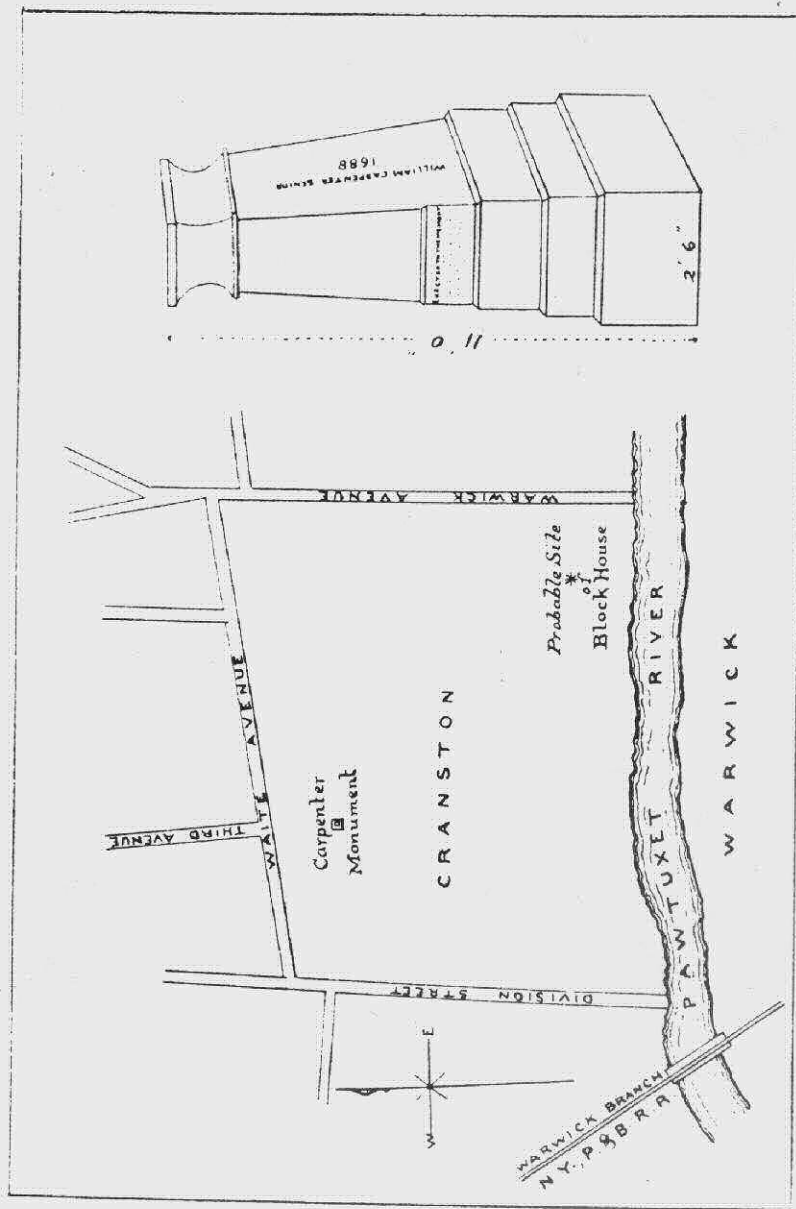
Taken before us

Joseph Jenckes Assistant

Richard Arnold Assistant./

While we are very sorry that we have so little of record regarding Elizabeth, the wife of William Carpenter, yet the mention that is made in "Item 32" of his will respecting the provision made for her care and support is a worthy tribute to her as loving wife and helpmeet, and gives full assurance that her place as wife and mother was honored alike by husband and children. Her family (the Arnolds) was second to none in the colony. They were of an ancient and distinguished lineage in Wales, claiming, indeed, relationship to the royal family of that country. Her eldest brother *Benedict* was Governor of the colony from 1663 to the day of his death, 1678. Her brother *Stephen* and her sister *Joana*, with their father *William** resided in close proximity to her home at Pawtuxet, and together, for over half a century, the **Carpenter Family** and the **Arnold Family** were the largest land owners and chief taxpayers of Pawtuxet. Mrs. Carpenter

7 Sep 1685 * William Arnold, the father of the family, was born June 24, 1587. He came to America when 50 years of age, and died at Pawtuxet about 1677. His son Benedict was born December 21, 1615; his wife was Damaris Westcott. His daughter Joana was born February 27, 1617; she married Zachariah Rhodes and then Samuel Reape. His son Stephen was born December 22, 1622; his wife was Sarah Smith.



MAP OF PAWTUXET.

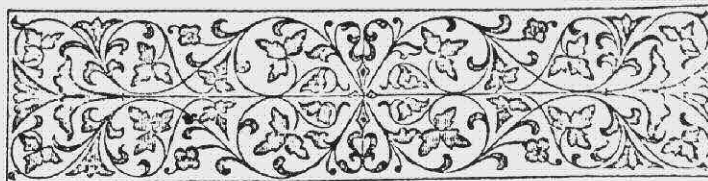
undoubtedly survived her husband, but we can find no data whereby to fix the exact date of her decease.

The accompanying map and sketch of monument will show the aspect of the "old plantation" of William Carpenter at the time of my last visit (1896). The "monument" is of native granite, very durable and of good proportions. It no doubt marks the last resting-place of William Carpenter and his wife as well as of other members of his family. The "block-house," or homestead, appears to have stood quite some nearer the river, but "the march of improvements" has obliterated and swept away every vestige whereby its site could be located, leaving only the "3 rods square" whereon the monument stands to mark or identify any part of the original plantation.

This monument stands in Cranston, about three and a half miles from the City Hall at Providence, and is reached by the trolley cars of the Providence and Cranston line. It is 11 feet in height with a 2 1/2 feet base. The surrounding ground is three rods square, with stone corner bounds, but is in a terribly disgraceful condition, being made the dumping ground for the débris of the neighborhood.

The inscription on the monument is in capital letters of equal size, and reads as follows:

ERECTED IN 1860 BY EARL CARPENTER
YOUNGEST SON OF NATHANIEL
IN MEMORY OF THOSE OF HIS ANCESTORS
BURIED HERE, AND OF HIS ELDEST BROTHER DANIEL
BORN JULY 4, 1773, DIED DEC 25, 1775.
HIS GRANDFATHER BENJAMIN
A DESCENDANT OF WILLIAM ONE OF THE
FIRST SETTLERS OF RHODE ISLAND
DIED DEC 16, 1766, AGED 73 YEARS,
AND HIS GRANDMOTHER PRUDENCE
DIED JULY 29, 1801, AGED 87 YEARS.



HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NARRATIVE.

THE will of William Carpenter leaves us in no doubt as to who were his children, nor as to their mother's name. Very few documents of the period show these matters in as clear a light. It allows us to begin the genealogy of the family with full assurance as to its correctness, and had the succeeding generations kept their records with equal clearness very much more of interest could be added to our volume.

I William Carpenter, as the progenitor of the family in America, will in our work be recorded as number 1, and each succeeding name will receive its proper number, which in turn will be taken up and such mention as we have of the individual will be given.

Children of William and Elizabeth Carpenter.

- II JOSEPH, born in England about 1635.
- III LYDIA, born at Providence about 1638.
- IV EPHRAIM, born at Pawtuxet about 1640.
- V TIMOTHY, born at Pawtuxet about 1643.
- VI WILLIAM, born at Pawtuxet about 1645.
- VII PRISCILLA, born at Pawtuxet about 1648.
- VIII SILAS, born at Pawtuxet in the year 1650.*
- IX BENJAMIN, born at Pawtuxet about 1653.

* Silas Carpenter is the only one of the family whose birth is definitely known. A deposition made in 1674 gives the date 1650, as does also his gravestone.

II Joseph Carpenter, eldest son of William[†] and Elizabeth (Arnold) Carpenter, was born at Amesbury, Wiltshire, England, about 1635. The first mention that we find concerning him is at Providence, R. I., where on May 3, 1656,* he is a witness to a deed from his uncle Stephen Arnold to his father, which indicates that at that date he was of legal age.

On April 21, 1659,† he was married to Hannah, daughter of William Carpenter of Rehoboth, Mass. She was born at Weymouth, Mass., February 3, 1640, and no doubt was second cousin to her husband. Her father died just before her marriage, and by his will, which is on record at Plymouth, Mass., he bequeathed to her a portion of land at Pawtuxet, and such books from his library as showed her to have been a woman of good education and ability.

The Town Records‡ show that Joseph Carpenter was an inhabitant of the town of Warwick where he had a "Corne Mill," "and where stood his dwelling house on the South side of the Pautuxet River at the wading place near the Falls on said River." This property was purchased by his father from Matthias Harvey and given to him, probably at the time of his marriage. Here he appears to have remained until 1667, although as early as 1663§ he was at Long Island making negotiations with the Indians for the purchase of land at Oyster Bay.

There was a settlement at Hempstead as early as

* Vide vol. 1, p. 44, of Providence printed Records.

† Vide Plymouth, Mass., Records.

In the Massachusetts colony as early as 1639 the General Court ordered that each town in the colony should keep a record of every marriage, birth, and death.

‡ Vide original deed in possession of the compiler of this work.

§ Vide Thompson's "History of Long Island."

1644,* and in 1653 an attempt was made to make another settlement at Hempstead Harbor where ten families with their household goods, etc., came in the sloop Desire of Barnstable, Captain Thomas Willetts. The people of Hempstead resisted this, capturing the sloop, but finally they were allowed to settle at Oyster Bay. The Hempstead colony continued to claim jurisdiction over all the lands bordering on the harbor, but the Indians denied having ever sold this part of their possessions, and in February, 1667, they sold "Matinecock" to Captain John Underhill, and on May 24, 1668, they sold to Joseph Carpenter about 3000 acres at Musketa Cove,—he having on November 5, 1667, obtained from Governor Nicholls permission to occupy said land "whether belonging to Hempstead or not." On March 1, 1665, Matthias Harvey and Captain John Underhill were sent as deputies to Hempstead, evidently to try and settle this disagreement. The following deposition of the Indians seems to have had its bearing upon the decision of the governor.

Killingworth this 22d of March 1667, upon the day and date aforesaid I Tackapowchie Sachem of Marsapeag, do acknowledge and declare that Hempstead men *lies*; that Matinecock lands come no further west than Muscata Coufe. I allways owned the said Coufe to be Matinecock land and that my land never went further east than the creek that runneth into the head of Hempstead Harbor and all to the east of the creek to Oysterbay bounds I own and ever will it to be Matinecock and will prove it by many more Indians than here have testified. I have known more than these that are not good witnesses. This testimony aforementioned I do own to be the truth, under my hand and mark in presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed.

The mark of V Tackapowchie

John Underhill,
Henry Redocke,
William Simson,
John dier,

* Vide Wood's "History of Long Island," "Documentary History of New York," Town Records, etc.

Historical and Genealogical Narrative

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A true copy of an attestation by Tackapowchie, Sachem, by me Joseph Carpenter.

We say and know this to be true, what the Sachem has over written and we testify to the same.

Spamelack x his mark

Numham x his mark

Wontapock x his mark

I Sockecock say Hempstead men *lies* if they say I told them that Matinecock land, was but a bit of land. But I say and ever will, as the Sachem and the rest have testified, that it is from the said creek to Oyster Bay bounds— Witness my hand,

Sockecock x his mark.

The following order was accordingly issued by Governor Lovelace to the Constable and Overseers of Hempstead :

Whereas request was long time since made unto me on the behalf of Joseph Carpenter that he might have a certain piece of land on each side of the river at Muskitoe Cove, where he proposes to settle two or three plantations and to erect a saw mill and a fulling mill which may prove very advantageous and be much to the welfare of the inhabitants in general within this Government, with which you have been made acquainted and themselves have made some objections against it, yet have given me no reasonable satisfaction therein, and having just grounds to suspect that the said land thereabout is not as yet within your bounds nor was ever really purchased by you, you having made no improvement thereupon though you pretend to have laid it out into lots for some of the inhabitants of your town.

These are therefore to require you that after the sight hereof with all convenient speed you cause to be laid out for the use of the said Joseph Carpenter a sufficient quantity of land on each side of the said Cove fit for the purposes and intents proposed by him, and that you make immediate return of your proceeding herein unto me which if you shall neglect to do I shall without more ado take care to dispose thereof for the public good as I shall see cause. Given under my hand the 6th day of April 1668.*

The purchase from the Indians being concluded and the consent of the Governor and Council obtained Joseph

* Vide "New York Documentary History," vol. 14, pp. 606-655.

Carpenter at once began the settlement. And as evidence of the good will and friendship of the Indians towards him it can be stated that through all the after years no serious trouble or dispute ever occurred, and none of the settlers seemed to have the least fear from them, rather regarding them as friends, and never as foes.

On November 24, 1668, he received as equal shareholders with him Nathaniel Coles, Abia Carpenter (his brother-in-law), Thomas Townsend, and Robert Coles. Following the example of their Rhode Island people they styled themselves "The Five Proprietors of Musketta Cove Plantations," which name and style was continued until the War of the Revolution. Each one of the Proprietors had a "Home Lott" of five acres set off on which to build a dwelling. These "Home Lotts" were situated on a street or highway which they designated "The Place," and the site of their homes on this street, which still bears the ancient name, are very readily identified.

It is evident that one of the first labors of the settlement was the building of their "saw mill." This being accomplished, timber and lumber for their dwellings was soon at hand. The first house was no doubt ready for occupancy by the winter of 1668, and so strongly was it built that it continued to be used for a dwelling until about 1835. It was built upon Joseph Carpenter's "Home Lott" and occupied by him during his lifetime, being also the birthplace of nearly all his children, and continuing in the family for several generations.*

*On Christmas day, 1885, I visited the site of the first house and secured several brick from the fallen chimney. A tall cherry tree has grown up in the centre of the cellar. This tree I measured at four feet above ground; it was 36 inches in circumference. A still larger tree has grown up on the line of the outer wall, indicating that the house could not have been occupied for at least forty years. The property now belongs to the Dickson Family.

About 1673 Joseph Carpenter had the misfortune to lose his wife by death. She was only about thirty-three years of age, and no doubt the hardship incidental to the life of the pioneer hastened this event. Judging by what we know of her as revealed in her early home life at her father's house, where she had access to a library of unusual value among the settlers, and also by the books which her father gave her in his will, we can but think that she was a woman well educated, of sterling religious character, better fitted perhaps for a refined home than the cabin of the hardy settler.

We are led to place the time of her decease in 1673 to the following recorded events. On June 8, 1673, Abia Carpenter (the brother of Hannah) received a deed from Joseph Carpenter conveying to him all his interests, etc., in lands at Pawtuxet which came to him by the will of his wife's father, and in return Abia transferred all his rights at Musketta Cove to Joseph Carpenter, and is afterwards found at Pawtuxet. Then, on September 2, 1674, Joseph Carpenter and his wife "Ana"* are at Pawtuxet and sign deed of property to Stephen Arnold. These "events," we think, show very clearly the approximate date of the death of Hannah Carpenter and the re-marriage of her husband.

The second wife of Joseph Carpenter was *Ann* (or *Anna*), daughter of *Francis* and *Elizabeth (Luther) Weekes*.† She and her brothers Samuel, John, and Joseph were baptized in the Dutch Church at New York in 1647. Francis Weekes was one of the five persons who was with Roger Williams in the canoe when he first landed at Providence. Roger Williams says of him that "he was a poor young lad who came with them at the request of John Smith (Miller).‡ Not being of age, a

* "Ana" signs by mark, which assuredly *Hannah* would not do.

† This name is variously spelled Wickes, Weeks, Weekes, etc.

‡ Vide Knowles's "Life of Roger Williams."

portion of land was set off for him and held by the Proprietors until he reached legal age. He was an early settler at Hempstead, L. I., where on March 17, 1657, he was chosen townsman. He and his wife, by reason of their "entertaining Quakers," were in 1658 heavily fined, and soon thereafter they removed to Oyster Bay where he died in 1687-8. His will* mentions "his daughter Ann, y^e relict and widdo of Joseph Carpenter, deceased; and Elizabeth y^e wife of Nicholas Simpkins."

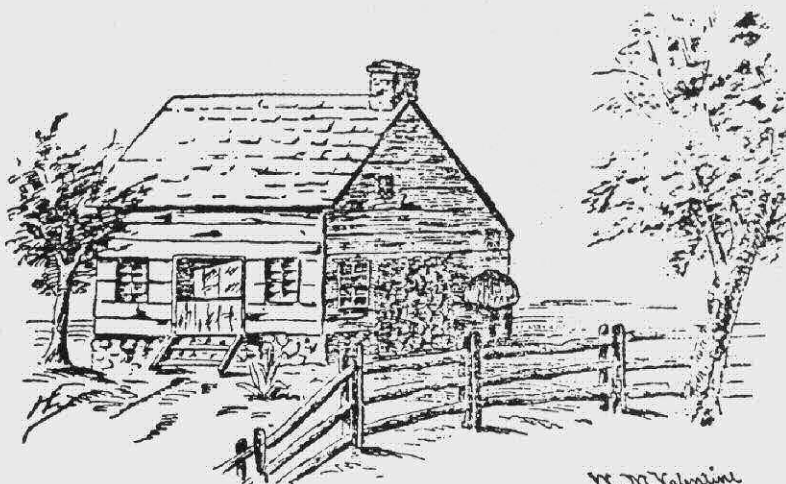
By the records of this period it appears that Daniel Coles purchased the interest of Abia Carpenter, and Nicholas Simpkins that of Thomas Townsend. The King Philip war, which in 1675-76 proved so disastrous to the inhabitants of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was the means of greatly promoting the growth and prosperity of the Musketa Cove and Oyster Bay plantations. The following record will be of interest as showing the sympathy manifested by the people of Long Island in the sufferings of their neighbors and kinsmen.

(N. Y.) At a Councell May 5, 1676,—present the Govenor, Capt Brockholes the secretary, Capt Dyre & Mr Phillips.

Newes being brought from Rhode Island by Mr Joseph Carpenter of the great number of people flockt thither from their habitations destroyed by the Indyans insomuch that the Inhabitants are very much straitened by their numbers and will quickly want provisions. It being proposed whether not convenient at this juncture to send a sloop thither to offer them transportation into this colony where they may have lands assigned them. Ordered, that the Govenor's sloop being ready be forthwith sent to Rhode Island with directions to bring as many passengers as may bee, and that the sloopes belonging to Luycas and Christian now bound for Boston do call there likewise in coming back, and any other sloopes to hasten thither and take in such passengers as are willing to come.†

* Vide Oyster Bay Records, Book B, p. 94, and transcript at Jamaica, vol. 2, p. 201; also reference to "Elizabeth" as his wife, Oyster Bay Records, A, p. 60, January 29, 1673.

† Vide "New York Documentary History," vol. 14, pp. 655-719.



FIRST HOUSE ERECTED IN GLEN COVE.

As it appeared about 1835

Joseph Carpenter 1681

Daniel Coley 1681

Nathaniel Coley 1685

Robert Coley 1681

Nicholas Simmons 1681

THE FIVE PROPRIETORS

Thos. Torngren 1681

(RECORDER)

Ephraim Carpenter 1693

(CONSTABLE)

The Council also ordered a tax to be levied for the relief of the sufferers, appointing Captain William Dyer to receive the amounts raised.

That these sloops brought very many passengers to Musketa Cove is a fact easily proven by the names of those who at this time appear in the transactions of the town and were formerly of Rhode Island. There came Ephraim Carpenter, Will Ingham, William Vincent, Richard Kirby, Thomas Hopkins, Robert Godfree, Benjamin Smith, and many others, who were afterwards identified with the interests of the settlement, satisfactory alike to the town and to the refugee.

Up to this period, 1676, the Proprietors of Oyster Bay and Musketa Cove had title to their land only through their purchase from the Indians. The addition to their numbers caused by this sudden influx from Rhode Island and Massachusetts soon convinced them of the necessity of obtaining the legal Government title. No doubt but application for the proper "patent" had been made to the Governor and Council soon after the purchase from the Indians, but now, as we see by the following in the Musketa Cove Record,* earnest steps were taken to secure the patent.

Memorandum for

	£	s.	d.
going to York for the protecting of the Lyal right of our land	1.	0.	0.
and also to agreement with the Gov ^r for the payment	15.	0.	
for entertaining the Surveyor	5.	0.	

So, "the Governor being entertained and agreement made," on September 29, 1677, Sir Edmond Andros

* This "Record Book" was used in the early days of the settlement up to the year 1692, after which no further legal matters were entered. The surviving Proprietor, Robert Coles, made very many interesting entries therein, which will later be given.

issued patents to both Oyster Bay and Musketa Cove* for the lands formerly purchased by the Proprietors.

The patent to Joseph Carpenter and his fellow Proprietors is still preserved. It is written in old English, interspersed with the bold flourishes usual in the chirography of the times. The following is a copy of the ancient document:

Edmund Andros, Esq., by the grace of God Lieutenant and Governor-General under his royal highness James Duke of York and Albany &c., of all his territory in America. *Whereas*, there is a certain tract of land at Musketo Cove, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, upon Long Island, which by my order hath been laid out for *Joseph Carpenter*, Nathaniel Coales, Daniel Coales, Robert Coales, and Nicholas Simpkins, the said land lying by the side of Hempstead Harbor, beginning at a certain marked tree, formerly marked for Col. Lewis Morris; running then due east by the land of the said Col. Morris 80 chains; ranging the same course from Col. Morris's eastern bounds to a certain marked tree upon the common, 40 chains; thence south 160 and 4 chains; to certain markt trees, 90 chains due west to the rear of the lotts of Richard Kirby, Jacob Brocken, George Downing, and Robert Godfrey; thence due north by the said lotts 60 chains, and thence due west to the water-side, ranging thence by the water-side to the Run of Col. Lewis Morris, and thence nearest south to the first markt tree; including in the same the swamp and Mill Run to the said patentees, containing in all 1,700 acres, as by the return under the hand of the surveyor doth and may appear. Know yee, that by virtue of his Majesty's Lettres Patent, and the commission and authority unto mee given by his Royal Highness, I have

*The name *Musketa Cove* has been spelled in so many different ways and its meaning so variously commented upon that I have spent considerable time in order to ascertain the correct spelling and its real meaning. I believe the Indians called all low meadow lands "*Muskoota*" lands, hence this cove was called "*Muskoota Cove*," or the *reedy* cove. If the reader will consult Thoreau's "*Maine Woods*," or Riker's "*History of Harlem*," or Bolton's "*Westchester*" they will find such definition there given. The name became so generally called and spelled "*Mosquito Cove*" that the residents of the town in 1834 resolved to change its name to "*Glen Cove*," which pleasant title it is likely to retain for all time.

D. H. C.

given and granted, and by these presents do hereby give and grant unto the said *Joseph Carpenter*, Nathaniel Coales, Daniel Coales, Robert Coales, and Nicholas Simpkins, their heirs and assignees, the afore-mentioned tract of swamp, mill-run, and premises, with their and every of their appurtenances. *To have and to hold* the said tract of land, swamp, mill-run, and premises, unto the said *Joseph Carpenter*, Nathaniel Coales, Daniel Coales, Robert Coales, and Nicholas Simpkins, their heirs and assignees, unto the proper use and behoofs of them, the said *Joseph Carpenter*, Nathaniel Coales, Daniel Coales, Robert Coales, and Nicholas Simpkins, their heirs and assignees forever. They making improvements thereon according to law, and yielding and paying therefor yearly and every year unto His Royal Highness's use as a Quit rent, one bushel of good Winter wheat, unto such officer or officers as shall be empowered to receive the same. *Given* under my hand and sealed with the seal of the Province of New York, this 29th day of September in the 29th year of His Majesty's reign, A. D. 1677. E. Andros.

Examined by mee, Mathias Nicolls, Secty.

Following the erection of the saw-mill Carpenter built a grist-mill and a fulling-mill and entered into the following agreement with the settlers:

Agreed yt wharas I Joseph Carpenter haueing built a grist mill joyneing to oure new saw mill and upon ye streame which belongeth to us five purchasers, Nathaniel Colles, Daniel Colles, Robartt Colles, Nicholas Simpkins and myselfe, and in consideration of their parts of ye streame and timbar, I Joseph Carpenter doe pledge myselfe, my heyres, exsexetors, administrators, or assignes, shall keep or maintaine ye saide mill to grind ye aforesaid proprietors corne or grayne for each of these famylies, well and tolle free forever, and iff myselfe, my heyers, exsexetors, administrators or assignes for the futur shall see case to lett ye sayd grist mill fall and not to keep it in repayre for ye fulfilling of ye conditions as above inserted, that then and after forever ye aforesaid stream to remain to us five proprietors and oure heyers, and assignes forever to dispose of as we shall see case. To which I have sett my hand and seale ye 14th of Janewary, 1677.

Joseph Carpenter. (L. s.)

The mill referred to was erected on a dam thrown across the stream about half way between the present upper and lower dams.

The sawmill especially soon became, as had been suggested, "very advantageous" to the colony, as shown by the following letter, probably from Gov. Anthony Brockholles:

Mr. Joseph Carpenter:

There being present occasion for the use of the Fort for fifteen hundred foot of plank of two inch, more than what i already writte for, I desire you'll provide it with all expedition. I having sent a boat expresse to fetch it, who I have ordered to stay till it be ready. Theretore I pray by no means fail therein. I am your very loving friend,

NEW YORK, May 27, 1678.

A. B.

The fort referred to was probably old Fort James, the "Fort Amsterdam" of the Dutch, that stood at the lower end of Manhattan Island.

In the latter part of the year 1884 there was found in the garret of Mr. William Mudge of Glen Cove, L. I., an old account book, belonging formerly to Moses Mudge, who was a merchant or store-keeper at Musketa Cove after 1674. Happily I made copious extracts from this book, for now it has disappeared. The facts gathered, together with the data furnished in the old Musketa Cove book of Records (afterwards termed "Robert Coles's Journal"), are of such a character as to astonish us at the amount and variety of the industries carried on in this settlement.

Here, in less than ten years from the date of its founding, and in an era of the slowest progress, we find engaged a small army of *carpenters, weavers, wool-spinners, sawyers, sadlers, tailors, tanners, cordwainers (shoe makers), millers, millwrights, ship-builders, coopers, caulkers, makers of wooden-ware*, etc., etc. They had their own town government, *Constable, Overseers, Justice of the Peace*, and *Recorder*. They held town meetings, and elected their own officers until the organization of Queens County in 1683. And on every page of these old writ-

why ye survey of ye lands fell out so contrary to their understanding was because they had sold part of that mill square on ye north side of three hundred acres which they now could not make good inasmuch as it was now laid out to Col Morris and could not be altered; Upon which ye Indians when they came to understand right as it was did condescend and agree y^t ye survey of Musketa Cove lands should stand good as Mr Ryder* had laid out and the *patten* to stand of force accordingly and no further dispute or contention to be about ye same from them or from their heires forever. To which they desire your honor may be satisfied thare condescending to the same by subscribing their hands this 16th day of January 1678.

Job Wright }
Isaac Doughty } witnesses

Arumpos x his mark
Suscanemon x his mark
Werah x his mark

The various interests in the mills and in the lands of the patent and other undertakings of Joseph Carpenter all seem to have prospered during this last decade of his life, 1673-83. The summer of 1683[†] is known as "the sickly season," and the events of that season as recorded afford proof of the decease of Mr. Carpenter. His brother Ephraim in September went to Rhode Island, carrying the sad news to his father, who thereupon added that codicil to his will relating to "his son Joseph," and on July 9, 1684, letters of administration were granted to *Ann Carpenter* and *Joseph Carpenter* upon the estate of *Joseph Carpenter* of Oyster Bay, *late deceased*.[‡]

Nothing is known as to the place of his burial. In some of the old deeds mention is made of "ye place of ye Graves," and as described indicates a location just north of the present Dickson homestead, which originally was part of the Joseph Carpenter "Home Lott"; here, following the general plan of the early colonists, was reserved a plot for his family burial-place, and here most

* Mr. R. Ryder was surveyor also at Mamaroneck, Harrison, and Rye in Westchester County.

† Vide "New York Documentary History," vol. 2, p. 306.

‡ O'Callaghan's Calendar of Manuscripts at Albany, vol. 33, p. 29.

probably he and others of his family found their last resting-place.

No record of the children of Joseph Carpenter has ever been found. We have to rely again upon the events of the period for the proofs relating to his family, which proofs have been carefully gone over and if followed out can but convince the reader of their correctness. Joseph Carpenter's children were born between 1660 and 1683; there appear to have been nine of them, and the order of their birth is approximately as follows:

Children.

Father Joseph ^{RIN} 619 ✓

- 10 JOSEPH, born at Pawtuxet, R. I., 1660.
- 11 A DAUGHTER, name unknown, born 1662 (mar-^{Elizabeth}ried William Thornicraft).
- 12 TAMSEN, born 1664, married John Williams.
- 13 WILLIAM, born 1666.
- 14 NATHANIEL, born 1668, first white child born at Musceta Cove.
- 15 HANNAH, born 1672-3, married Jacob Hicks in 1690.
- 16 ANN, born 1676, married Joseph Weeks.
- 17 BENJAMIN, born 1680.
- 18 JOHN, born 1683.

} By
second
wife.

10 Joseph Carpenter, the eldest son of Joseph^r and Hannah (Carpenter) Carpenter, was born at Pawtuxet, R. I., about 1660. There is just enough in the record to show that he was "the eldest son," and inherited the estate and title of his father. An occasional reference in transfers of property, his payment of "quit rent" in 1687, mention of the birth of his son,—these constitute about all that we know of him. He appears to have kept together what his father acquired, carrying on the

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business of the mill and plantation. There is a vague tradition that he lost his life in endeavoring to save the mill property during a freshet which carried away the mill dam and the adjoining buildings. His decease occurred between September 9, 1687, and 1690. There is an uncertainty as to the name of his wife. That it was *Ann* or *Anne* we know, and were early led to believe that she was daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Weekes) Simkins, but in the absence of any affirmative proof thereof we now think she was daughter of Thomas Thornycraft, and sister to William Thornycraft.

Children.

19 JOSEPH, born October 16, 1685.

20 THOMAS, born August 15, 1687.

4831 ^{Elizabeth} 11 A daughter of Joseph² and Hannah (Carpenter) Carpenter, born about 1662, but whose name is un-

By inference he was *Joseph, Junior*, Nov. 9, 1674. (See deed to Moses Mudge, p. 41.)

He was co-administrator with his stepmother on the estate of his father July 9, 1684. (Vide Colonial Records at Albany.)

He had a share of land at Matinecock, 1685, and on May 13, 1686, buys a parcel of land from John and Tamsen Williams. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 2, p. 319.)

"New York, Sept. 9, 1687. Received of Joseph Carpenter for and in behalf of ye tounne of Oyster Bay for Quit Rents due by ye said Tounne, Three Lambs, pay for quit rent for three years to ye 25th of March last past, I say received by me. P^e V. Cortlandt." (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. B, p. 5.)

The record of the birth of his son Joseph is in vol. B of Oyster Bay Records, p. 2, on which page are deeds of 1687, etc.; also on pp. 299, 209, 314, are mentions of Joseph Carpenter deceased, 1692-93; also mentions in Musketa Cove Records by Robert Coles.

Moste page at any time made done or granted by me the said Joseph Carpenter (claiming of to claim) or any other
ways by any person claiming either for by through or otherwise. And that the said Stephen should sell at his
own hand and of the signing hereof & of all and singular of the same stand truly & lawfully seized & possessed with all
the said lands & every part & parcel thereof & of a good quiet lawfull absolute & undisturbed estate of
possession in fee simple together with & the bargain & promise at the true & most a right full consideration
thereof. And I do further by these present signify bind my self my heirs my Executors & Administrators at all
times to save harmless the said Stephen & his heirs Executors Administrators & assigns from all claims
of Dower Jointure or Entails or from any claim of this or which shall or at any time may arise as to his
unto the premises or any part thereof either for by or through or otherwise my now wife Elizabeth whose
of I doe hereunto set my hand & seal the second day of September in the year one thousand six hundred and
seventy four.

Signed Sealed
& Delivered
In the presence
of us
Silas Carpenter

William Carpenter Juner

Be it known unto all people
by these presents that William
Carpenter of Dartmouth
within the Towne, Ship of
Providence, in Road Island
& Providence plantations colony,
doe fully shew unto what my
son Joseph Carpenter have
done make a several variation
and doe enjoyne both myselfe &
all persons what so ever which at
any time may arise under my right
to molest the said Stephen or his
any person what so ever under him
in the full enjoyment of every par-
ticular part and parcel thereof
in the above written conveyance, as witness
my hand the day of the date of the same

Memorandum the word River
which is between the fourth and
fifth and sixth line, was interlined
between the 2^d & 3^d presents mentioned
and sealed, as in and to the same

Joseph Carpenter
William Carpenter senior

The mark of A Ana Carpenter

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known, became the wife of William Thornycraft,* proof of which fact is found in the following record:

febrewary y^e 17th in ye yeare 1682

Recorded by order and consent yt whereas *William Thorney Craft* by his deed from us was to have twenty acres layd out with Samuel Pell, Moses Mudge and Ephraim Carpenter, but having since exchanged his privelege of twenty acres as by deed to be layed out with *his father-in-law Joseph Carpenter* and by request we doe grant an order and give leave to ye sayd Joseph Carpenter his heirs or assigns to take up ye afore-sayd twenty acres of land by hempstead harbor so called and being a vacant peice of land on ye west side of his fifty acre lott being ye first in devision on ye south side of ye cove,—tthis entered by order of me.

Tho: Townsend, Recorder

By ye same day agreed and ordered to be recorded an exchange of lands between Joseph Carpenter and William Thorny Chrafft the contents whereof being and is as followeth, viz: to be understood that whereas William Thorny Craft was to have twenty acres of land layd out to him as by his deed inserted to be in devision with Samuel Pell Ephraim Carpenter and Moses Mudge, he, ye same William doth assign and make over ye sayd twenty acres of land unto *his father-in-law Joseph Carpenter* on ye south side of ye cove which was formerly by devision Nicholas Simpkins and being in ye third share by allotment, and to ye true performance hereof we have hereunto sett our hands

William ^{his} x Thorny chrafft
mark
Joseph Carpenter.

Attest Tho: Townsend
Recorder

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12 Tamsen Carpenter, daughter of Joseph^a and Hannah Carpenter, was born at Pawtuxet, R. I., about 1664, and was probably named for her great-aunt

* William Thornycraft was son and heir of Thomas Thornicraft of Massapague Kills who died there in 1690. William Thornycraft and wife had son William who married Mary Coles, Thomas who married Wilmot Albertson, and Joseph who married Martha White. In later years the name was shortened to *Craft*.

"Tomazin."* About 1682 she married John Williams, cordwainer (shoemaker). He is said to have been in some way related to Roger Williams. It will be noted in the account of the *daughter* who married a Thornycraft that in February, 1682, her father made deed of land to said Thornycraft, and now, of same date, he deeds land to John Williams, leading us to believe that both conveyances were marriage settlements. The deed to Williams is as follows:†

Muscheda cove, the 13th of february 1682.

Be it known to all Christian People to whom this deed of conveyance maye come or in any way consarn, Know ye that I Joseph Carpenter, Sen^r of abovesaid upon good considerations moving me hereunto have granted, *given*, and by these presents doe grant, alienate and make over unto John Williams, *cord wainner*, now residing on ye same place, four acres of land, bounded, lying and being on ye north side of ye highway, against my now dwelling house, Butting to ye highway at ye south end and joyning on ye west side to daniell Colles home lot, being sixteen rods wide in ye front to ye street south end, on reare north end ye same breadth, and in length by ye said daniell Colles Lott forty rod, containing within ye said bounds as above inserted four acres more or less, the which I ye above said Joseph Carpenter, doe grant, assigne, confirme, alienate and make over from me, my heyres, executors, administrators or assigns forever unto ye above said John Williams, his heyres, executors, administrators or assigns, to have and to hold, to occupy, posess and enjoy forever without let hindrance or molestation from me or any from by or under me, having received satisfaction for ye same, as witness my hand and seal day and date above written,—*further to be understood ye said land if to be sold at any time after ye date hereof, ye said Joseph, his heyres or assigns to have ye first refusal.*

(Signed) Joseph Carpenter.

Tho: Townsend }
Isack doughty } witnesses

20165 *Tomazin Carpenter came over in 1635 in ship Susan and Ellen; her age is given as 35 years. She is believed to have been an elder sister of William of Providence and to have returned to England, as nothing further is seen of her.

† As per Oyster Bay Records. This property now belongs to the Dickson family.

There is some reason to suppose that previous to his marriage John Williams had been addicted to strong drink. We find that in 1681 he balanced his account "at the store" * where charges for "wine, sider &c." to the amount of £3 13s. 4d. was paid by shoes that he had made. After his marriage, and following the death of his wife's father, he sold his property at Musketa Cove and removed to Madnan's Neck (now Great Neck, L. I.), and the next that we find of him is the following from the Records in New York Surrogate's office, in vols. 5, 6, and 7 of Wills:

Tomasin Williams, widow of John Williams, cordwainner, of Madans Neck, is appointed administrator of his estate April 4, 1705, and an inventory filed on May 1, 1705, shows personal estate to the amount of £393 4s. 10d. The inventory was made by John Haviland, yeoman, and Theodouros Van Wyck, carpenter, and among the bills presented against the estate was:

	£	s.	d.
for going to York	1.	1.	0.
funeral expenses	1.	7.	6.
Lawyer	1.	0.	0.
Coroners Inquest	5.	0.	0.

And following this we find on record at White Plains that Tomasin Williams, relict of John Williams, late of Madnan's Neck, purchased from Joseph Purdy, John Horton, and Daniel Purdy 300 acres of woodland of the patent of John Clap and Company on the Byram River, Westchester County, dated May 12, 1706. (Records, vol. C, p. 430.)

Of the descendants of John and Tomasin Williams it is claimed that one of them was David Williams who assisted in the capture of Major André.

* See "Addenda," and also article in Glen Cove "Gazette," Dec. 22, 1883, and Oyster Bay Records, vol. 2, p. 320.

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13 William Carpenter, son of Joseph² and Hannah Carpenter, was born at Pawtuxet, R. I., about 1666. His wife was Elizabeth The first mention of him is found in the will of his grandfather, 1683, and in 1692 he appears at Pawtuxet, when he sold the property so given by will.

He acted as one of the Proprietors after the death of his brother Joseph¹⁰ until 1706, when his nephew Joseph¹⁰ attained legal age. A glance at the Town Records shows very clearly that he was a large land-owner and prominent in the affairs of the plantation. He was a blacksmith by trade, and had his homestead and shop in that part of the town known as "Duck Pond."* He sold this

* "Duck Pond" is a singular formation situated on some of the highest land in that locality. It is a considerable body of water, clear and pure, and in the earlier days was the resting-place for the flocks of wild ducks when migrating north or south. The immediate neighborhood is now the residential part of the town and is known as Nassau Station.

1692, Jan. 25th. "William Carpenter of Muskoota Cove on Long Island," sells to his *uncle Silas Carpenter* of Providence land situated at Pawtuxet, which was bequeathed to him by his grandfather's will. (Vide Providence Records, vol. 4, p. 21, etc.)

1693, Feb. 4th and 10th. He and his brother Nathaniel buy from Nathaniel Coles a parcel of land bounded by lands of Samuel Coles and meadows of *Joseph Carpenter, deceased*, and by this deed show the division of lots. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. B, pp. 299-314.)

1699, March 27. He with Robert Coles and the other Proprietors grant privileges to Robert Coles, Jr., showing that he acted as "Proprietor." (Ibid, vol. C, p. 57.)

1700, Aug. 3. He and his brother Nathaniel divide the land they bought of Nathaniel Coles. (Ibid, vol. C, p. 51.)

1706, Jan. 4. He buys 50 acres from Benjamin and Joseph Coles on the south side of the mill creek, bounded by land of Joseph Carpenter, near Littleworth. (Ibid, vol. D, p. 14.)

1706, Oct. 5. "Joseph Carpenter, eldest son and heir of Joseph Carpenter of Musketo Cove, deceased, in consideration of the love and good will and natural affection which he hath and doth bear to his uncle William Carpenter of Musketa cove and for many favors received of his said uncle," gives 52 acres of land bounded east by Musketa Cove line, west

Francis weeks 1661 Glad Carpenter
 John Carpenter 1703 Sarah Carpenter 1757 - May 10th
 Thomas Carpenter 1708 Mary Thorne 1751
 Joseph Carpenter Lono Carpenter
 Friday Carpenter William Laurence
 William Carpenter 1713 Lewis Carpenter
 William Carpenter Elizabeth Carpenter
 Benjamin Carpenter 1724 Jacob Carpenter
 Peter Cotton 1729 Jonathan Carpenter 22.7.1728
 Thomas Carpenter James bearing
 Mungo Cochran
 Thomas Carpenter 1725 Sarah Carpenter
 Thomas-Carpenter Junr 1723
 Joseph Carpenter Lattin Carpenter 1792 Apr 29
 of Redyfly 1731 Robert Coley 1601
 Benjamin Carpenter 1751 Nathaniel Coley 1703

property in 1720, and probably at this date removed to Westchester County, though he still had landed interests at Musketa Cove as late as 1734. He died about 1735.

Regarding the wife of William Carpenter we can only say that beyond knowing that her name was *Elizabeth* all is conjecture. Various names have been suggested for her family, but as each have been traced they have shown the

by highway to Jericho and north and south by lands of Samuel Weeks. (Ibid, Record, vol. D, pp. 15-17.)

1708, Feb. 24. William Carpenter, blacksmith, sells to Thomas Carpenter for £300 the foregoing 52 acres, and buys at same date for £200, 100 acres at Duck Pond, bounded by land of Benjamin Coles and Nathaniel Carpenter, from Thomas and Joseph Carpenter. (Ibid, D, p. 189, and F, p. 328.) And at various dates from 1706 to 1718 he buys the rights of Samuel, Benjamin, and Joseph Coles, sons of Daniel Coles, and also of Nathaniel, Caleb, and Harvey Coles, sons of Nathaniel Coles, and also of Robert, John, Charles, and Nathan, sons of Robert Coles, of that tract known as the "half Lott." (Ibid, F, p. 327, etc.)

1720, May 13. *William Carpenter, Senior*, and *Elizabeth* his wife sell to Dorothy Cock his farm of 81 acres situated at Duck Pond, for £312, bounded east by land of Benjamin Coles, south by land of Benjamin Carpenter which I gave him, west by land of Benjamin and Harvey Coles, and north by land of John Linds and the highway. Reserving to myself 3 acres lying at the N. W. corner of said land lying between the highway and the stream of water called "Rackle Snaik Swamp." In deed he calls himself "blacksmith." The witnesses are Silas Carpenter and George Townsend. (Ibid, D, p. 292, etc.)

1722, May 8. William Carpenter and his son Silas buy from Lancaster Symes and Peter Fauconier, 375 acres at North Castle and Rye on the Byram River, Westchester County, for which they pay £350. James Brown and James Weeks, witnesses. This deed also recites that Silas is to have 140 acres all in one plot, and further, one of the boundaries is land of Nathaniel Carpenter, and that William Carpenter is now in actual possession. (Vide Westchester Deeds, G, pp. 215-217.)

1734, April 2. William Carpenter, Senior, and Benjamin Coles give quit-claim deed to Joseph Coles. (Vide transcript of O. B. Record, 9, p. 434.)

1713, June 19. William Carpenter, *senior* and *junior*, sell 32 acres at Duck Pond to John Lovell (Miller), said land being near the house of William, senior. (Ibid, vol. 9, p. 31.)

NO! fallacy of the suggestion. There is a *possibility* amounting to a *probability* that she was his cousin, daughter of Ephraim Carpenter, iv. She died about 1743.

That he had a large family is evident, but, as in some other cases, only the male members can be traced; yet the others here named are undoubtedly of his family.

602 ✓ Father William Children of William¹³ and Elizabeth Carpenter.

- 21 WILLIAM, born about 1688.
- 22 JOSEPH. abt 1692
- 23 SILAS. abt 1694
- 24 BENJAMIN, born March 25, 1696.
- ? — 25 TIMOTHY, born April 1, 1698.
- 26 ELIZABETH, wife of Samuel Weeks.
- 27 HANNAH, wife of Samuel Coles.
- 28 RUTH, who married William Thornicraft, May 11, 1729. (Vide the Record of St. George's Church, Hempstead.)
- 29 MARY, who married Captain Thomas Kipp, on April 17, 1731. (Vide St. George's Church Record.) He was a resident of Musketa Cove at time of his marriage and "his estate," six acres, is mentioned in tax list, 1786.
- 30 BENEDICT, born June 7, 1717.

625 14 Nathaniel Carpenter, the third son of Joseph¹ and his wife Hannah, was probably the first white child born at Musketa Cove, which event took place in the summer of 1668.

Anna, daughter of Jacob Coles, married Judge Divine Hewlett of Cold Spring, L. I. She was born 1768 and died 1855. Among the papers left by her husband was one stating that the grandfather of Mrs. Hewlett was Daniel Coles of Cedar Swamp, whose wife was *Ann Carpenter*. She may have been the daughter of William Carpenter.¹³ The said Daniel Coles died 1804, aged 91 years.

The first mention we have concerning him is his marriage to *Tamar*, the eldest daughter of *Robert Coles* and his wife *Mercy Wright*. The record of this marriage and the date of the birth of *Tamar* are found in the Journal of Robert Coles, which says she was born May 18, 1673, and was married November 5, 1690. On April 18, 1694, the father of *Tamar*, as "a free gift," deeded to Nathaniel Carpenter a farm of fifty acres "because he hath married my eldest daughter *Tamar*." To this farm Nathaniel Coles, for whom he was named, deeded another fifty acres adjoining, and Joseph Carpenter 3d, the nephew of Nathaniel Carpenter, "in consideration of the love, good-will, natural affection, etc., which he hath for his uncle," gave another fifty acres. To these parcels Nathaniel added an additional parcel, making in all a farm of 220 acres. This farm was situated in that part of the town known as Cedar Swamp, and was on the westerly side of the highway leading from Musketa Cove to "Lusum" (Jericho) and of late years has been the property of the Caleb Frost family, to whom it was sold in 1796 by Mary and Martha Pearsall ("single women") for the sum of £2840 and is described in the deed as being the farm Nathaniel Carpenter sold to Thomas Pearsall, Sr.

The Town Records have only a few mentions of Na-

The "*Coles family*" are so closely allied to the Carpenter family that a few lines concerning them will not be amiss.

Robert Coles came from England in the fleet with Governor Winthrop, 1630 (to Roxbury or Ipswich). He was made freeman in 1631, and for intoxication was several times fined, and his fine remitted, possibly with the understanding that he was to leave the colony. He came to Rhode Island in 1637, reformed in earnest and was one of the founders with Roger Williams, William Carpenter, etc., of the First Baptist Church. His wife was Mary Hawkhurst. He died previous to October 18, 1654, when his property was distributed by the town, "the same as it should have been had he left a will." His widow married Matthias Harvey and removed to Oyster Bay. The children of Robert Coles were *John*, *Daniel*, *Nathaniel*, *Robert*, *Ann*, and *Elizabeth*.

thaniel Carpenter: once or twice he appears at town meetings, then again his name is seen on a petition for laying out a road, which with his purchase and sale of his land constitute all so found. The Friends' meeting minutes have no account of him, by which I judge that at this date the family were not in accord with them.

John Coles had wife Ann — and son Solomon. John Coles died 1665, and his widow in 1683 married William Lines (Lyons).

Daniel Coles married "Mahah Shalal Hasbaz," the daughter of the eccentric Samuel Gorton of Warwick, R. I. He died 1692. His children were Samuel, Benjamin, Joseph, Elizabeth, Susannah, Sarah, Ann, and Mary.

Nathaniel Coles married first Martha, daughter of Robert and Agnes Jackson; they had son Nathaniel, born August 24, 1668; she died December 17 following. He then married Deborah Wright and had sons Caleb and Harvey and daughter Martha.

Robert Coles married Mercy Wright, sister to the wife of his brother Nathaniel (both being daughters of Nicholas and Ann Wright). They had Nathan, Tamar, John, Charles, Robert, Mercy, and Mary.

Thompson, in his history of Long Island, says that the Coles family were of Irish descent. I think that they were Welsh, coming from near Bristol, England.

Nicholas Wright made his will April 10, 1674, and says he was then 65 years old. (Vide New York Wills, vol. 2, p. 322.)

1692. "Whereas the proprietors have laid out a peice of their lands lying between ye Fresh Meadows and Littleworth line to each man a lott as followeth, and whereas Joseph Carpenter did formerly allow William Thornicraft 20 acres out of his 50 acre lott, the proprietors hereby agree in lieu thereof to allow him ye said Joseph 13 rods in breadth, and to begin at ye south side of ye Musketo Cove line and ranging west to Littleworth line and East to ye Fresh Meadows, and next adjoining that is Joseph Carpenters lott being ye *first* in Number, ranging East and West, and being in breadth 56 rods.

The 2nd Lott 28 poles in breadth being Robert Coles.

" 3d "	28	" "	Nathaniel Coles.
" 4th "	56	" "	Nicholas Simkins.
" 5th "	56	" "	Daniel Coles.

All the lotts abutting against Littleworth line and ye Fresh Meadows."

The above agreement among the Five Proprietors is recorded in the old Oyster Bay Records, Book B, pages 314 and 315, and bears date December 27, 1692. *Ann Carpenter* signs as executor of Joseph Car-

A few years after the death of Joseph^{ro} (say from the year 1700) and for half a century thereafter there was an "exodus" of the settlers of Musketa Cove and Oyster Bay to "the main shore," as Westchester County was for a long time called. Land there and on the Hudson River was offered to actual settlers for a few shillings per

penter, deceased, and *Mabah Shalal Hasbaz Coles* signs as the executor of Daniel Coles,—and lots 2, 3, and one-half of lot 1, with the additional 13 rods in breadth, constitute the 220 acres in the farm of Nathaniel Carpenter, as may be seen by the transcript at Jamaica, L. I., in vol. 3, p. 285, April 18, 1694; vol. 6, p. 23, October 21, 1706; vol. 6, p. 117, March 1, 1706; vol. 6, p. 220, November 6, 1708.

1707 and 1710. Nathaniel Carpenter is one of the signers at the Town Meeting called to settle the differences between Hempstead and Oyster Bay. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, Book D, pp. 1-10.)

1719. In the deed of April 16, 1719, the "13 Rod" piece seems to have been left out, and to perfect the title Nathaniel Carpenter (*alone*), on the 4d. 3m. 1723, gives to Pearsall a deed for this parcel, and says he is of "North Castle, near Rye," and by his signing alone gives the impression that his wife was deceased. He signs by mark x, she writes her name. (Oyster Bay Records, vol. E, p. 257.)

1729. May 15. Nathaniel Carpenter buys from Job Wright a tract of land at North Castle, bounded on the east by Byram River, and running northerly to land of Robert Carpenter, being the southeast corner of said Robert Carpenter's land, thence west 25° north, 84 chains, thence southerly 72 rods, thence easterly 84 chains to Byram River, being 42 rods wide from end to end. Price £50. Joseph Carpenter and Robert Carpenter witnesses. (Vide Westchester Records, F, p. 324.)

1735. June 21. Robert Carpenter sells land to Benjamin Carpenter which appears to be the above tract, containing 150 acres, as appears on record in New York city, July 25, 1759. (See Benjamin 33.)

The north boundary of Nathaniel Carpenter's land at Cedar Swamp was "Peter Roots land," and by the will of Jeruman Roots, dated 1696 (vide Jamaica Records), it appears that for second wife he married the widow Wilmutt Albertson. In this will he names "My daughters Dorothy 'Snethen' and Phebe Roots, our son Peter, and my wives children Elizabeth Coles, Derrick, William, and Garrett Albertson, sons in law Samuel Coles and Nicholas Snethen." So the wife of Samuel Coles (son of Daniel) was Elizabeth Albertson, while her brother Derrick married Elizabeth the sister of Samuel Coles (an exchange of Elizabeths). The children of Derrick and Elizabeth Albertson were *Derrick*, married Re-

acre, and then, too, there seems to have been some trouble among the "Five Proprietors" of Musketa Cove relating to their "Proprietorship," caused, I think, by the second marriage of Joseph 1st and the early decease of his son Joseph 2d. At any rate, we find that families of Coles, Weeks, Lattings, Wrights, Townsends, Carpenters, Cocks, and many others sold their farms and removed to "The Main," they being among the first settlers at Rye, North Castle, Bedford, Harrison, and Mamaroneck.

On April 16, 1719, *Nathaniel Carpenter* and his wife *Tamar* for £700 sell their property to Thomas Pearsall and remove to "North Castle near Rye." They no doubt bought property there at about this time, but no record of such purchase can now be found, as many of the early Town Records were burned or destroyed by the British soldiers when they occupied Bedford during the Revolutionary War. But there is a record of his purchasing on May 15, 1729, a tract of land from Job

becca De Grove; *Daniel*, married Elizabeth —; *Penelope*, married Jacob Doughty; *Wilmot*, married — Craft; *Dinah*, married Benjamin Carpenter the sadler; *Mary*, married William Loines, and *Albert*, who died probably 1723.

The above will also show that the wife of Timothy Carpenter was in all probability the daughter of Samuel Coles, as tradition states.

Bolton, in his history of Westchester County, in giving the Carpenter pedigree follows Thompson's History of Long Island and is therefore in error regarding the early line. He states that "Nathaniel Carpenter had his farm at North Castle, near where H. A. Birdsall lives (1881) at Armonk, and that his son was the first white child born in the county, which so pleased the Indians that they gave it 100 acres in the Byram Valley, about 1 mile south of the lake. Said farm is bounded west by a precipitous line of hills, which extends north to Brimstone Alley."

It is very evident that Nathaniel removed to North Castle immediately after the sale of his Long Island property, for in the description of the land bought by William and Silas Carpenter, May 8, 1722, the deed recites that said 375 acres joins the land of Nathaniel Carpenter. (Vide Westchester County Deeds, vol. G, p. 215.)

Wright, situated at North Castle, joining to the land of Robert Carpenter on Byram River, which purchase is witnessed by Robert and Joseph Carpenter. This date is the latest I can anywhere find relating to him or his wife. I think, though, that she was deceased by 1723. He probably was living 1730.

Children. ^{Father} Nathaniel 625 ✓

- 31 HANNAH, born about 1691.
- 32 JOSEPH, born about 1693. *went to VA*
- 33 ROBERT, born about 1694.
- 34 BENJAMIN, born about 1696.
- 35 JOHN, born about 1698.
- 36 ANNE, born about 1702.
- 37 ABIGAIL, born about 1705.
- 38 NATHANIEL, born about 1708.
and probably other daughters and a son Samuel.

17 Benjamin Carpenter, son of Joseph^r and Ann (Weeks) Carpenter, was born at Musketa Cove about 1676. His wife was *Mercy, daughter of Robert and Mercy (Wright) Coles*. She was born, as the quaint record of her father states, on "Monday, March 24, 16⁸¹." They were married 1704. 630 ✓

In the division of lands by the Five Proprietors on December 10, 1692, the fourth lot in said division fell to "*Ann Carpenter*, widow and executor of *Joseph Carpenter* deceased," and on February 25, 1712, "*Joseph Carpenter* 3d ye proprietor of ye fifth part of Musketa Cove purchase, etc., etc.," at the request of Benjamin and John Carpenter gave them a quit-claim deed to the above fourth lot, thus making complete their title to this property. This deed describes the property as "bounded on y^e East by Nicholas Sneathings lot, on y^e West and North by y^e Sea, and on y^e South by a highway leading to

ye Mill Stone Springs." On January 6, 1713, the brothers (Benjamin and John) divide this property by open-

1714. December 13. Robert Coles sells for £100 to Benjamin Carpenter land bounded on ye South by ye highway leading from ye cleft rock to ye Mill Stone Springs, on ye East by land of Charles Coles, on ye North by land of William Mudge, on ye west by ye lane that leads to Nicholas Sneathin, it being in breadth 40 rods which is half ye breadth of ye 2nd lott, as can plainly be seen in ye records of Muscheto Cove. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 6, p. 377.)

This "lot No. 4" is now one of the finest in all Glen Cove, and is owned by the Barlow, Post, Clements, Jackson, and Pratt families. "Cleft Rock" was at the westerly end of the present Cottage Row; it has long ago disappeared, having been worked up in foundations for the cottages. Mill Stone Spring (or was it *Mile Stone*?) is at the head of the steamboat dock, and is still pouring forth a plentiful supply of clear pure water.

1726. Benjamin Carpenter was supervisor of the town of Oyster Bay, 1726 to 1729, and in 1728 a captain's commission from the King of England was granted to him. This document is now to be seen among the relics at Washington's headquarters in Newburgh, where it was placed by his descendants who removed to Lattingtown, Ulster County. It is numbered "Document No. 225."

BY HIS EXCELLENCY.

John Montgomery Esq, Captain General and Governor in Chief of Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Territories depending thereon in America, and Vice Admiral of same etc,

To Benjamin Carpenter Gen, Greeting; Reposing especial Trust and Confidence, as well in the Care, Diligence and Circumspection, as in the Loyalty, Courage and Readiness of you, to do his Majesty good and faithful Service, Have nominated, constituted and appointed, and I do, by virtue of the Powers and Authorities unto me given by his Majesty, under the broad seal of Great Britian, hereby nominate, constitute and appoint you, the said Benjamin Carpenter, Captain of the Western Company of the [*this part is unreadable*] of Oyster Bay in Queens County.

You are are therefore to take the said company into your Charge and Care as Captain thereof and duly to exercise both the Officers and Soldiers of that Company in Arms, and as they are hereby Commanded to obey you as their Captain, so are you likewise to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from your Colonel or any other of your Superior Officer or Officers, according to

ing up a lane through it, "beginning at ye Red Spring, and thence running southerly to the highway that leads

the Rules and Discipline of War. In pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you, and for so doing this shall be your Commission.

Given under my hand and seal, at Fort George in New York, the twenty ninth day of November in the second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britian, France and Irland King, Defender of the Faith. Annoq. Domini one thousand Seven hundred and twenty eight.

By his Excellency's command,

J. Montgomery.

W. Bobin, Secretary.

1746. "Benjamin Carpenter and Theodorus Colyer came to my house with a warrant from Capt. Wright Frost and demanded for my not appearing at Training, Eleven Shillings, which I refused to pay, they took seven pounds of Wool, which I suppose to be worth Ten shillings and sixpence. Dated 28d. 3mo. 1746. (Signed) John Cock." (Vide Westbury Friends' Meeting Minutes.)

1746. "The same Sargents came to my house with a warrant from the same Captain and demanded twenty shillings for my not appearing at training, upon my refusal to pay that, they took 36 pounds of Bacon which I suppose to be worth 18 shillings, dated 26th day of 4th mo. (Signed) John Cock." (Vide Westbury Friends' Meeting Minutes.)

1746. There are several other such entries, showing pretty conclusively that Benjamin Carpenter was not one of the Friends' Society.

Thompson, in his History of Long Island, gives a short genealogical sketch of the Carpenter family, the particulars being furnished him probably by Col. George D. Coles. He says that Nathaniel Carpenter married Tamar Coles and that William Carpenter married her sister Mercy Coles. This is correct concerning Nathaniel, but is an error as regards William, for Mercy Coles married Benjamin Carpenter. This error of Thompson has been followed in some pedigrees, and I trust that as far as possible it may be corrected by what I have here written concerning Benjamin and his wife Mercy.

The record of the children of Benjamin and Mercy Coles is taken from Robert Coles' Journal, and is only kept up to the date of his death. In entering the birth of Joseph, he perhaps made a mistake in the day and month, for a pen line is drawn through them, as is shown in the account of Joseph.³⁸

It is very probable that Benjamin Carpenter and his wife were both buried on a part of their farm, in a plot set apart for a burial-place a short distance southwesterly from their house. I looked over this ground but found only one stone at the head of the graves, and that was time-worn and broken, showing only a letter "S."

from ye Cleft Rock to ye Mill Stone Spring." Benjamin had the land on the northerly and easterly side of this lane, and John that on the southerly and westerly side.

Benjamin seems to have at once occupied his portion and to have resided upon it up to his decease, which must have occurred before 1752 and probably about 1746, although I can find no record of the death of either himself or his wife, and only a few mentions of events in his life which are given in the accompanying notes.

✓ 630 Father Benjamin

Children.

- 39 JOSEPH, born September 15, 1705.
- 40 HANNAH, born August 17, 1708, }
- 41 ELIZABETH, born August 17, 1708, } Twins.
- 42 BENJAMIN, born November 3, 1712.
- 43 ANN, born March 25, 1715; died April 2, 1715.
- 44 ANN, born about 1717; married Daniel Coles,
who died 1804, aged 91. (See note, page 50.)
- 45 MARY.

✓ 631 18 John Carpenter, son of Joseph^r and his wife *Ann Weeks*, was probably born a short time after the death of his father, 1683. The first mention of him is in 1713, when in the "Friends' minutes" it is recorded that "John Carpenter son of Joseph Carpenter deceased and Ana his wife, declares his intention of marrying Martha, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Prior) Feake." They were married June 12, 1713. She was born on 27d., 8m., 1688. He was a sadler by trade, and although owning a half share in lot No. 4, yet seems never to have resided there.

On October 20, 1715, for the sum of £129 he bought of his nephew Joseph Carpenter, 3d, the old homestead of his father, which in this deed is described as "One certain tract of land and meadow, situate and lying in

Musketo Cove butted and bounded as follows: A certain lott where now my dwelling house is, bounded on ye south side ye highway or street that leads westward through ye place, and on ye west by Joseph Coles land, and on ye east by a lane that leads to ye Creek, and on ye north side ye highway that lyeth on ye north side ye

1631. "John ffeake," the father of the wife of John Carpenter, was one of the best known men of the township of Oyster Bay. He was an honored member of the Society of Friends and universally respected. His father was Robert Feake who came with Governor Winthrop to Massachusetts Bay, 1631. The wife of Robert Feake was the widow of Governor Winthrop's son, her maiden name being Elizabeth Fones, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Winthrop) Fones. They were married in 1631. Robert Feake was "Lieutenant," "Representative," etc. In 1640 he was with Captain Patrick, at Greenwich, Conn. In 1649 he was of Flushing, L. I., but died in Watertown, Mass., 1662.

The wife of "John ffeake" was Elizabeth, the daughter of Matthew and Mary Prior. They were married 15d. 7mo. 1673, and he died —d. 3mo. 1724.

The Fones family had land on Conanicut Island, in Narragansett Bay, R. I.

1707. 3od. 2mo. John Feakes presented a paper with his "condemnation" for his having taken too much strong drink. (Vide Westbury Friends' Meeting Records.)

1716. John Carpenter, "sadler," as per deed to Joseph Coles. (Vide Jamaica Records, vol. 7, p. 444.)

The above deed conveys to Joseph Coles a share of meadow, bounded on ye north by a share^{sd} Joseph had of Daniel Simkins, and all my right of land and Swamps of ye undivided land y^e lyeth on ye north side ye said creek and west from ye said John Carpenter's lot or orchard which was Joseph Carpenter's, and on y^e North by Joseph Coles land and so down to ye bay westward—dated March 22, 1716.

(Signed) John Carpenter. [seal]

1735. John Carpenter *Senior* and *Junior*, in will of Derrick Albertson, February 16, 1735. (Vide New York Wills, vol. 12, p. 241.)

1751. "Bethuel Carpenter" was a witness to the sale of the Red Springs farm, 1751-1759. (See No. 98.)

1759. June 4. John Carpenter sells to "his well beloved son Jacob" for £80 "the land or lot where now my dwelling house stands, bounded on the South side of the highway or street that leads westward through the place, and on the west by Joseph Coles land, on the East by a lane

Creek." Here he lived probably until his death, or at least until June 4, 1759, when he sells this property to "his well beloved son Jacob," of Red Springs, cordwainer, he having in a former deed of date November 24, 1751, given Jacob this Red Spring (lot No. 4) farm. I can find no record of his or his wife's death. He probably died about 1760.

Children.

- 637 ✓ Father John
- 46 JOHN, born July 1, 1714.
 - 47 JACOB, born about 1716.
 - 48 ISAAC, born about 1718.
 - 49 MARY, born about 1721; probably married Benjamin Coles, son of Joseph, son of Daniel.
 - 50 MARTHA, born about 1724.

4004 19 "Joseph Carpenter the eldest son and heir of Joseph Carpenter¹⁰ of Musketo Cove *late deceased* was born ye 16 day of October Anno Domini 1685."

The above is as it is recorded in the Oyster Bay Records on page 2 of Book B. And in the journal of Robert Coles the date of birth is also recorded. (See Addenda.) It is very likely that the "memorandum" recorded in the Oyster Bay Record was placed on the book about 1692, that being the date of other entries on the page, and the reason for the recording of this birth in such a place seems to have been for fear of any future dispute as to "the heir's" birth, for in him was vested by the law of primogeniture the proprietorship of one-

that leads to the creek, together with a full 1-5th part of all the undivided land that lies westward from Charles Coles lott which joins to Nathan Coles barn, and to the highway that lyeth on the South end of the great lots to the Bay and creek."

John Carpenter. [seal]

John Weeks
Bethuel Carpenter } witnesses.

(Vide Oyster Bay Records, transcript, vol. 10, p. 410.)

fifth part of all the lands of Musketa Cove Patent. His father is spoken of as "*late deceased*," showing that 1692 was probably the year of his decease. As he was the third in lineal descent who bore the name, so he is now always called Joseph the third (3d).

We find nothing further concerning him until he came of age, October 16, 1706. Five days after he reached his majority, October 21, 1706, he gave to his uncles William and Nathaniel each a farm, "in consideration of the love, etc., etc., which he doth bear to them," and in 1707 he commenced suit against parties in Rhode Island to recover his portion of land at Providence "which came to him through the will of his great-grandfather William Carpenter." In this suit he was successful, and perhaps it was while he was in Rhode Island attending to this matter that he first met her who shortly after became his wife, although I am inclined to believe that a good part of his youth was spent in Rhode Island in order that he might have the facilities for a better education than Musketa Cove afforded, and I also believe that the Willett family were long-time friends of his and his father's family. But be this as it may, in 1707 he married Ann,

1707. September —. In the suit of Carpenter vs. King. John King appealed from the verdict which directed him to vacate his premises unto Joseph Carpenter of Musketa Cove, but the General Assembly declared that the verdict is "right and good." (Vide proceedings at Warwick, R. I., October 29, 1707; also in R. I. Col. Records, vol. 4, p. 29.)

1707. November 3. Joseph Carpenter of Mosquito Cove, L. I., for £4. 10s. sells to Joseph Williams, assistant, and Richard Phillips, farmer, of Providence, R. I., all his rights, etc., etc., to one half the cove near the landing place at Pautuxet in Providence, which was given by his great grandfather, William Carpenter, deceased, unto his daughter Priscilla Vincent deceased, "my great Aunt" whose undoubted heir I am, as will appear in the bequest made in the will of my great grand father the said W^m Carpenter.

Timothy Carpenter } witnesses.
Benj Carpenter }

(Vide Providence Records.)

the daughter of Captain Andrew Willett and his wife Ann Coddington. She dying, he on February 29, 1709, mar-

1712. October 23. Joseph Carpenter, husbandman, of Musketa Cove, Oyster Bay, L. I., conveys one half of a thirteenth part of the lands belonging to the proprietors of Pautuxet on the west side of the Pautuxet River, "diverted to me by heirship." (Vide Providence Records.)

In selling the lands above noted, provision was made by Joseph Carpenter for the maintenance of the children of William Vincent, deceased.

1708. March 30. Joseph Carpenter sells to William Walton one fifth interest in the mill dam, stream, etc. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. D, p. 104.) The site of this dam, etc., is thus described. "Wm Walton, etc, gives right of way over their 'old mill dam' which runs from in front of Doctor William Lawrence's house on the south end and Albert Albertsons on the north end thereof," dated November 25, 1761. (Vide Jamaica Records, vol. 10, p. 451.)

1724. Joseph Wood and Mary his wife give quit-claim deed to Joseph Carpenter for land on the south side of Musketa Cove, west of the highway and north of the Littleworth line or lane and on Hempstead Harbor, dated December 29, 1724. (Vide Jamaica Records, vol. 7, p. 458.) (This deed was probably given to release any claim which Wood may have had by reason of former occupancy. It covers the Sea Cliff property.)

1727. Joseph and John Carpenter chosen to attend the wedding of Alexander Young and Sarah Coles. They reported that "it was conducted Orderly, and soberly managed," dated 26d. 2mo. 1727. (Vide Westbury Friends' Minutes, A, p. 82.)

1737. 8d. 4mo. Joseph and Mary Carpenter sign as witnesses to the marriage of their daughter Ann to Samuel Underhill. (Vide Westbury Friends' Minutes, A, p. 19.)

1742. 3d. 12mo. At the marriage of their daughter Phoebe to Daniel Willett while Joseph signs as a witness his wife Mary does not, which tends to show that she was not living at this date. (Vide Westbury Friends' Minutes, C, p. 29.)

1743. January 7. "Now know ye that I Joseph Carpenter now the Elder of Musketo Cove, yeoman etc, etc, Grand son and lineal heir of Joseph Carpenter the patentee &c, has as good title to said land as his grand father Joseph Carpenter had, &c. &c." Above appears in an affidavit having reference to a former deed to Henry Pearsall, bearing the above date (1742). This affidavit is dated September 30, 1773, and is found in vol. xi, page 377, of Oyster Bay Records at Jamaica (transcript).

ried her sister Mary Willett. She was born September 21, 1691. (See Willett notes.)

Mary Willis and Samuel Willis are the witnesses before Justice Daniel Kissam.

The Willett family were closely identified with the Carpenter family in Rhode Island, and are together frequently mentioned in the Providence Records, as also in the Plymouth writings.

The father of Ann and Mary Willetts, the two wives of Joseph Carpenter¹⁰ of Musketa Cove, was Andrew, who was born at Plymouth, Mass., 1655. He was for a time a merchant in Boston. About 1680 he removed to Rhode Island, and in 1692 he occupied the house at Boston Neck built by his brother-in-law John Saffin, speaker of the Massachusetts Assembly. He (Andrew) was representative from Westerly to the Colonial Assembly of Rhode Island. His wife was Ann, daughter of Hon. William Coddington of Newport, R. I. Their children were *Francis*, who married Mary, daughter of Thomas and Mary Taylor of Jamaica, L. I.; he died in 1776, aged 63 years, leaving no issue; his property he bequeathed to his nephew Francis Carpenter, whom he adopted in his youth. *Thomas*, born 1696, died 1725. *Martha*, married Simon Pearse, a merchant of Newport and Providence. *Ann* and *Mary*, wives of Joseph Carpenter.

Andrew Willett died 1712 and with his wife was buried on their farm at North Kingston, R. I., which is also the Carpenter burial-ground.

Colonel Thomas Willett, the father of Andrew, was born in England in 1610. He came to Plymouth, Mass., 1629. In 1636 he married Mary, daughter of John Brown of Plymouth. In 1665 he became the first English mayor of New York city. On the reoccupation of the city by the Dutch he retired to Swanzey, Mass., where he died August 4, 1674. A plain monument marks his grave in the family burial-place at Swanzey. He had twelve children. Of these *Martha*, born 1639, married Judge John Saffin; *Mary*, born 1637, married Rev. Samuel Hooker; *Esther*, born 1648, married Rev. Josiah Flint of Dorchester, the progenitor of Oliver Wendell Holmes; *Samuel*, born 1658, was sheriff of Queens County, L. I. He had thirteen children (a grandson, Marinus, born 1740, was also mayor of New York city, and died 1830); *Sarah*, born 1643, married Rev. John Elliott, the apostle to the Indians; *James*, born 1649, married Eliza Hunt of Rehoboth; *Hezekiah*, born 1651, married Anna Brown and was killed by the Indians in King Philip's war, January 26, 1676; *Andrew*, born 1655.

I was in England December, 1896, and January, 1897, and visited the birthplace of Mayor Thomas Willett at Barley, Hertfordshire, and there obtained complete record of the family.

The first residence of Joseph Carpenter after his marriage seems to have been at the old homestead of his father and grandfather, but on October 20, 1715, he sold this property to his uncle John Carpenter,¹⁸ and removed

1762. February 6. He and John Carpenter sign a petition for a new road. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, transcript, vol. 10, p. 457.)

1776. "Old Joseph Carpenter formerly an Inhabitant of Moscheto Cove in the Township of Oyster Bay in Queens co, departed this life the 3^d day of the 5th month 1776, New Stile, at the house of Joseph Carpenter in Jericho, he was born y^e 16 day of the 8th month Old Stile, 1685, Aged 90 years, 6 months and 6 days, and was buried y^e 5th day of 5th mo, 1776." (Vide Minutes of Westbury Meeting, Book A, p. 159.)

There is no will on record. I have before me the inventory of his personal property, found among the papers of his grandson Willett Carpenter of North Kingston, R. I., and give same as follows:

A Inventory of the Moveable Estate which Joseph Carpenter had at his residence at Jericho at the Time of his Decease, as taken on the 20th of 5 mo 1775 and proved by the subscribers.

Wearing Apparel

Woolen Apparel & Shoes	£200
Hat 2 Shirts Spatter dashes & Caps	15
Bed Bolster & one Pillow & under Bedtick	4
1 pr. Sheets	12
1 pr. Old do.	6
3 old Pillow Cases	23
An inside Valent	9
3 old woollins Curtains & Valent very Poor & worn	3
A pair Blankets	8
1 English Fulled Blankets	14
1 fulled Blanket with some stripes very old	6
1 Old Kersey Blanket much worn	5
1 Old Quilt	3
1 Bedstead Cord	14
2 small Jugs & Glass Bottle 1 6 a Candlestick 6	2
Hat Brush 1 Staff 1 a Sea Chest 6	8
A square Table small 1 6 Razor (obliterated) & box 1	4

£11 19

(signed) { Samuel Willis
 { Isaac Doty

born 27 Oct 1685
New Stile
Change in
Calendar in 1752
(Gregorian)

to the opposite side of the cove to what then was called Lot 1 of the division of 1681. It was also known as "Reedy Vleigh." In after years it was the "Latting Carpenter Farm," and is now included in the flourishing village of "Sea Cliff." Here he no doubt built the first dwelling-house and resided there until the house was burned (being struck by lightning), 1747-48, when he sold the property to Jacob and William Walton for the sum of £225, the deed bearing date August 25, 1748.

He was now sixty-three years of age, his wife was probably deceased, his two daughters had married prosperous farmers and found other homes, his sons as they came of age became "mariners," and under the circumstances it was a wise decision which he made in selling this large farm and with his younger sons seeking a retired spot where he could be relieved from care and hard labor. Such a place he found in the little hamlet of

An Inventory of some Money & a few Movables belonging to the said Joseph Carpenter's Estate in the Keeping of Thomas Pearsall as taken by the Subscribers the 22^d 7 mo. 1776.

In Money	£118 11 5
A chest	0 16
Five old Books	0 2
A Warming Pan	2 6
A pair old saddle Bags	1 3
½ doz: Pewter Plates	6
Three old Platters & a Bason	13
One Table Cloth	4
One " do	2 6
Three Napkins @6	1 6
A Tumbler Glass & Silver Tunel	1
One old silver spoon lb 31 dwt	
Two — do — 30 dwt each	
One — do — 25 dwt	
One Bond from Joseph Carpenter unsettled	} 47 0 0
One do from Joseph Underhill supposed	
to be about £47 due on it	

(signed) Richard Alsop
John Alsop

Jericho, close to "the Meeting-House." Here he lived during the remaining thirty-eight years of his long and useful life, dying at the house of his grandson Joseph Carpenter, June 3, 1776, "aged 90 years, 6 months, and 6 days." So peacefully passed away the last "Proprietor" of Musketa Cove, and with his decease—only a month later—there was born a new nation, whose birth was to bring to this quiet spot a seven years' reign of war and disaster before it could again be called peaceful Jericho.

The whole life of Joseph Carpenter seems to have been filled with a desire to be of use to his fellows. He was a sincere member of "the Society of Friends," and the minutes of the society as well as the town records show that he was often selected to fill the place of peace-maker and other duties of friendship and trust. That he was generous and helpful to his kindred and to the needy, these same records and the kindly traditions stored up in the memory of his descendants plainly show, and when at life's close the small estate left by him is considered it will be seen that with a free hand he gave of that which had been given him, knowing "that he could come this way but once, so on the journey intended to do as much good as he could."

The minutes of the Jericho Friends' Meeting has this record: "The age of y^e children of Joseph Carpenter of Moscheto Cove"—

d-mo.

51	WILLETT, born	8, 4, 1714; died	13, 11, 17 ³³ .
52	ANN, " 24,	7, 1716.	
53	PHOEBE, " 28,	6, 1718.	
54	JOSEPH, " 15,	5, 1720.	
55	ANDREW, " 1,	10, 1722.	
56	THOMAS, " 15,	2, 1726.	
57	FRANCIS, " 8,	9, 1728.	
58	JAMES, " 5,	1, 1731.	
59	WILLETT, " 5,	11, 17 ³⁸ .	

4004 Father's Joseph

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20 Thomas Carpenter, son of Joseph,¹⁰ was born at Musketa Cove, August 16, 1687. His wife was Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Underhill) Alsop. She was born January 8, 1691. They were married October 14, 1708, and were residents of Musketa Cove, having their farm in that part of the town known then and now as "Duck Pond."

The records of the town make several mentions of him in purchases of land, etc. And the minutes of the Friends' Meeting show that he was a member of that society in good standing. On May 1, 1728, he sold his property to Joshua Townsend and soon after appears as a resident of Rye, Westchester County. On August 29,

1708. January 29. Joseph Carpenter sells to "*his brother*" Thomas land lying on the North side of Joseph Dickinson's land, bounded on ye East by Oyster Bay purchase, and on ye West by Littleworth line, and on ye North by land of Nathaniel & William Carpenter and on ye South by Joseph Dickenson's land, and also a lot of land joining to Benj Coles' land on ye South side of highway running from Oyster Bay to Musceta Cove, opposite against Duck Pond, as formerly located be the same more or less in Acres. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 6, p. 276.)

1708. February 24. William Carpenter, Blacksmith, sells to Tho^s Carpenter, yeoman, 80 acres of land, bounded on north by land of Samuel Weeks, South by land of ye s^d Tho^s Carpenter, East, by the Musceta Cove line, West, by the Highway. Price £300. And on the same day Joseph & Thomas Carpenter sell to W^m Carpenter a tract of land at Duck Pond. Price £200. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 6, p. 262, etc.)

1725. 8mo. 27 day. Thomas Carpenter chosen to attend the wedding of Thomas Thorne and Penelope Coles, daughter of Joseph Coles. He reported that "it was managed *pretty orderly*, as becometh the Truth." (Vide Minutes of Westbury Friends' Meeting.)

1728. May 1. He is one of the executors of the estate of Daniel Townsend, and on same date he sells to Joshua Townsend his land at Duck Pond, and in deed from Freelove Coles to Joshua Townsend, dated June 7, 1733, he and *Thomas Carpenter, Jr.*, sign as witnesses. Thomas Pearsall, James Mudge, Samuel Dickerson, co-executors. Freelove Coles was daughter of Harvey Coles and wife of Thomas Pearsall.

1766, he made his will, and on September 12 following it was proved. It mentions his sons Thomas and Isaac, daughter Martha, wife of Thomas Park, and Freelove, wife of Thomas Marsh. His wife probably died before 1743.

Quite a number of deeds, etc., in the handwriting of Thomas Carpenter are still extant, and he seems to have been often called upon to prepare such and other legal documents for his neighbors, showing a knowledge of such matters as if educated for this purpose. He was withal a successful farmer and a man highly esteemed by all who knew him.

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Father is Thomas

Children.

- 5333 60 THOMAS, born June 25, 1710; in 1733 he signs as Thomas Carpenter, Jr.
- 61 HANNAH, born about 1713; she married Solomon Haviland, son of Benjamin of Rye, September 17, 1742. (Vide minutes of Purchase Meeting.) She was probably deceased before 1766. They had a daughter Hannah.
- 62 MARTHA, born about 1715; married Thomas Park, a farmer, Rye.
- 63 STEPHEN, born about 1720.
- 64 FREELove, born about 1723; married Thomas Marsh, farmer.
- 65 ISAAC, born June 4, 1726.

(Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 1, pp. 469, 470, 476 transcript. Old Oyster Bay Records, vol. B, pp. 103-106.)

1751. November 6. He was witness to deed of Abel and Ruth Smith to Jacob Mott for land at Duck Cove Hollow. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 10, p. 190.)

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— The will of Thomas Alsop is dated September 8, 1743, and is recorded in New York Wills, vol. 15, p. 127.

different religious beliefs, which so affected his after life that in 1730 he gave to his daughter (and probably his only child) the one half of all his estate, having previously sold the other half to his daughter's husband. He then removed to Westchester County and probably lived with his father, although it is said he bought a tract of

Burdsall. Price for the whole was £250. Cocks paid his father-in-law £100 for his half on August 5, 1734. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 8, p. 286, and vol. 9, p. 5.)

1753. April 7. A William Carpenter is witness to deed of Thomas Thorne for land at Matinecock, near land of Zeno Carpenter. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 10, p. 230.)

Between 1728-1759. Among a lot of old papers in a trunk belonging to the grandfather of Mr. George W. Cocks, there was found a letter from Hannah, daughter of James and Hannah (Feeks) Cocks, written at Newport, R. I., about 1728. In it she desires her brother Joshua to associate with him John Cock, "to endeavor to get in the right mind and labor in love with Elizabeth Carpenter about that miserable thing that fell out before I left." (She also wishes to be remembered to Uncle John Carpenter and Aunt Martha Carpenter.)

17 $\frac{1}{2}$. The following is from the minutes of Friends' Meeting, Westbury, L. I.: "Matinecock ye 15 of ye 11th mo, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$. To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Westbury. This is to certify to you y^t whereas I went out of the good order of truth contrary to the good councill and Advice of my mother and family and took a husband and was marrayed by the priest, being then uneasy therewith, but after some time troubles & exercises came upon me for it, and a great while I have lain under the judgements of the Lord for my offences unto him, for I have offended a Righteous God in so doing who hath not forsaken me now, but hath followed me from time to time ever since with his condemnation, and I have cause to bless his name forever that he was so kind to me as to show me my great transgression. And now friends, I do heartily & sincerely condemn my action of going out of ye good order of truth and from the witness of God in my conscience, going into the worlds ways & customs & taking a husband,—for it is for condemnation, and I could not have peace untill I had given forth this condemnation of my action, desiring your prayers for my Restoration and Recovery, hoping ye Lord may in his own time pass by my transgression which I am sure is very great. To the truth of these lines above written I have set my hand.
Elizabeth Carpenter."

land near what is now Pleasantville, purchasing the same from the Indians, and they at the same time gave him another tract, which is now occupied by the widow of David R. Carpenter. The first tract is now owned by Job Carpenter; this, though, I think as likely as not refers to his father and the tract he and his son Silas bought.

Children.

- 66 SARAH, born June 31, 1712. (Vide minutes of Westbury Meeting.) She married John Cock, house carpenter, and the Westbury Records show their children as

	d. mo.
Mary, born	5, 7, 1730.
William, "	11, 10, 1732.
Henry, "	10, 7, 1735.
Rees, "	26, 11, 1738.
Elizabeth, "	9, 11, 1740.
Ann, "	23, 6, 1743; died 1750.
Elijah, "	18, 10, 1745.
Sarah, "	1748; died 1750.
Benjamin, "	22, 3, 1754.
Amey, "	25, 11, 1756.

22 Joseph Carpenter, son of William.¹³ In regard to this "Joseph," while I may be in error concerning his parentage, yet from surrounding circumstances I judge I am in the right. As may be seen, there were three or four "Josephs" of about same age and in same community and of same general ancestry, making it very difficult to place them aright. He was born at Musketa Cove about 1690. On September 7, 1723, he buys from Robert Hubbs* of Hempstead, and Isaac, Jacob, and

* Robert Hubbs in 1716 married Susannah Forman. She was sister to Isaac and Jacob.

Ann Forman of Oyster Bay, forty acres of land at Round Swamp, near Jericho, described in deed as "formerly belonging to Robert Williams and Henry Townsend (on July 21, 1679,) as recorded for them in Oyster Bay Records, Book A, page 94."

For this tract he paid £100, as is seen in the Oyster Bay Records, vol. 7, page 454. That he was married and had family I have no doubt, and think in the absence of any other place for him I can say that the John Carpenter, blacksmith, of Jericho, was his son.

✓ 20079 67 JOHN, born probably about 1715. He was a blacksmith at Jericho, L. I. His wife's name* is not known. There are a few records concerning him. He loaned £160 to Daniel Breese, June 28, 1765,* and on June 27, 1790,* he sells his house and seventy-two and a half acres of land at Jericho to his son *Elisha*, and a postscript* to a letter of Mary Townsend, daughter of Dr. James Townsend of Jericho, says, "Our neighbor John Carpenter died yesterday." The letter is dated April 28, 1790. Dr. James Townsend's place is the one now owned by William Jackson, and the farm of John Carpenter was at the junction of roads leading the one to Oyster Bay village and the other to Matinecock.

John Carpenter of Jericho gives to his son *Elisha* his farm, with house, cattle, etc. The farm is described as "Beginning at the fork of paths or highway that leads to Matinecock from Jericho and the other from Jericho to

* She was probably Rachel Baldwin. They married June 22, 1735. (Vide Record of St. George's Church, Hempstead.)

† Jamaica Records, D, p. 491; 12, p. 250.

‡ Vide Townsend Memorial. John and Joseph Carpenter petition for a road between Westbury and Hempstead; petition granted February 6, 1762. (Vide Jamaica Records.)

Oyster Bay, near the dwelling house, and thence running adjoining the Matinecock Road about 112 rods to a hedge fence, and thence north 50° east about 46 rods from the highway into a pond, &c., &c., by land of Leford Haggowout and James Pine to the highway leading to Oyster Bay, containing 72 1/2 acres."

23 Silas Carpenter, son of William,¹³ was born at Musketa Cove about 1692. On March 1, 1720, he with his father sell a parcel of land situated at Duck Pond to Thomas Golding. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 7, p. 282.) On May 13, 1720, he is witness to sale of land from his father to Dorothy Cocks, and on May 8, 1722, he and "*his father*" buy 375 acres of land at North Castle and Rye, Westchester County, from Lancaster Symes and Peter Fauconier.* Price £350. James Brown and James Weeks are witnesses to this deed. It is on record at White Plains, vol. G, p. 217 of conveyances.

Above are all the mentions I find of him. He probably had wife and family. During the Revolution the records of the town, kept at Bedford, were with the Court House at that place burned by the British soldiers, so probably the most valuable memoranda concerning the early settlement of North Castle, Bedford, Pleasantville, etc., are forever lost.

24 Benjamin Carpenter, son of William,¹³ was born at Musketa Cove, March 25, 1696. As there were three or four "Benjamins" in the town at this and later date, this Benjamin by reason of his trade was called "*the sadler*," and this distinction also enables us to know that he was the son of William.

* Peter Fauconier came over with Lord Cornbury in 1702 as one of his attendants and afterwards was a merchant in New York. He was the progenitor of the Faulkner family of Westchester and New York.

On October 30, 1718, he married Dinah, daughter of Derrick and Elizabeth (Coles) Albertson. She died February 9, 1738. His second wife was Lydia, believed to be Lydia Thorne. He removed to North Castle

Caleb Carpenter in his Bible record gives a very full and interesting statement regarding his own and his father's family. (See in account of Caleb, No. 72.)

In the old Daniel Coles burial-ground at Glen Cove I found the following inscription on a rudely yet plainly cut headstone. The stone was nearly covered with soil and debris washed down from the adjoining hillside by the storms of a century and a half.

"Dinah Carpenter, Dec. 9th D. FAB. 1738."

Dinah Carpenter was a witness to the mortgage of Ann Carpenter to Samuel Underhill, 8, 10, 1737. (Vide Westbury Minutes.)

Elizabeth, the wife of Derrick Albertson, was the daughter of Daniel and Mahah Shalal Hasbaz (Gorton) Coles.

1720-1739. Benjamin Carpenter, "sadler," was executor of will of Isaac Doughty, 1720, of Nathan Coles, 1724, of Derrick Albertson, 1733, of Daniel Albertson, 1739, besides several others.

Benjamin Carpenter was assessor at North Castle, April 6, 1736. (Vide Bolton.)

For a long while I was unable to properly place the several "Benjamins," but by a careful examination of the land evidences, their occupations, and the proofs regarding their respective families, I have to a certainty fixed each one just where he should be placed. Thus of this Benjamin:

1720. May 12. William Carpenter, yeoman, sells to Benjamin Carpenter, for £30, land which in deed to Dorothy Cocks of a day later he says he gives to "his son Benjamin." Then on February 19, 1721, Benjamin Carpenter buys a small tract of land from Jotham, George, Rosanna, and Martha Townsend, which deed states that it is where Benjamin Carpenter, "the sadler," now liveth. This deed is witnessed by Benjamin Carpenter, "weaver." Several later purchases of adjoining property, all put together, I have gone over, surveyed and lined out, and so can determine the property owned by Benjamin Carpenter, "sadler," as situated where the late Captain Russell lived, which was a part and parcel of the farm of William Carpenter, and is now bounded by the main street to the railroad depot, Elm Avenue, Pearsall Avenue, the lake, etc.

1743. Benjamin Carpenter a witness to the mortgage of Phebe Carpenter to Daniel Willetts, 3, 12, 1743. (Vide Westbury Minutes.)

about 1740 and continued to reside there until his death, which took place March 26, 1779. He was a man of much natural ability. There are many mentions of him in the town records as executor or overseer, also as "esquire," etc. Lydia, his second wife, died November 25, 1778. His children, probably all by first wife, were

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- 68 A DAUGHTER, name unknown, who married probably John Colwell.*
- 69 ROSANNA, born about 1730; she married Thomas Kirby of Musketa Cove.
- 70 ZENO, born about 1722.
- 71 RUTH, born about 1726. (See No. 94.)
- 72 CALEB, born September 25, 1736.

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25 Timothy Carpenter, son of William,¹³ was born at Musketa Cove, April 1, 1698. His wife was Phebe, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Albertson) Coles. She was born March 16, 1700, and they were married about 1719. He removed to Westchester County 1720 and bought from the Indians a large tract of land at North Castle (said to have been one mile square), part of which still remains in the family. His house was burned in 1721 and again in 1722. He then built the house in which he lived until his death. It was afterwards occu-

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* John Cholwell was one of the proprietors of Rye, 1720. (Vide Bolton's Westchester.)

1769. September 26. The will of Benjamin Carpenter, "sadler," of North Castle, bears this date and was proved January 25, 1783. He mentions his wife Lidia, sons Zeno and Caleb, daughter Rosannah Kirby, daughter Ruth, and grandson Edward Colwell. Friend John Carpenter, the hatter, executor. Sarah Smith, Deborah Smith,* Benjamin Smith,* witnesses. (New York Wills, vol. 36, p. 66.)

** The wife of Benjamin Smith was Deborah Harker of Oyster Bay.

pied by *his son* Timothy, and *his son* William, and *his son* Job R. It was torn down 1845.

Timothy Carpenter made his will July 21, 1763. Says he is in good health, etc. (with the usual pious preamble). He mentions his wife Phebe, and also all the below mentioned children except Samuel, Silas, and Elizabeth, who were deceased. He divides a large landed property among them, mentioning "his saw mill," etc. The will was proved May 24, 1769. (Vide New York Wills, vol. 27, p. 99.)

Children.

- 73 SAMUEL, born January 7, 1720 (probably named for his grandfather Samuel Coles).
- 74 EPHRAIM, born June 27, 1723. Believed to have removed to Orange County, and is said to have had one daughter who married a Coles.
- 75 GEORGE, born August 7, 1726.
- 76 PHEBE, born June 25, 1729; her father's will says "*Phebe Forman*."
- 77 WILLIAM, born April 5, 1731 (named for his grandfather Carpenter).
- 78 ARCHEALUS, born April 23, 1734.
- 79 SILAS, born July 15, 1737. } Twins.
- 80 BENJAMIN, born July 15, 1737. }
- 81 TIMOTHY, born August 1, 1740.
- 82 ELIZABETH, born July 10, 1743 (named for her grandmother). She probably died young.

4763 30 Benedict Carpenter, son of William,¹³ was born June 7, 1717, at Musketa Cove. About 1737 he married Hannah Haviland and settled at Scarsdale, Westchester County. His wife died about 1742, leaving three

children. He then married Abigail Horton.* The minutes of the Friends' Meeting at Purchase says, "She died 22d. 12mo. 1764, and was buried at Purchase on the 24th, and a memorial of her was to be sent to the Mamaroneck Meeting." Soon after he married Abigail Ferris, and the Purchase minutes says, "Abigail Carpenter y^e 3d wife of Benedict Carpenter departed this life 1d. 8mo. 1775, and was buried at Purchase, aged about 55." He for "4th wife" married the widow Elizabeth Wanser,† who survived him.

He died at New Milford, Conn., June 22, 1791, aged 74 years and 15 days.

Children.

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| 83 ASA, born about 1738. | } By first wife. |
| 84 BENEDICT, born August 20, 1740. | |
| 85 DANIEL, born September 25, 1742. | |
| 86 JOSEPH, born January 16, 1747. | } By second wife. |
| 87 JONATHAN, born September 7, 1749. | |
| 88 ELIJAH, born January 22, 1752. | |
| 89 JAMES, born September 19, 1754. | |
| 90 ABEL, born February 12, 1757. | |
| 91 SAMUEL, born June 10, 1759. | |
| 92 ABIGAIL, born October 2, 1761. | |
| 93 HANNAH, born December 9, 1764. | |

* Abigail Horton was likely daughter of Joseph Horton.

† Elizabeth Wanser probably was of Musketa Cove, where the Wanser family were residents.

Jonathan Carpenter (87) made the following memoranda concerning his ancestry: "This book was given to my son Benedict, by Elizabeth, the widow of my dear father Benedict Carpenter, who departed this life June 22, 1791, aged 74 yrs & 15 days. The names of my ancestors as far back as I have the information are as follows, my father Benedict, my grand father William, my great grand father Joseph, who came from Pautuxet, R. I., and settled at Musketa Cove, L. I. The book from which this leaf was taken having been the property of my father Benedict Carpenter.

[Signed] Jonathan Carpenter."

5312 ³² 31 Joseph Carpenter, son of Nathaniel,⁴ born at Cedar Swamp, Musketa Cove, L. I., about 1693. I have never found any evidence of his marriage. He probably was one of the earliest to migrate from Queens County to Westchester County, where mention is made of him as being at Brandon's Brook, near Rye, in 1718.

The following petition to Governor William Burnett, which is on file in the comptroller's office at Albany, is of much interest as giving the earliest recorded evidence concerning Joseph Carpenter and his co-settlers.

"The humble petition of Joseph Carpenter and Job Wright, Inhabitants within the county of Westchester, in behalf of themselves and nine others of the new settlers back in the woods between Rye and Bedford, sheweth that your petitioners about three years ago having with sixteen others purchased from Capt. Robert Walter and company a tract of land contiguous in the back of Rye and within the limit of said township, have at their very great cost and expense and labors settled themselves thereon, and by their industry and number, they being upwards than Thirty able men (tho' poor), cultivated and improved the same for the subsistence and livelyhood of themselves and their families, a thing very hard to perform by new settlers," etc., etc. Dated New York, Dec. 4, 1721, and signed by Joseph Carpenter and Job Wright.

The balance of the petition, a very long document, recites the high rate of their taxes, which they think has been unjustly levied upon them.

The only other item on record concerning him is this:

"Joseph Carpenter of North Castle, yeoman, sells to Joseph Green 80 acres of land, with Grist Mill, Dwelling, household goods, Cattle, Hogs, and all moveables whatsoever, etc., etc." Price —84, 10s. 4s, Dated July 20, 1731. Signed, Joseph Carpenter. [seal.] Adam Ireland, } witnesses. Daniel Chubb, } (Vide Westchester Records, Book G, p. 5.)

Cedar Swamp is not, as might be thought, a low swampy section, but is a beautiful valley with rich farm-lands well adapted for pasturage, orchards, etc. It is about one mile from Glen Cove, and is now called "Greenvale."

In 1776 Joseph Carpenter buys 100 acres at Stephentown, Rensselaer County, N. Y. (Vide Albany Records, K, p. 185.)

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32 Robert Carpenter, son of Nathaniel,¹⁴ was born at Cedar Swamp, L. I., about 1694. He was named for his grandfather Robert Coles. He was a miller and farmer, and as early as 1722 is found at North Castle, Westchester County, and was no doubt one of the "18" original settlers of the town. On July 20, 1727, he married his cousin Elizabeth,* daughter of Benjamin and Mercy (Coles) Carpenter. She probably died about 1746. He made his will February 25, 1750, which was proved March 7, 1751. In it he mentions his wife Mary† and the following

Children.

- 94 JACOB, born about 1728.
- 95 ZOPHAR. No further trace.
- 96 ZENO. No further trace.
- 97 BEYZUILLA.
- 98 BETHUEL. No further trace except as in notes relating to John, No. 18.

* Vide St. George's Church Record, Hempstead, L. I.

† Vide New York Wills, vol. 17, p. 300.

1720. May 12. He signs as witness to deed of William and Benjamin Carpenter. (Oyster Bay Records, vol. 8, p. 38.)

1722. Robert Carpenter, William Dusingberre, henerey Dusingberre, Richard Wooley, Rueben Kallam, david Siebe, Robert Knowlton, Jacob Forman, Josept Sarls, Joseph Fowler, and Richard Honeywell send a petition to Governor George Clark, requesting him to remove Francis Pellem from his position as Justice of the Peace, they stating that "he is a very violent man, oppressing the poor, and much given to drink of which, *his favorite toddy is Punch.*" (Vide Albany Records, in office of Secretary of State.)

1735. June 21. Robert Carpenter, miller, and Elizabeth his wife of North Castle sell to Benjamin Carpenter of Rye, carpenter, 150 acres of land at North Castle on the Byram River. Price £200. This deed was acknowledged by Robert and his wife Elizabeth, August, 1745, and at the request of Walter Franklin and Elizabeth Pearsall was put on record in New York city, 1749. (Vide vol. 35, p. 181, Register's office, New York.)

99 JAIRAS. No further trace.

100 RUPHAS. A Rufus Carpenter of North Castle was witness to will of James Meadows of Rye, October 4, 1778. (New York Wills, vol. 36, p. 80.)

101 MARY. No further trace.

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33 Benjamin Carpenter, son of Nathaniel,¹⁴ was born at Cedar Swamp, L. I., about 1696. He was a weaver by trade, and so was called "Benjamin Carpenter, weaver," to distinguish him from "Capt. Benjamin" and "Benjamin the sadler," etc. His wife was Deborah, daughter of Nathan and Rachel (Hopkins) Coles. She was born January 16, 1697. They were married about 1720.

They had their home at Duck Pond, on the southerly side of the highway leading from Musketa Cove to Oyster Bay. It was given to the wife of Benjamin by her father Nathan. It consisted of three acres of land, and is described in the old deed* of January 11, 1721, as "bounded on the *North* by ye highway that leads from Musketa Cove to Oyster Bay, *West* by ye land of daughters of Harvey Coles, deceased, and so to run *East* by ye said highway, and southward so far both ways, near upon a square as to contain 3 acres. It being ye north west of ye half lot so called, as it may more at large be seen by a deed of sale for ye same, had from William & Silas Carpenter to Thomas Golding, bearing date ye Mch 1st, 1720. Price £56."

I think that with the date of this purchase, 1721, he and his wife removed to their home, and occupied it until their death. The house was standing as late as 1850, and was often pointed out to me by my aunts as being the birthplace of their father (my grandfather Lat-

* Oyster Bay Records, vol. 7, p. 282.

ting Carpenter). The property is now owned by Mrs. Wright, one boundary (the easterly) being Pearsall Avenue.

On February 19, 17 $\frac{2}{2}$, Benjamin Carpenter, "weaver," and his wife Deborah witness a deed* from George, Rosanna, Jotham, and Martha Townsend to Benjamin Carpenter, "sadler," so at once showing the marriage of "the weaver" and the distinction of trades.

As will be seen by the appended notes Benjamin Carpenter at various times purchased additional property, which, with his loom for occupation in winter, kept him busy at farm work during the summer, and thus by his industry he had accumulated at the time of his death quite a snug sum of ready money besides his real estate. His will is dated May 12, 1749,† and recites that "he

* Oyster Bay Records. Jamaica Records, vol. 8, p. 41.

† New York Wills, vol. 26, p. 521.

I have quite a number of old documents which have come down to me from my grandfather Latting Carpenter. They have been safely kept for more than 150 years, and yellowed and stained as they are they proved to me of far more interest than I could at first expect, as they demonstrated the correctness of what had before been based very much upon tradition. I transcribe the gist of some of them.

The will of Nathan Coles was found among some old papers of Ellwood Valentine. It bequeaths, To my well beloved daughter Deborah Carpenter the house and land lying and being at Duck Pond where she now liveth to have and to hold during her life and after her decease to my grand daughter Rachel Carpenter and her heirs forever. Dated December 6, 1724. (Not on record.) Executors, Rachel Coles, David Valentine, Benjamin Carpenter, and John Carpenter.

On August 30, 1729, Rachel Coles, Ann Cheeseman, widow, Benjamin Carpenter, weaver, Joseph Horton, farmer, and John Latting, as heirs of Nathan Coles, deceased, give receipts and fully discharge the executors, Benjamin Carpenter, Esquire, and David Valentine.

The deed from Silas and William Carpenter to Thomas Golding is not found on record, but, when on May 13, 1720, William Carpenter sells to Dorothy Cocks, he specially reserves to himself this 3 acre plot, at ye north west corner of ye said tract, lying between ye stream of water at

is very sick and weak in body, but of Perfect Mind and Memory, Thanks be given unto God for it," etc. He mentions his wife Deborah, his beloved son Coles (not yet of age), to whom after his wife's death he bequeaths all his estate. To his daughter Rachel, the wife of Jonadab Townsend, he gives five shillings. Notwithstanding his sickness at the time of his making his will he survived it for nearly twenty years, his will being proved

the head of Rattle Snake Swamp, so called and ye highway, etc. (Vide Oyster Bay Records, vol. 6, p. 420.) Judging by the price paid for this plot, £56, I think that Golding, who was a carpenter by trade, had built the kitchen part, and that the larger part was built afterwards by Benjamin Carpenter.

One piece of property he bought is described by the seller as his "Kitching Lott," "situate and being at Duck Pond, within ye limits and patten of Musketa Cove, on ye south side of ye highway that leads from ye said Duck Pond, to Musketa Cove, beginning by ye said highway by ye North West corner of of ffreelove Coles, her lott, from thence South and near four degrees East ffourty rods by ye said ffreelove Coles her lott, thence West 10 degrees south Nine rods, thence North ffourty four degrees West 13 rods, thence North Eleven degrees East twenty ffour rods all by ye fence as it now stands to ye highway, thence by ye highway to ye place of beginning, containing in quantity six acres of land, together with all my right and title which I have in and to all ye land lying and being on ye south part of ye said land or fence, and in and to all ye land lying between ye said ffence and ye stream or Brook called Rackle Snake Swamp Brook be it more or less," dated March 18, 17 $\frac{27}{8}$. John Cock, George Townsend, witnesses. Price £27 10s. [Signed] Robert Townsend. [Seal.]

1742. May 5. He buys from John, Joshua, and Josiah Cock, executors of Samuel Cock, late deceased, for the sum of "One pound, five shillings, and seven pence half penny," 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land at Jericho plains, which James Cock ye father of ye said Joshua & Josiah Cock formerly bought of R^d Willetts." Daniel Cock, James Cock, witnesses. (Vide original deed. Not on record.)

1755. A deed first filled up in name of Benjamin Carpenter, his name erased and the name of Coles Carpenter filled in, conveys a twenty fourth part of Thatch Beds on the Eastermost division of the creek called Simpson's Creek at Matinecock. The deed is from John Weeks, who says

January 5, 1769. The inventory of his personal property is now in my hands and was made October 21, 1768. So that we can safely assume that he died in September of that year. It shows a valuation of £354 1s. od.

Children.

102 RACHEL, born about 1721.

103 COLES, born about 1735.

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³⁵ 34 John Carpenter, son of Nathaniel,⁴ was born at Musketa Cove, about 1698. His wife's name was Hannah, but her parentage is unknown. They settled at

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he received it by deed from his father, Samuel Weeks, in 1755. The deed to Coles Carpenter is dated May 12, 1762. Price, £7. (Vide original deed. Not on record.)

1757. April 30. Jonadab Townsend and Rachel his wife, of Byram in the colony of Connecticut, for the sum of ffourty pounds current money of the province of New York, sell all their right title &c to Benjamin Carpenter, in and to the land & tenements where the said Benjamin now liveth, said land &c, being the same as heretofore described in deed from Thomas Golding to Nathan Coles. (Vide original. Not on record.)

1772. April 1. Deborah Carpenter, widow of Benjamin Carpenter, weaver, assigns all her right, title, etc., to all her estate to her son Coles. He (Coles) agreeing for her honorable support, etc. This document recites that she received the property from her father Nathan Coles by his will, dated December 6, 1724, and from the will of her deceased husband. Although 74 years old when signing this document, her signature is plain and good. She probably died about 1774. (Vide original. Not on record.)

Memorandum.

Robert Townsend had wife Judith. He was a son of Daniel and grandson of John Townsend 1st. He lived at Duck Pond directly opposite the house of Benjamin Carpenter. He bought the property of Caleb Coles about 1720. After Robert's death it became the property of Noah Townsend, who was lost at sea. The estate was through the action of Judith Townsend a long while in litigation.

Caleb, Harvey, and Martha Coles were children of Nathaniel Coles by his second wife, Martha Wright.

Fredricksburgh, Dutchess County, where he died between 1777 and 1780, as is shown by his will on record in New York City, it being dated October 31, 1777, and was proved December 21, 1781. This will makes mention of and bequeaths to his wife Hannah, to his grandson Caleb, son of Gabriel; grandson Joseph, son of Tamar the wife of John Crane; grandson Joseph, son of Sarah wife of Henry Lewis, and grandson Benjamin, son of Ame (or Anne), and to the following

Children.

- 104 GABRIEL, born about 1735. *son Caleb*
 105 AME (or Anne), born November 25, 1738. (See No. 72.) *son Benjamin*
 106 JOSEPH.
 107 TAMAR, married John Crane and had son Joseph.
 108 SARAH, married Henry Lewis and had sons Joseph and Carpenter.

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 35 Anne Carpenter, daughter of Nathaniel,¹⁴ was born about 1702. She married Caleb Fowler. Their son Caleb was Surrogate of Westchester County, 1761-1778. His will is dated September 4, 1769, and was proved September 8, 1784. His wife Anne was then living, 1769, and the following children are named: William, Jonathan, Caleb, Moses, Stephen, Gilbert, James, Mary (Sutton), Hannah, Ame or Anne, Rebecca, and Elizabeth. (Vide New York Wills, vol. 37, p. 189.)

Moses Fowler was born 1729, died September 1, 1821, aged 92; Caleb Fowler was born 1733, died August 6, 1805, aged 72. (Vide History of Putnam County.)

John Carpenter buys 316 acres of land in "Bergen Patent," Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1775. (Vide Albany Records, N, p. 516.)

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36 Abigail Carpenter, daughter of Nathaniel," was born about 1705. She married Caleb Green, a farmer at Fredricksburgh. They had sons Thomas, Joseph, William, and Henry, and daughter Mary, and grandson Caleb son of his son Caleb. Vide will dated May 8, 1785, proved April 23, 1786. Robert and Jacob Carpenter and Mary Palmer, witnesses. The will says, "Caleb Green of North Castle." (New York Wills, vol. 39, p. 52.)

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38 37 Nathaniel Carpenter, son of Nathaniel," was born at Cedar Swamp (Musketa Cove), about 1708. He was a merchant (store-keeper) at North Castle. His wife was Abigail Fowler, sister to Caleb Fowler, Senior. His will, dated November 17, 1758, and proved December 8 of same year, shows "wife Abigail who is to have use of his farm &c until his eldest son Willett is fourteen years of age." He appoints his brother-in-law, Caleb Fowler,

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The only knowledge I have relating to the children of Nathaniel comes from Mr. Alden J. Bennett of Virginia City, Montana, whose great-grandmother was Miriam Carpenter (No. 110.) He furnishes date of her birth. She married about 1777 Simeon Losee. They then removed to Dutchess County. After the death of her husband she went to live with her daughter Anna at North Harpersfield, Delaware County, N. Y. She died there August 13, 1828, and was buried on the "old homestead" at that place. The children of Miriam Losee were *Phoebe*, born 1778; *Anna*, born October 15, 1779, died December 3, 1858; *Nathaniel*, born 1782; *Hannab*, born 1784; *Sarah*, born —.

Anna Losee, born 1779, married March 6, 1803, Isaac, son of Alden and Elizabeth (Vail) Bennett; they were of Dutchess County, removed to North Harpersfield, and were the grandparents of above Alden J. Bennett, who was born on the "old homestead" at North Harpersfield, June 25, 1847. He, on November 21, 1878, married Mary, daughter of Rev. Henry Hedges Prout.

Mr. Bennett also writes that his mother has heard his grandmother (Anna Losee) say that her mother was a Fowler.

Nathaniel Carpenter, "Juner," died at North Castle, February 25, 1730. (Vide Minutes of Friends' Meeting.)

and Caleb Green executors. One of the witnesses is John Carpenter. The will shows also the following

Children.

109 WILLETT.

110 MIRRIAM, born February 26, 1753.

111 DEBORAH.

112 TILER.

19904 39 38 Joseph Carpenter, son of Benjamin," was born at Musketa Cove, September 15, 1705, and the marriage record of St. George's Church of Hempstead shows that he was married on May 20, 1728, to Sarah Latting. She was daughter of Richard and Mary (Wright) Latting of Lattingtown (near Musketa Cove). By inheritance and purchase he had a large landed interest at "Red Springs" and "Oak Neck," which property he sold in 1753, and in company with his brother-in-law, John Latting, his son-in-law, John Caverly, and Benjamin Stanton, purchased, through Lewis Morris, from Euphemia Norris of Bucks, England, a very large tract of land in Ulster County (near Newburgh), which they settled, naming it

There is a record of the birth of Joseph Carpenter in the Journal of Robert Coles, in which he evidently made a slight error, and so drew his pen through the date of month. The correct date is "March 25," 1705, instead of September 15, 1705.

1728. Among the papers of Joseph Carpenter there was found after his death a captain's commission from King George the Second of England, bearing date 1728, to Benjamin Carpenter of Oyster Bay (father of Joseph). This document is now at Washington's Headquarters, Newburgh, where it was placed by Mrs. Martha A. Pryor of Marlborough, she being a granddaughter of Joseph. (See No. 17.)

1738. May 5. Joseph Carpenter and John Latting petition the governor for a patent for a ferry across Long Island Sound from Barrow Beach in Queens County to the nearest distance to the mouth of Byram River and Mamaroneck in Westchester Co. (Vide Col. MSS., vol. 72, p. 53.)

1746. Joseph Carpenter and William and Jacob Frost, owning land in common, make a division, and in 1753 Joseph and Sarah Carpenter,

"Lattingtown" after their Long Island home. He died there in 1766; his widow died 1790. On the farm of Joseph Carpenter, in a part set off for a burial spot, there is to be seen the following on a memorial stone:

JOSEPH CARPENTER
THE FIRST SETTLER IN THIS PLACE, AND
THE PLANTER OF THIS ORCHARD,
DIED JULY 1ST, 1766
AGED 61 YRS, 3 MO & 6 DAYS.

Children of Joseph Carpenter.

- 113 BENJAMIN, born about 1730.
114 LATTING, born about 1732.
115 SARAH, born about 1735, married Abraham Conklin of Dutchess County, April 17, 1761. (Vide New York Marriages.) They had son, Carpenter Conklin.
116 JOSEPH, born about 1738.
117 MERCY, born about 1740.
118 RICHARD, born about 1744.
119 WRIGHT, born March 2, 1749.
120 MARY, born about 1751, married Nathaniel Harcourt, Marlborough (this name on Long Island was spelled *Harcutt* and *Harker*).

for £600, sell to Joseph and Benjamin Latting 255 acres of land on Oak Neck, with meadows, etc. This land is probably the same which he bought of Dr. John Rodman of Burlington, N. J., on April 16, 1745, for which he paid £450, and in which deed he is styled Joseph Carpenter, Junior, in order no doubt to distinguish him from Joseph, No. 19. Oak Neck is now Bayville, a fashionable summer resort near Oyster Bay Village. It has one of the finest beaches for bathing on Long Island Sound. 1790. March 4. Sarah Carpenter, widow, of New Marlborough, Ulster County, made will of this date, proved April 10, 1790, mentions daughter Mary, wife of Nathaniel Harcourt, son Joseph, granddaughter Sarah Conklin, now the wife of Nathaniel Hull, and grandson Carpenter Conklin. Latting Carpenter, Richard Carpenter, and Nathaniel Harcourt, executors. (Vide Ulster Co. Wills at Kingston, vol. B.)

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39, 40 Hannah and Elizabeth Carpenter, twin daughters of Benjamin¹⁷ and Mercy (Coles) Carpenter, were born at Musketa Cove on August 17, 1708. (See No. 17.) On July 30, 1727, *Elizabeth* married her cousin Robert Carpenter (see No. 32), and on December 21, 1728, *Hannah* married Samuel Lounsberry of Rye, Westchester County. Both these marriages are recorded in the marriage register of St. George's Episcopal Church of Hempstead, and is proof that at this date the family did not affiliate with the Society of Friends, and it is not at all certain that the ceremony took place at Hempstead, as the rector may have married them at their father's house at Red Springs, but of course entered it in the church record.

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41 Benjamin Carpenter, son of Benjamin,¹⁷ was born at Red Springs, Musketa Cove, on November 3, 1712. On June 21, 1735, he purchased from Robert Carpenter 150 acres of land at North Castle, on the Byram River, for which he paid £200. In the deed he is styled "a carpenter," and his residence is given as "Rye." He probably married at about this date (1735). His wife was Prudence —.* He died in New York city, 1752. His will is dated July 23, 1751, probated October 24, 1752. He mentions his wife Prudence, his "two younger" children, Benjamin and Elizabeth, and one unborn. The Rev. James Wetmore and John Dougherty are the witnesses. In this will he calls himself "a carpenter by trade." It was again acknowledged by Robert Carpenter in 1745, and in 1749 by request of

*It seems quite probable that she was daughter of Job Ireland of "Fresh Pond," who occupied the farm adjoining that of the father of Benjamin Carpenter.⁴¹

Walter Franklin* and Elizabeth Pearsall† was recorded in volume 35, page 181, New York Register's office.

I can find no evidence of other children besides those mentioned in the will. ✓

Children.

- 121 BENJAMIN.
- 122 ELIZABETH.
- 123 PRUDENCE, probably.

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~~42~~, 43 Ann Carpenter, daughter of Benjamin.¹⁷
 There was an Ann who died 1715, and I think another daughter was born and named for the deceased one. I also think that this is the Ann Carpenter who married Daniel Coles who died in 1804, aged 91 years. (See Thompson's History of Long Island.) ✓

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~~45~~ John Carpenter, son of John,¹⁸ was born at Musket Cove, L. I., on July 1, 1714. As early as 1720 his father had purchased 70 acres of land from John Budd on "Budd's Neck," at Rye, near to Mamaroneck, Westchester County (then known as "the Little Neck"). This farm in 1751 was conveyed to John Carpenter, "hatter," by John Carpenter, "Senior," of Oyster Bay, on the "Is'l of Nassau." The wife of John Carpenter²⁵ 19918
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* Walter Franklin was son of Thomas Franklin and his wife Mary Pearsall.

Walter Franklin married Mary, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Stringham) Bowne. Dorothy Ireland, likely sister of *Prudence*, married 1733, John Anderson of Oyster Bay, and they had daughter *Prudence*, who married John Hawkins, 1761. (Vide letter of George W. Cocks.)

† Elizabeth Pearsall (sister to Mary, and they both children of Nathaniel Pearsall) was at Rye, 1713, and sold land at Hempstead. She was "a spinster."

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was Charity, daughter of Samuel Weeks* of Cedar Swamp. She was born February 17, 1713. They were married about 1736 and probably removed to and settled at Rye at that time. He also owned land at North Castle and at one time may have resided there.

Children.

- 124 DANIEL, born November 20, 1737, died November 12, 1745.
 125 ABRAHAM, born December 27, 1738.
 126 ANNE, born November 2, 1740, married James Gidney or Gedney.
 127 ISAAC, born December 18, 1743, died March 25, 1745.
 128 JACOB, born March 16, 1745.
 129 DANIEL, born April 17, 1747, probably died young.
 130 ZIPPORAH, born April 6, 1749. She married James Kipp and Caleb Carpenter, No. 72.
 131 JESSE, born September 23, 1751, probably died young.
 132 GILBERT, born September 14, 1754.

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 -46 Jacob Carpenter, son of John,¹⁸ was born at Musketa Cove about 1716. His wife was Hannah Perce (or

* The wife of Samuel Weeks was Anna. They lived at Cedar Swamp, about where the widow of Silas Downing now lives.

1735. February 16. John Carpenter, "Senior," and John Carpenter, "Junior," in will of Derrick Albertson. (Vide New York Wills, vol. 12, p. 241.)

1760. 27d. 8mo. In the Minutes of Westbury Friends' Meeting of this date mention is made of Charity Carpenter, wife of John Carpenter of Mamaroneck. She probably died 1761. He died 1799.

William Carpenter of Amawalk, Westchester County, N. Y., has made a family tree of John (45) and his numerous descendants. It is very complete and gives a wonderful amount of information. See No. 1409.

Peirce). He was a "currier and cordwainner" by trade, but his principal occupation was that of a farmer. He had for his homestead that part of original lot No. 4 (at Red Springs) which was set off to his father and his uncle Benjamin on January 6, 1713. On this farm he lived until his death in 1781. He was a man much respected and trusted as may be seen by the mentions of him as executor, etc. His will is dated 2d. 5mo. 1781, and shows wife Hannah, daughters Mary Wood, Elizabeth Bowne, and Fanny, son James, and son-in-law Jonas Wood. Daniel Kirby, Hannah Kirby, Lindy Frost, witnesses.

Children.

- 133 MARY, born September 14, 1745, married*
Jonas Wood 7d. 6mo. 1764, miller, Westchester County, son of Joseph and Mary Wood. She died about 1790.

*The witnesses were Jacob, Martha, Sarah, James and Joseph Carpenter.

During the Revolutionary War the house of Jacob Carpenter was robbed by a party of "Whigs" from Westchester, led by one Carhart. They had been hospitably entertained by Carpenter, they representing themselves as "loyalists." (Vide Rivington's Gazette, and Onderdonk's Incidents.)

1781. 31d. 5mo. He sends to the Westbury Meeting "a condemnation" of himself "for marrying out of the society," "for hiring men to go to the war," "for keeping slaves," and says he was a birth-right "Friend," regrets his misbehavior towards the meeting, and hopes for forgiveness, etc. (Book A, p. 370.)

In February, 1882, I visited Mrs. Ann Augusta Carpenter, the widow of William C. Carpenter (No. 873), who inherited the property of his great grandfather (the above Jacob) at Red Springs. Mrs. Carpenter showed me the original will of Jacob, and also the record of births, etc., of both Jacob and his son James's family. She also furnished me with valuable information regarding the family, their property, etc.

1760. Jacob Carpenter was surviving executor of Noah Townsend's estate. (Vide original papers.)

- 134 MARTHA, born September 3, 1746, married William Mudge, Musketa Cove; he was a farmer and blacksmith.
- 135 JAMES, born February 17, 1752.
- 136 ELIZABETH, born October 1, 1758, married Thomas Bowne of Westchester; he was a miller and farmer.
- 137 FANNY, born November 7, 1763, married Edmond Underhill, Flushing, L. I., a farmer at that place, November 23, 1781, and had Ann and Mary.

48 137 Isaac Carpenter, son of John,¹⁸ was born about 1718. He was a ship carpenter by trade and appears to have resided in New York city. He sold his interest in the property at Red Springs just before his death. His wife was Sarah, daughter of David and Charity (Coles) Valentine. They were married about 1750-51. By the will of David Valentine, dated October 26, 1743, his daughter Charity was not yet 21 years of age and was unmarried. On May 10, 1751, in an agreement and bond made at a sale of land from Isaac Carpenter and "his wife Sarah" to Jacob Valentine, it is stated that they then had an infant son. This son appears to have been their only child and without doubt was named

- ✓ 138 ISAAC, born about 1751. He married Jane, daughter of John Woertman, Jr., of Wolver

Charity Coles was daughter of Nathan and Rachel (Hopkins) Coles. She was born September 1, 1695.

Jacob Carpenter was appointed administrator of his brother Isaac's estate on June 14, 1757. (Vide Jamaica Wills, vol. 6, p. 158.)

1767. 22d. 12mo. Sarah Carpenter of Musketa Cove sends her "condemnation" to Westbury Meeting for marrying out of the society. (Book A, p. 359.)

1771. Sarah Carpenter, widow, witness to the will of Daniel Cock of Oyster Bay, 1771.

Hollow, as appears in the will of Woertman, 1789, and also the following in the marriage records of St. George's Church, Hempstead, L. I.: "By Rev Mr Oliver, chaplain of 17th Light Dragoon, Isaac Carpenter and Jane *Dottenan*? (Woertman) both of Oyster Bay," "Married Dec. 31, 1778." Marriage license dated December 4, 1778. I have been unable to find anything further relating to this second Isaac, so make statement in this place.*

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 51 Ann Carpenter, daughter of Joseph,¹⁹ was born at "Reedy Vly," Musketa Cove, on 24d. 7mo. 1716, and on 8d. 4mo, 1737, she married Samuel, born 1708, son of Samuel and Hannah (Willetts) Underhill. This ceremony took place at the Friends' Meeting House at Matinecock, and, as was the custom among the Friends, all who so chose signed as witnesses, the near relatives signing first.

At this wedding there were a large number of signers. Among them were the parents, Joseph and Mary, two Thomas Carpenters, two Josephs, a John, Dinah, and Elizabeth; then come Abraham, Samuel, and Hannah Underhill, Jacob and Mary Walton, Thomas and Sarah Pearsall, Elizabeth Underhill, etc.

The children of Samuel and Ann (Carpenter) Underhill were, Joseph, born 1738, Samuel, 1740, Robert,

* He buys 225 acres of land at or near Cedar Swamp for £594 from Nathan and Freelove Horton, and the deed states that Isaac's wife is Jane Woertman. Dated January 31, 1789. (Jamaica Records, vol. 12, p. 134.) It is probable that the Hortons were co-heirs with him and that this 225 acres was the original farm of John Woertman, Jr.

Samuel Underhill (Senior) was son of John, and he of old Captain John, whose wife was Helena *Krieger*. The son John's wife was Mary Prior, daughter of Matthew and Mary Prior of Matinecock.

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1742, Mary,* 1745, Andrew, 1749, James, 1751, Thomas, 1755, and Hannah, 1757.

53 52 Phoebe Carpenter, daughter of Joseph,¹⁹ was born 24d. 6mo, 1718, and as appears by the Minutes of the Westbury Friends' Meeting she was married on 3d. 12mo. 1743, to Daniel, son of Richard Willetts† of Islip, L. I. The witnesses were Joseph and Andrew Carpenter, Benjamin and Elizabeth Carpenter, Richard Willetts, senior and junior, Cornelia and William Walton, Jr., Melancthon Wooley, Abraham Underhill, etc., etc.

She, Phoebe, died in 1744, leaving son Jacob, born 1743, who in 1766 married Hannah, daughter of Joshua Powell.

54 53 Joseph Carpenter, son of Joseph,¹⁹ was born at "Reedy Vly," Musketa Cove, 15d. 5mo. 1720. His wife was probably Elizabeth Townsend. He was a captain of a vessel and was engaged with the Waltons in their extensive West India trade. It is a tradition of the family that he and his five brothers were all captains of sea-going vessels, trading to all parts of the globe. The Waltons were men of large wealth and influence. They controlled not alone the mills at Musketa Cove, but also were ship-owners and ship-builders and made Hempstead Harbor their headquarters for their trading interests (said by some to have not always yielded to the govern-

* Mary Underhill married 5, 9, 1765, James Mott. She died 1776 at Mamaroneck. Her father and mother also died there, they having moved there about 1769; the father died 1780, and her mother, Ann (Carpenter) Underhill, died 1803. (Vide Genealogy of Adam and Anne Mott.)

† Richard Willetts was son of Thomas Willetts, and he (Thomas) married 16, 7, 1706, Deborah, widow of Robert Coles, Jr., and had at that time a daughter Mary, born 11, 2, 1702. It is probable that Deborah was a Carpenter.

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ment its just quota of duties). At the breaking out of the war of the Revolution they found it best to dispose of their interests here and remove to New York city, not, though, until they had had a visit from the Whigs of Westchester County.

Joseph Carpenter died previous to 1777. He appears to have made Jericho (Queens County, L. I.) his home, and from the will of his son Joseph we find that he had the following

Children.

- 139 HENRY, born 1741, married Phebe Dickinson, born same year. They came from Long Island and settled at West Farms, Westchester County, where they both died. They had six children, one of whom, Robert, was living in 1848 at Fitchville, Ohio (Huron County). He says that at that time there were thirty-seven grandchildren of Henry, but he fails to give any further information. Says there are none of his family living near him.
- 140 JOSEPH.
- 141 THOMAS.*
- 142 LEWIS.
- 143 ABIGAIL, who on 2d. 1mo, 1779, married William Cook of Stamford, Conn. (Vide Westbury Records.)
- 144 BENJAMIN.
- 145 ELIZABETH, who married — Bennett.

* At the marriage of Thomas (No. 141) the following appears on the Westbury Records: "Thomas Carpenter of the City of New York, tailor, son of Joseph Carpenter *deceased*, of Oyster Bay, mariner, was married to Hannah, daughter of Richard Alsop of Oyster Bay, 12d. 4mo. 1777." The witnesses were Richard and Sarah Alsop, Thomas Alsop, Lewis Carpenter, Thomas Pearsall, Jonas and Joseph Wood, Amelia Kirk, etc.

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54 Andrew Carpenter, son of Joseph,¹⁹ was born 1d. 10mo. 1722. There is no other record of him except as witness to the marriage of his sister Phoebe, 1743. But there is no doubt that he too was "a mariner."

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55 Thomas Carpenter, son of Joseph,¹⁹ was born 15d. 2mo. 1726. I have tried in vain to satisfactorily trace this Thomas and his line of descent. I am inclined to think that he on October 2, 1748, was married to Ame Stoiker. She probably died soon afterwards.

There is no doubt but that he was married twice. I think his second wife was Lucretia Quintard of Stamford, Conn., to whom he was married August 20, 1781, and that immediately after the close of the Revolutionary War he emigrated to Nova Scotia, where he had land granted to him and where he was pensioned by the British government. He, however, soon repented of this situation, and is believed to have returned to Long Island and died at Smithtown or Southold. His son

146 THOMAS, born —, 1757.

Lucretia Quintard was daughter of Isaac and Lucretia Quintard. They were loyalists and went from Stamford to Long Island for protection, and after the war were compelled to emigrate to Nova Scotia. Thomas Carpenter was an ensign in De Lancey's Third Battalion and an adjutant of the corps. He went to St. John's, N. B., at the peace and was one of the grantees of that city, receiving half pay. He could not have remained there very long, as on September 30, 1797, he and his wife Lucretia were at Saratoga Springs and sold land at Stamford, Conn. After this date can find no further trace of them.

Both marriages of Thomas Carpenter are recorded in St. George's Church, Hempstead.

A Henry Stocker of Great Neck, L. I., made his will April 18, 1785. (Vide New York Wills, 38, 122.)

Lucretia Quintard was born February 10, 1760, as may be seen in the Stamford Town Records.

I had a very pleasant correspondence with Bishop Quintard of Tennessee, and also with Mr. Charles R. Quintard of Stamford, Conn., and Mr. J. W. Lawrence of St. Johns, N. B., in relation to this Thomas, but with no definite result. (D. H. C., Nov., 1893.)

His son
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Lucretia

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 56 Francis Carpenter, son of Joseph,¹⁹ was born at "Reedy Vly," Musketa Cove, 8d. 9mo. 1728. In his early boyhood he was adopted by his uncle Francis Willett of Boston Neck, North Kingstown, R. I. As this uncle had no children his estate was inherited by him. Like his brothers he was a sea-captain. In 1767 he married Esther, daughter of Judge James Helmne of Tower Hill, South Kingstown, R. I., and during the time of his voyages, or at least until the Revolution, he had his home at the Helmne homestead (still standing, 1880), and here all his children were born except Abigail, the youngest. He afterwards occupied the Willett property at Boston Neck. After the death of Captain Carpenter, which occurred in 1785, a suit at law was commenced by the relatives of Francis Willett, urged on principally by Judith Perce, one of a family of spinsters, daughter of Simon and Martha Perce of Newport. This suit was finally decided in favor of Captain Carpenter's heirs.*

The desk of Captain Francis Carpenter, in which he used to keep his log-book, etc., is now in the keeping of his great-granddaughter, Miss Esther B. Carpenter of Wakefield, R. I., to whom I am indebted for this account. The following are the children of Captain Francis Carpenter:

* During the progress of this trial Mrs. Carpenter and her son Willett, then a lad of about 13, went together on horseback to Boston to consult a lawyer, and to Plymouth to see the will of Mayor Thomas Willett, a feat which she used often to relate. She died January, 1817. She was born 17³³/₁₀.

A tradition of the family is that on this Boston Neck farm there was a house built and occupied by Theophilus Whalley, one of the regicide judges who fled to America at the ascension to the throne of Charles II.

Martha, wife of Simon Peirce (or Perce), was daughter of Andrew Willett, so sister to Ann and Mary, the two wives of Joseph Carpenter, No. 19.

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- 147 ESTHER, born 1770, died 1855. Not married.
 - 148 WILLETT, born June 17, 1772.
 - 149 POWELL. No further record.
 - 150 ROWSE. No further record.
 - 151 SARAH. Died young.
 - 152 ELIZABETH. Died young.
 - 153 JAMES, born April 15, 1774.
 - 154 ADAM. Died unmarried.
 - 155 SAMUEL, born 1775. Was for many years clerk of Washington County, R. I.
 - 156 SARAH, born 1779, died 1840. Not married.
 - 157 GABRIEL. Died unmarried.
 - 158 NATHANIEL. Nothing further.
 - 159 ABIGAIL, born 1778, died 1857. Not married.

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 57 James Carpenter, son of Joseph," was born at Musketa Cove, L. I., 5, 1, 1731. Like his brothers he was a sea-captain. His wife was Avis Tillinghast, born 1737, probably a great-granddaughter of Rev. Pardon

In the cemetery of Trinity Church, Newport, R. I., there are mural monuments with following inscriptions:

"Capt. James Carpenter," died April 1, 1790, aged 60 years.
 Avis Carpenter, his wife, died October 2, 1819, aged 82 years.
 Pardon, their son, died 1778.
 Avis, their daughter, died February 14, 1800.
 Captain James, their son, died Nov. 11, 1808, aged 41 years.
 Francis W., their son, died June 2, 1821, aged 46 years.

In 1794 Anne Mott, daughter of James and Mary (Underhill) Mott, on a visit to Newport, writes that she dined at the "Widow Carpenter's," whom she afterwards calls "Aunt Carpenter." She writes of her, "She is a remarkable woman and has two clever daughters, which are all her family. She has a brick house and tells me there are but two or three others in the town. They have a garden well stocked with vegetables," etc. (Vide "Adam and Anne Mott.")

Tillinghast. After their marriage they made their home at Newport, R. I., where he died April 1, 1790, and Avis his wife died October 2, 1819, aged 82 years.

Children.

- 160 THOMAS, who was also a mariner and died at sea. He was married and left a daughter at Newport. 20041 ✓
- 160^a PARDON. Died in 1778.
- 161 MARY.
- 161^a MARTHA.
- 162 JAMES,* born 1767, married July 3, 1803, Phebe, sister of Hon. Henry Bull of Newport, R. I., and had son James, living 1883.
- 162^a FRANCIS W., died June 2, 1821, aged 46 years.
- 163 AVIS, died February 14, 1800.

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~~58~~ Willett Carpenter, son of Joseph,¹⁹ was born at "Reedy Fly," Musketa Cove, L. I., on 5d. 11mo. 17³⁸/₈, and takes the place in name of his eldest brother who died just two years before. We have only a single item concerning him. His name appears as one of the parties interested in the suit against his brother Francis in 1785. He probably made his home at Newport, R. I., and was "a mariner." 22356 ✓

*He was also a sea-captain. Miss Esther B. Carpenter of Wakefield, R. I., writes me that on one of his voyages to London he brought from there a Carpenter coat-of-arms, which his widow gave to Rev. James H. Carpenter (father of Miss Esther B.). The frame is lettered "Captain Carpenter," and is supposed to be at least a century old. She also writes that a daughter of Captain Thomas¹⁶⁰ married Thomas Howland of Newport and they had a daughter, *Avis Carpenter Howland*, a writer of some local note. Her "Rhode Island Tales," a little volume for children, describes some events occurring in the old Carpenter Homestead, etc. See B. 354