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INTRODUCTION.

One hundred and seventy-six years ago the Ames family settled in that part of Exeter which is now the town of Newmarket.

Rev. J. H. Fitts, pastor of the Congregational church in South Newmarket, has kindly furnished the following facts concerning the Daniel Ames family, which he has gathered in the course of general studies in Newmarket family history. I am indebted to him for the facts furnished, and for courtesies shown when on a visit there in November, 1890, for which I return thanks.

Newmarket was a part of Exeter until 17 December, 1727. The Ames estate was about six miles from Exeter village, pleasantly situated on the north side of the Piscassic river near the corner of Hall's Mill and Lee roads. It is now owned and occupied by Smith Sanborn. Near the westerly side of a large, well cultivated field, there is a knoll which is elevated ten or fifteen feet above the rest of the field. On this knoll Daniel Ames built his log house. It had two rooms on the floor, and was two

stories in height. The upper story projected over the lower, so that the house when used as a garrison could be defended against the attacks of the Indians. Here our ancestor lived with his family, and here he died, in January, 1754.

In this field, at a bend in the river and near its bank, is another knoll, about eighty feet in diameter, which is now covered with trees. It was here that Daniel Ames and his household were buried. The neglected graves are distinctly marked by small, rough stones, upon which there are no inscriptions.

All that can be given which relates to his history are such items as may be found in the offices of the register of deeds and the register of probate for Rockingham county, which are as follows :

DANIEL AMES,

husbandman, purchased thirty acres of this homestead of the family of Joseph Hilton, 25 June, 1714. He mortgaged this messuage and the dwelling-house upon it 19 August, 1720, to William Hooke, of Salisbury; 6 September, 1731, four years after Newmarket had been set off from Exeter, Daniel Ames, freeholder, of the parish of Newmarket, sold to Richard Perryman, of Exeter, thirty acres of common lands, apportioned to him by a committee of the township of Exeter: 3 May, 1740, he sold 150 acres of land on Piscassic river to Nathaniel Ames,