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INTRODUCTION.

Three persons bearing the name of Lapham early settled in New England, two of them in Massachusetts and the other in Rhode Island. The first was Thomas, who came to Scituate previous to 1635, and some of whose descendants are recorded in this Register. The second was John, who was a weaver and came from Devonshire in England. He was born in 1635, and settled in Providence, R. I., where in 1673 he married Mary, daughter of William Mann of Providence. His house was burned by the Indians and he afterwards moved to Dartmouth, Mass., where he resided until his decease. He had four sons and one daughter. His descendants are found in Rhode Island, in western New York, and in several of the western States. Increase Allen Lapham, LL. D. of Milwaukie, is of this descent.

The third was John Lapham, who married a Hollis, in Malden, in 1671, and we find no trace of him afterwards. There is a tradition among the older members of both families, that two brothers came from England at different times and settled in different parts of the United States. This would indicate that Thomas of Scituate and John of Providence were brothers, but like most of the traditions respecting lineage, the facts which bear upon the case do not substantiate it. On the contrary, all the evidence goes to show that they belonged to two distinct families.

This little pamphlet is not offered as a complete Register of the descendants of Thomas Lapham of Scituate. The author has devoted some time during the past two years to gathering up such material as was easily available, and one object in presenting it in this unfinished condition, is to preserve it. At some future day these materials may be of use to some one who may publish a more complete genealogy of this family, including the female line, which has been almost entirely ignored in these brief records. It is believed, however, that these records will enable every American who bears this name and belongs to this lineage, to trace his descent from his emigrant ancestors.

WILLIAM B. LAPHAM.

AUGUSTA, Dec. 10, 1873.

EXPLANATIONS.

The Roman numerals preceding a name refer to the number in the family; the figures to the place in the genealogical line. Half numbers are used where additional names were received after the numberings were completed, to obviate the necessity of numbering over. Numerals after a name refer the reader back to the place of such person in the regular order of numbering; b. is the abbreviation used for born, m. for married, d. for died and bap. for baptized.

LAPHAM FAMILY REGISTER.

FIRST GENERATION.

1. Thomas Lapham was at Scituate, Mass, in 1635. He probably came from the County of Kent in Old England, though our information on this point is not definite and reliable. Neither have we been able to ascertain the precise time when he left England for America, but we have reason to believe it was in the year 1634. From his intimate relations with Rev. John Lothrop, pastor of the first church in Scituate, and Elder Nathaniel Tilden, the first ruling Elder, we are led to believe that he was one of those men of Kent who left England in order to seek a place where they could enjoy more perfect religious freedom. He joined Lothrop's church March 24, 1636, and was married March 13, 1637, to Mary, eldest daughter of Elder Nathaniel Tilden.* His place of residence was

* Elder Nathaniel Tilden was of Tenterden, in Kent, Eng., and came to this country with his family in 1634, in the *Hercules* of Sandwich. He had previously visited Plymouth Colony, having been in Scituate previous to 1628. He brought with him seven children, all born in England, and several servants. His wife was Lydia, daughter of Thomas Bourne, formerly of Kent, but an early resident of Marshfield. Mr. Tilden was ruling Elder of Lothrop's church and one of the wealthiest of the early settlers. He died in 1641, and his widow married Mr. Timothy Hatherly in 1642.

near Scituate harbor. He died in 1648, leaving four daughters and two sons. His will which was dated two years before, is found recorded among the early Plymouth Colony Records. His wife Mary, was made Executrix, and the four oldest children are mentioned. This will was allowed to be proved at a Court holden at New Plymouth June 5, 1651. The following is the order of the Court thereon:

"Liberty is allowed to Mr. Hatherly to prove the Will of Thomas Lapham, deceased at Scituate, in the regard the widow Lapham through weakness is unable to come into Court."

The name of Thomas Lapham rarely appears in the town records of Scituate, but is more frequently found in the ecclesiastical history of the town. No records which we have been able to find indicate his age at death, and they are equally silent respecting the date of the death of his widow.

SECOND GENERATION.

CHILDREN :

2. I. Elizabeth, b. May 6, 1638.
3. II. Mary, b. ———
4. III. Thomas, b. 1643, m. Mary —
5. IV. Lydia, b. ——— m. Samuel Bates of Hingham, Feb. 20, 1666.

In his will Mr. Tilden gives "to wife Lydia, the income of my stone house, with the lands, in Tenterden, in Kent, Eng., in which Richard Lambeth now dwells," &c. His children, all of whom are named in the will, were as follows:

I, Joseph, m. Elizabeth Twisden; II, Thomas; III, Mary, m. Thomas Lapham; IV, Sarah, m. George Sutton; V, Judith, m. Abraham Preble; VI, Lydia, m. Richard Garrett; VII, Stephen, m. Hannah Little.

6. V. Rebecca, b. 1645, m. John Washburne of Bridgewater, April 16, 1679.
7. VI. Joseph, b. 1648, d. unmarried at Bridgewater.

THIRD GENERATION.

Thomas Lapham, Jr.⁴ was twice married and about the year 1700 he moved to Marshfield where he died in 1720. By his first wife his children were

8. I. Joseph, b. 1670, m. Abigail —
9. II. Samuel, b. 1676, m. Hannah Rogers, 1701.
10. III. Lydia, b. 1677. By his second wife he had
11. IV. Mary, b. 1704.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Joseph⁸ was thrice married. By his first wife Abigail he had

12. I. Joseph, b. April 26, 1709, m. Abigail Joyce Sept. 26, 1729.
13. II. Ichabod, b. Oct. 11, 1711, d. Dec. 11, 1711. (This by second wife, Patience). For third wife he married Hannah Eames, Feb. 5, 1711—12.

Samuel⁹, m. Hannah Rogers of Marshfield, Nov. 19, 1701.

CHILDREN:

14. I. Hannah, b. April 1, 1703, m. William Stetson 1723.
15. II. Mary, b. Sept. 13, 1704.
16. III. David, b. April 3, 1706, m. Rebecca King 1727.
17. IV. Elizabeth, b. April 13, 1708, m. Wm. Sherman 1731.
18. V. Joshua, b. Dec. 22, 1710, m. Mary Wood, March 3, 1736-37.
19. VI. Mercy, b. May 10, 1713.
20. VII. Thankful, b. May, 1715.
21. VIII. Amos, b. Dec. 1, 1717, m. Abigail Turner.
22. IX. Lydia, b. May 17, 1724.

