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THOMAS' HOWES OF YARMOUTH, MASS., AND SOME OF
HIS DESCENDANTS, TOGETHER WITH THE REV. JOHN
MAYO, ALLIED TO HIM BY MARRIAGE.

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HOWES.(a)

FIRST GENERATION.

I. THOMAS' HOWES, b. in England; m. there Mary ; came to America about 1637; d. between Oct. 6, 1665 (date of acknowledgement of his will), and Oct. 18, 1665 (date of his inventory). His widow m.(b-d) 2d before Aug. 1, 1668, and probably before Feb. 9, 1667-8, as his 4th wife, Gov. Thomas Prence of the Plymouth

(a) Bardsley, in his Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames (p. 402), derives the name from two sources: 1st from the Christian name "Hugh," mentioning the South of England, and 2d from the local word "how," meaning a mound or a hill, giving instances in Cambridgeshire, the counties of Cumberland and Norfolk, and elsewhere. The name will be found in early records spelled Howe, Hows, House, &c. See "Note as to Howes," *infra*, p. 32.

(b-d) Proved by Miss Ella F. Elliot of Somerville, Mass., in 6 Mayflower Descendant (hereinafter cited as Mf.), 127, 230-235; 59 N. E. Reg. 217, 218; 61 ib. 290.

Colony, and d.(e) in Yarmouth Dec. 9, and was buried Dec. 11, 1695. Gov. Prence d.(f) in Plymouth March 29, 1673.

The will(f1) of Gov. Thomas Prence, dated March 13, 1672-3, contains the following reference to his wife:

"And Respecting my temporall estate wherwith the Lord hath blessed mee my will is that Mary my beloved wife shall have such household goods of Any kind as were hers, before wee married. Returned to her againe, after my Decease and if any of them, be much Impared or be wanting, that shee shall make it good out of my estate in such goods as shee Desireth:

"Item I give unto my said loveing wife my best bed and the furniture therunto appertaining and, the Court Cubberd that stands in the new Par-

(e) 3 Yar. Rees. 328; 6 Mf. 230. Swift in Old Yarmouth, 117, says she died at the house of her son-in-law Jeremiah Howes. He was also her own son.

(f) 3 Mf. 203.

(f1) 3 Mf. 204, 205. (3 Plym. Col. Wills, pt. 1, p.p. 58-70.)

four with the Cloth and Cushen that is on it, and an horse and three Cowes such as shee shall make Choise of, and foure of my best silver spoones and alsoe During her Naturall life, I give her the Rents and proffitts of my prte of the mill att Satuckett; and of the lands adjoining, and my Debts and legacyes being first payed; I Doe further give unto my said wife a full third prte of my prsonall estate that Remaines." He made her sole executrix of his will.

His inventory,(f2) dated April 23, 1673, contains a list of the "goods mistris Mary Prence had before Marriage." She swore to the inventory June 5, 1673.(f3)

Thomas¹ Howes was first in Lynn and afterward settled in Yarmouth, of which he was one of the three original proprietors. He settled at Nobsusset on the north side of Cape Cod, which afterwards became a part of the town of Dennis.(g) He was one of those in August, 1643, between 16 and 60 years of age, able to bear arms in Yarmouth.(h) He was one of the deputies from Yarmouth to the General Court at Plymouth for six years, commencing in 1652.(i) The tax of his widow (then also the widow of Gov. Prence) in 1676 "towards the charges of the late war" was £1 3s. 4d.(j)

The first mention of Thomas¹ Howes is in the court records of Essex coun-

(f2) Ib. 213, 214.

(f3) Ib. 216.

(g) Swift's Old Yarmouth, 24.

(h) Ib. 34, 35; 8 Plym. Col. Recs, 194.

(i) Plym. Col. Recs.

(j) Swift 105; 2 Freeman's Cape Cod, 195.

ty in September, 1638. At the 10th Quarter Court, held at Salem Sept. 25, 1638, in the suit of Mr. Holgrave against Thomas Howes for trespass, the jury found for the plaintiff seven bushels and a half of corn and four shillings costs.(k) At the same court Abram Temple obtained a verdict for two bushels of corn, five shillings damages and four shillings costs against Mr. John Humphreys, Mr. Howes and Mr. Hawks for trespass done by their horses; Hugh Browne, a verdict for three bushels of corn, seven shillings and sixpence damages and four shillings costs against Thomas Howes for trespass; James Molton, a verdict for eleven bushels and one peck of corn and four shillings costs against Mr. Howes and Mr. Hawks for trespass; James Hinds, a verdict against the same two for four bushels and a half of corn and four shillings costs for trespass; and Henry Skerry, a verdict against the same two, also for trespass, for the same amount of corn and costs.(k)

He is first mentioned in the Plymouth Colony records in December, 1638. Mr. John Crow and Mr. Thomas Howes, of Mattacheese, otherwise called Yarmouth, took the oath of allegiance to the King and of fidelity to the government December 18, 1638.(l) At the court held January 7, 1638-9, it appears that a grant of land at Yarmouth had been made to Mr. Anthony Thacher, Mr. Thomas Howes and Mr. John Crow, together with John Coite "to be enquired of." and that Mr. Howes proposed to take up his freedom at Yarmouth.(m)

(k) 7 Essex Inst. Hist. Colls. 187, 188; 3 Essex Antiquarian, 81, 85, 126.

(l) 1 Plym. Col. Recs. 107.

(m) Ib. 108.

Feb. 29, 1638-9, Richard Walker, planter, of Lynn, appointed Edward Dillingham, gentleman, of Sandwich, his attorney, to sue Howes, planter, late of Lynn and then of Mattacheese, for damages sustained by him as surety for Howes for a debt to Samuel Smith. Smith had sued Walker and Howes before the Governor, Council and Assistants of Massachusetts and Jan. 4, 1638-9, had recovered against them 30 bushels of corn and 10s. costs, whereupon Walker had been compelled to pay the sum of £9 10s. and had been put to other charges to the amount of 12s.(n) March 5, 1638-9, it was "ordered by the Court that Mr. Nicholas Sympkins, William Palmer, Phillip Tabor, and Josuah Barnes, of the towne of Yarmouth, shalbe added to Mr. Anthony Thacher, Mr. Thom Howes, & Mr. John Crowe, comittees of the said place, to make an equall division of the planting landes now to be divided at this first division there, to eich man according to his estate and quallitie, and according to their instruceons; and that Josuah Pratt, of Plymouth, and Mr. John Vincent, of Sandwich, shall view the landes there, and make report thereof unto the Court, that if those proporcons wch Mr. Andrew Hellot hath assumed to himself there shalbe so judiciall to the whole, that then some just and equall order maybe taken therein, to pvent the evell consequence it may

(n) Lechford's Notebook, 7 Transactions of Am. Antiquarian Soc. [31] 50, 51. The editor seems to think there was a Samuel Howes in Yarmouth at this time, but there was not. There was a Samuel House in Barnstable, but he lived most of his life in Scituate and died there.

be to the whole plantacon."(o) Sept. 3, 1639, Mr. Thomas Howes, of Yarmouth, was proposed to be a freeman at the next court.(p)

At the court held March 3, 1639-40, the following record appears: "Whereas Mr. Thacher, Mr. Crowe, & Mr. Howes, the committees of Yarmouth, were complayned of to have made unequal divisions of lands there, whereupon the said comittees have exhibited a very formall division of the said lands unto the Court, wch is well approved of, and the Court doth further order, that the said comittees shall receive no more inhabitantes into the said towne, except they bring certificate from the places whence they come, under sufficient mens handes of the sd places, of their religious and honest carriage, wch certifiycate shall first be allowed by the govnr and assistantes before such psons be admitted there."(q) June 17, 1641, "a warrant [was] granted to distraine xij s upon Emanuel White for keeping cowes, and upon Mr. Sympkins xvj s, and Mr. Howes 16s, if Mris Fuller will not pay the sd 16s for Howes."(r) From the same record it appears that he and William Chase and Joshua Barnes had incurred expenses as a committee for the town, and a rate was ordered to defray them. June 7, 1642, Mr. Thomas Howes of Yarmouth, planter, was surety for the appearance at Court of Joshua Barnes in the sum of £40. The bond was afterwards released.(r1)

(o) 1 Plym. Col. Recs. 117.

(p) Ib. 132.

(q) Ib. 142.

(r) 2 ib. 20.

(r1) 2 ib. 41.

June 5, 1644, he is named as constable of Yarmouth.(s) August 20, 1644, "Mr. Anthony Thacher, Mr. Thomas Howes, & Mr. Willm Lumpkin, of Yarmouth, or any two of them, are appointed by the Court to lay forth the farm land graunted to Nathall Sowther neere Billingsgate; and the Court confirms the same unto him.(t)" March 3, 1644-5, it was "ordered by the Court, that Mr. Thomas Starr shall have pscntly layd forth for him at Yarmouth fifty acres of upland, either next to Elder Hores or Mr. Howes landes at Seshewit, on wch side he will, so that it adjoyne to one of them."(u) June 2, 1646, Mr. Thomas Howes was foreman of the grand jury.(v) June 1, 1647, Thomas Howes was admitted a freeman and sworn.(w) June 7, 1648, Mr. Thomas Howes was foreman of a jury.(x)

Captain Standish, who had been appointed by the Court March 7, 1647-8, to have a hearing "and to put an end to all differences as doe remaine in the towne of Yarmouth," made his report May 14, 1648, which included the following: "whereas Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Howes, and Mr. Crow, committees of this plantation of Yarmouth, in consideration of thayer charges about the discovering, purchas, and other charges by them disbursed, about the same, have clamed and taken up, viz, Mr. Thatcher, 130 acres of upland, and twenty six acres of meadowe for a farme, and Mr. Howes 100 acres of upland, and 20 acres of meadowe for his

fearme, or great lot.—the towne hath allowed Mr. Thatcher an hundred and tenne acres of upland, and his twenty-six acres of meadowe, and hee hath layed downe to the towne the other twenty acres of upland, and likewise the towne have graunted unto Mr. Howes fourscore acars of upland, and twenty acres of meadow, and hee hath layed downe to the towne, in lieu of the other twenty acres of land by him taken up in his great lot, twenty acars lying in Rock Furland, next on the west side of Edward Sturges land, bought of Gabriell Wheildin; and likewise the towne hath allowed unto Mr. Crow 4 score acres of upland, and twenty acres of meadowe, wherof som part is taken up allredy, and the rest to bee taken up by him where hee shall find it convenient, and twenty acars hee remits to the towne, which the towne accepts, and is satisfied in full in respecte of any differences yt hath been betwext the towne and them, and everyone of them, in respecte of their farmes or great lots, or any greewances about the laying out of lands from the begining of the plantation to the 13th day of May, 1648, aforesaid. Also, Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Howes hath layed downe to the use of the town, viz, Mr. Thatcher 12 acres of upland neare the Great Basse Pound, and Mr. Howes hath layed downe 10 acres of upland in Nobscussett, lying there in a furland called Rabbits Ruine, in lieu of 12 acres a peece claimed by them, and taken up heertofore, in consideration of charges about the laying out of lands in the winter 1638, which appears in thayer acompte given into Court, ano 1640, which the towne hath otherwise satisfied upon agreement."

"It is likewise granted yt Mr. Howes

- (s) Ib. 72.
- (t) Ib. 76.
- (u) Ib. 81, 82.
- (v) Ib. 102.
- (w) Ib. 114.
- (x) Ib. 126.

shall have 17 acars in the Eastern Meadow, and at the easterne end in the Swan Ponds, in lieue of 17 acars of meadow Mr. Howes hath taken up in Nobscussett, als Sassuett Necke, and sould to Thomas Burman: hee hath layed downe to the townes use 7½ acars of meadowe, late Mr. Hal-lotts, lying at the lower end of the rocke tree furland, and eight acares of meadow, late William Chases, lying next unto Edward Sturges meadow, between the river and Mr. Sinkins necke."

"The 15th day of May, 1648. It is agreed by Captain Standish, Mr. Crow, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Howes, the committees of this plantation of Yarmouth, and Richard Hore, Mr. Hawes, William Nicorsone, William Pallmer, and Robert Dennis, in the behalfe of the townes, that Mr. Staare, William Nichorsone, and Robert Dennis shall bee joyned to the committees for this psent year, and thence after by the townes: they have thayer liberty to choose other three to the committees aforesaid, so yt the committees shall not heerafter dispose of any lands, either uplands or meadow, without the consent of those three or tow of them, and if any difference arise between them which they cannot compose themselves, yt they repayer to Captain Standish for his dyrection."(y)

June 5, 1650, Mr. Thomas Howes, with Samuel Mayo, was appointed administrator of the estate of Samuel Hallet, deceased.(z)

Oct. 2, 1650, Mr. Thomas Howes with a number of others had a suit against William Nickerson for slander, claiming £100 damages, which

was referred to the magistrates, to decide and compose the controversy. The decision was: "The Court doe judg yt the said William Nickerson, in regard of his offensive speeches against sundry of the townes, to have carried himselfe therin unworthily, and desire him to see his evell therein, and to bee redy to acknowlidg it; and yt those hee hath offended in that behalfe should rest therein."(a)

June 7, 1651, he was on a jury.(b) Oct. 14, 1651, Mr. Howes had in his keeping belonging to John Barnes of Plymouth a pied cow, "the said Cow being put forth to the said Mr. Howes to halfe the encreas," which had produced two heifers and a steer calf.(c) June 7, 1652, Mr. Thomas Howes is named as a deputy to the General Court from Yarmouth.(d) Oct. 5, 1652, it appeared that Mr. Howes had been appointed for Yarmouth by the Colonial Treasurer to receive the oil for the county.(e) June 7, 1653, Mr. Thomas Howes was named as one of the deputies to the General Court from Yarmouth.(f) June 6, 1654, he was on the grand jury.(g) It appears March 5, 1656-7, that he and Mr. Anthony Thacher had purchased lands of Janno, an Indian sachem, and, as the Indian claimed, had not paid for them. Mr. Thacher was directed to appear and answer at the next May court.(h) May 8, 1657, Mashantampaine, Sagamore of Yarmouth, acknowledged that he had

(a) 7 lb. 50.

(b) lb. 54.

(c) 12 lb. 215.

(d) 3 lb. 9.

(e) lb. 17.

(f) lb. 32.

(g) lb. 49.

(h) lb. 113.

(y) lb. 128-129.

(z) lb. 156.

received full compensation from Anthony Thacher, Mr. John Crow and Mr. Thomas Howes for land he had sold to "Mr. William Bradford, Esq." (i) June 1, 1658, he is named as a deputy from Yarmouth. (j) May 14, 1658, Mr. John Alden and Capt. Josias Winslow, having been appointed arbitrators by the court, agreed with Janno upon the amount due him and decided that of that amount Mr. Anthony Thacher, Mr. Howes and Mr. Crow should pay one half and the town of Yarmouth the other half and the sum of £6 in charges which the town had been to about the business, should be borne, £4 by the town and 2s. each by Mr. Thacher and Mr. Howes, "old Mr. Crow" being excused from paying any part of it. (k)

It appears that Capt. Myles Standish with the consent of Mrs. Barbara Standish, his wife, had sold to Thomas Howes a farm lying in the liberties of Yarmouth, the deed being recorded Oct. 5, 1658. (l) June 7, 1659, Mr. Howes is named as a deputy from Yarmouth; (m) also, June 6, 1660. (n) June 13, 1660, he was a deputy to consider the trade at Kennebeck and met in conference on the subject. (o) Oct. 2, 1660, Mr. Howes attended a special session of the General Court. (p) On March 5, 1660-1, the following entry was made:

"Whereas this Court is given to understand that there are certaine

cottages to bee erected, or in erecting, within the townshipp of Yarmouth, contrary to order of the Court, the Court ordereth Mr. Anthony Thacher and Mr. Thomas Howes, Senir, that they take dilligent care henceforth, from time to time, that noe more houses bee erected there contrary to the said order; and incase any after theire prohibition shall psist soe to doe, then they to signify the same to the Court, and attend their further order." (q)

April 1, 1661, he witnessed a deed by Indians to John Howland, Sr., of Plymouth, and others. (r) June 3, 1662, Mr. Thomas Howes is named as a deputy from Yarmouth to the General Court. (s) He was appointed June 10, 1662, one of the committee to take the account of the Colonial Treasurer. (t) June 9, 1662, he was on the committee to take the Colonial Treasurer's account and signed the report. (u) March 3, 1662-3, he and Robert Dennis obtained judgment for £10 damages and the costs of the suit against William Nickerson, Sr., they complaining "in the behalfe of themselves and the rest of theire neighbours, whoe by towne order are to have theire shares of the whales this yeare, wh by Gods providence are or shalbee cast up within theire townshippes," "for unjust molestation in unjust attachment of the blubber of a whale belonging to the complainants." (v) June 7, 1665, the Court

(i) Swift, 95, 96; 2 Freeman, 292.

(j) 3 Plym. Col. Recs. 135.

(k) Ib. 146.

(l) 13 Mf. 142, 143; 2 Plym. Col. Deeds, pt. 2, p. 11.

(m) 3 Plym. Col. Recs. 162.

(n) Ib. 187.

(o) Ib. 194, 195.

(p) Ib. 198.

(q) Ib. 207.

(r) 2 Plym. Col. Deeds, pt. 2, p. 61; 16 Mf. 75.

(s) 4 Plym. Col. Recs. 14.

(t) Ib. 21.

(u) 8 ib. 106. No doubt the same occasion as the next above.

(v) 7 Ib. 166.

ordered that whereas William Nickerson had illegally purchased of the Indians a certain tract of land at "Mannamoiett" (now Chatham), he should have 100 acres thereof at or near his house, and the rest of the land was granted to nine persons, including Thomas Howes, Sr., who were to pay Nickerson their equal proportions of what he should show he had paid for the land, and they were given liberty to purchase other land there not to exceed 100 acres apiece.(w) March 6, 1665-6. Mistress Howes complained that some Indians had sold her a parcel of sturgeon and had not delivered them, whereupon the court ordered the Indians to make satisfaction unto her for the same.(x) On the same date, letters of administration were granted unto Mistress Mary Howes on the estate of Mr. Thomas Howes, deceased.(y)

The will of Mr. Howes is printed in 6 Mayflower Descendant, 157. It was dated Sept. 26, 1665, and proved March 7, 1665-6. It was witnessed by Thomas Thornton and Anthony Thacher. The record(z) states that after its date it was read over to him and acknowledged to be his last will Oct. 6, 1665, in the presence of his

(w) 4 ib. 96, 97, 101, 102.

(x) Ib. 115.

(y) Ib. 117.

(z) 2 Plym. Col. Wills, pt. 2, p. 31.

The Rev. Dr. Reuben Wing Howes of New York city informs the compiler that the original will of Thomas Howes is at "Mornngthorpe," Brewster, Putnam county, N. Y., an estate in the possession of the widow of Seth B. Howes, which upon her death will pass to her late husband's grand-nephew, Leander Townsend Howes, a son of Dr. Howes.

wife and of Mr. Anthony Thacher and the latter's wife Elizabeth. He made his wife Mary executrix and his friends Mr. Anthony Thacher and Robert Dennis "feofees in trust to see to the performance of this my last will." He gave certain lands to his eldest son Joseph, his second son Thomas and his youngest son Jeremiah, after his and his wife's decease. He willed that his three sons should have and hold the upland and meadow he had given them and placed them in possession of. To his wife he gave his dwelling house, his outhouses and all the land then in his possession during her life, but if she married, she was to have only the thirds of them.

"And my will is that shee alsoe have all my moveable goods both within and without after my Debts bee payed att her Dispose for her use and benefit; provided shee Dispose and give the remaine of them; att her Decease or marriage unto my said Children but in such and such proportions as shee shall see meet."

All the rest of his lands he gave to his wife "to bee Desposed of and given unto my said Children as shee pleaseth att or before her Decease." He also provided that his son Thomas, in consideration of his gifts in the will, was to teach his grandson Samuel the trade of a cooper, to give Samuel when twelve years old a mare of three years, and to keep the dwelling house in repair during the life or widowhood of his wife. The will mentions six acres of land that had been William Nickerson's.

The inventory of his personal estate, taken Oct. 18, 1665, was sworn to by the widow Feb. 26, 1665-6. It amounted to £242 14s., and mentioned £23 15s. 3½d. of debts to be

paid. Included in the inventory were two Bibles and other books, appraised at £2.(a) By deed dated Feb. 9, 1667-8, his three sons made division of his real estate.(b) Dec. 23, 1695, the inventory of the personal estate of the widow (then Mrs. Prence) was taken by John Miller and Thomas Folland. It was sworn to Dec. 31, 1695, by her son, Mr. Jeremiah Howes. Sr. It mentions Thomas and Jonathan Howes, a cow at Jeremiah Howes's, a debt of £7 8s. due to Jeremiah Howes, Jr., an old chest and a cupboard at Prence Howes's, and an old Bible, appraised at 4s. The inventory, less debts, amounted to £42 2s. 7d.(c) Swift in "Old Yarmouth" (p. 47) says respecting Thomas' Howes:

"Nothing is known of Mr. Howes before his coming to this country, neither have we any knowledge in what part of England he originated. He was in Salem in 1635."(d)

"That he was a man of much influence, great maturity of judgment, and of considerable importance in the Colony, is sufficiently attested." (p. 48).

"It need not, however, be inferred from the fact that the first dwelling houses of the settlers were small and unpretentious, that they were necessarily an indigent and humble class of people in point of worldly fortune. In respect to some of them we know

this would not be a correct estimate. Anthony Thacher, Edmund Hawes and Richard Sears were certainly men of education and social standing in England, and Thomas Howes, John Crow, Edward Sturges, Andrew Hallet, Nicholas Simpkins and others appear to have belonged to the substantial middling class, either staunch yeomen or educated gentlemen. They built such houses as their condition required of them as pioneers of a new country; whose first care was to shelter their families while they were preparing the soil, making roads and enclosing their plantations. The next generation saw a great change in their style of living, as well as in their habitations."(pp. 79, 80.)

Thomas' Howes and Samuel House of Scituate were not brothers and there is no evidence that they were related.(e)

Children.(f)

II. Joseph

III. Thomas

IV. Jeremiah

(e) 66 N. E. Reg. 357, 358; 67 ib. 261; 69 ib. 284; 2 Otis's Barn. Families, 54-57.

(f) It is not known whether he had other children who died before him nor whether he left one or more daughters, but, in the absence of all mention of them, we must assume that he did not. It is, therefore, probable that Austin is in error in assuming in "Allied Families" (pp. 53, 136, 137) that Elizabeth Howes who, as he says, according to the Friends' records, married June 28, 1665, Daniel Butler of Sandwich and Falmouth and died in 1717, was his daughter.

(a) Ib. 23; 6 Mf. 159.

(b) 3 Plym. Col. Deeds, 106, 167; 6 Mf. 222.

(c) 2 Barn. Prob. Recs. 12; 6 Mf. 234.

(d) There is no proof nor is there reason to think that he was in this country as early as 1635 or that he ever resided in Salem.

SECOND GENERATION.

II. JOSEPH² (Thomas¹) Howes; b. in England in 1634 or before; m.(g) Elizabeth² (Rev. John¹) Mayo; d.(h) Jan. 19 and buried Jan. 21, 1694-5. She d.(h) March 12 and was buried March 16, 1700-1. He was brought to New England by his parents and resided in the part of Yarmouth now Dennis. In 1676 in the rate "towards the charges of the late war" his tax was £7 11s.(i) In 1698 his widow was taxed £4 4s. 6d.(j) June 8, 1655, Joseph Howes was propounded to take up his freedom.(k) June 3, 1657, he was admitted and sworn.(l) June 4, 1661, he was on the grand jury.(m) June 7, 1665, he is named as constable of Yarmouth.(n) The same date he was appointed one of three persons to lay out the 100 acres of land granted to William Nickerson at Monomoy (later Chatham) and to place in possession the nine grantees of the lands not allowed to Nickerson. The warrant was dated June 30, 1665.(o) March 6, 1665-6, as constable of Yarmouth, he complained that Thomas Starr had opposed him and used threatening language against him in the execution of his office. The case being tried before a jury, Starr was found guilty

(g) 1 Otis, 25, 220, 222.

(h) Yarmouth Recs.; 2 Freeman, 202, 203.

(i) Swift, 105.

(j) Records of Superior Ct. of of Judicature, No. 4600; Rec. Book, 1686-1700, p. 297; Supreme Ct. Clerk's Of., Boston.

(k) 3 Plym. Col. Recs. 78.

(l) Ib. 117.

(m) Ib. 215.

(n) 4 Ib. 91.

(o) Ib. 96, 97, 101, 102, 135.

and the court fined him £5.(p) The same date he was approved as one of the selectmen of Yarmouth.(q) June 5, 1666, he was one of the selectmen of Yarmouth approved by the court.(r) June 30, 1667, he signed a paper to the General Court in favor of the Rev. Thomas Thornton against an attack by Nicholas Nickerson.(s) June 5, 1671, he was one of the surveyors of highways of Yarmouth.(t) June 5, 1672, he was on the grand jury.(u) and the same date he is mentioned as a surveyor of highways for Yarmouth.(v) In 1679 Joseph Howes and two others were appointed a committee to collect the residue of the salary due the minister.(w) In February, 1680, the town agreed upon him, with Samuel and Jeremiah Howes, to secure to it all such whales as should be cast up between Saw-suit Harbor mouth and Yarmouth Harbor, for £4 a whale.(x) July 7, 1681, he was on the jury in several suits.(yz) June 6, 1682, Joseph Howes was on the grand jury.(a) June 6, 1683, June 2, 1685, and June, 1686, he is mentioned as one of the selectmen of Yarmouth.(b)

Joseph² Howes left a will, dated

(p) Ib. 115.

(q) Ib. 117.

(r) Ib. 124.

(s) Swift, 90, where a reduced facsimile of his signature may be seen. See "Edmond Hawes," 139, by the compiler.

(t) 5 Plym. Col. Recs. 58.

(u) Ib. 91.

(v) Ib. 93.

(w) Swift, 108.

(x) Swift, 109.

(yz) 7 Plym. Col. Recs. 241-243.

(a) 6 Ib. 85.

(b) Ib. 108, 168, 186.

Jan. 7, 1694-5, and proved Feb. 7, 1694-5.(c) He mentions his wife Elizabeth, his sons Samuel, Joseph, John, Nathaniel, Thomas and Amos, and his daughters Mary Hallett, Elizabeth Myrick and Hannah Howes. His sons Nathaniel, Thomas and Amos and his daughter Hannah were under the age of 21 years. He named his wife and his son Joseph his executors, and his brothers Jeremiah Howes and John Mayo to advise and help them. The inventory of his estate, taken Jan. 30, 1694-5, and sworn to Feb. 7, 1694-5, amounted to £288 in real estate and £166 18s. in personal property; total, £454 18s.(d) Included in his inventory are the following items:

A share in a whale boat	£1 6s.
A try pot and materials belonging to it.	3 0
A great pewter platter	0 15
Four platters	1 0
Books	2 12
Arms and ammunition	3 6

The will of his widow Elizabeth Howes, dated Feb. 7, 1694-5, and proved April 1, 1701, gave her dwelling house, barn and homestead to her sons Nathaniel, Thomas and Amos, and the rest of her estate to be divided between all her surviving children. She made her sons Samuel and Joseph executors.(e) Her inventory, dated March 26, 1701, and sworn to April 1, 1701, by her sons Lieut. Samuel Howes, Joseph Howes, Thomas Howes and Amos Howes, amounted to £125 19s. 10d. in personal property.(f) Included in her inventory are the following items:

One pair of Oxen	£ 7	15s.	0d.
Other cattle	27	17	0
Four horses	5	15	0
16 sheep	6	10	0
8 swine	2	2	0
A silver cup	3	15	0
A gun	0	15	0
A cutlas	0	8	0
A rapier	0	6	0
A bible	0	5	0
Other books	0	7	6

Children

as given in the will. The actual dates and order of births are not known, except the order of the sons among themselves and of the daughters among themselves:

1. Samuel, b. _____
2. Joseph, b. _____ ; m.(g) Mary Vincent(g1) Nov. 28, 1639; d.(h1) Dec. 24, 1743. His children appear on the Yarmouth records, the oldest b. in September, 1690, and the youngest May 25, 1765.(i) In 1693 he was one of a committee to agree upon

(g) Yar. Recs.; 2 Mf. 209; J. C. Howes, Gen. of the Howes Family, 12.

(g1) J. C. Howes, 12, says that, according to the record she d. March 24, 1776, in the 100th year of her age. He, however, thinks it was Sarah (Hedge), wife of Thomas, son of Jeremiah² Howes, who thus died, "as," he correctly says, "appears upon her gravestone." But the last mentioned Thomas Howes did not marry Sarah Hedge. His p. 15 is erroneous. It was Thomas, son of Thomas² who married her. Howes's statement of the record is also incorrect. The town record reads that widow Mary Howes departed this life March 24, 1776, in the hundredth year of her age.

(h) J. C. Howes, 12. 2 Freeman, 216, says he d. then "in a good old age."

(i) 11 Mf. 112.

(c) 1 Barn. Prob. Recs. 103.

(d) Ib. 109.

(e) 2 ib. 121.

(f) Ib. 122.

some fit person to teach school.(j) In the rate of 1698 the tax of Joseph Howes was £2 3s. 6d.(k) In the division of the common lands in 1712 Joseph Howes had 30½ shares.(l) The church in the East Precinct of Yarmouth, later Dennis, held its first meeting the last of February, 1721-2, and Joseph Howes, Sr., signed the covenant.(m) In 1739 he was among the proprietors of the common lands in Crocket Neck.(ml)

3. John, b. ; m.(n) 1st Elizabeth Paddock Nov. 28, 1689, and 2d Mary Matthews July 8, 1691; d.(o) April 30, 1736. His 2d wife d.(o) April 8, 1746. In 1693 he was one of a committee to agree on a fit person to teach school.(ol) In 1698 Mr. John Howes was chosen by the town of Yarmouth as one of its representatives in the Massachusetts Legislature, but declined to serve.(o2) In 1698 his tax in the rate of that year was £2 3s. 8d.(o3) He was town clerk and treasurer three years, commencing in 1695.(p) and one of the selectmen 8 years, commencing in

(j) Swift, 116.

(k) Recs. of Superior Ct. of Judicature, No. 4600; Rec. Book 1686-1700, p. 297.

(l) Swift, 126, 128.

(m) Deyo's Barnstable County, 516, 517.

(ml) Swift, 141, 142.

(n) 2 Freeman, 215; J. C. Howes, 13; Yar. Recs.; 2 Mf. 209; Yar. Reg. Dec. 3, 1846.

(o) 2 Freeman, 215; J. C. Howes, 13; 2 Mf. 209.

(ol) Deyo, 520.

(o2) Swift, 118.

(o3) Superior Ct. Recs. as above, p. 9.

(p) Swift, 238.

1707.(q) In 1710 he was chosen one of a committee to report a list of persons entitled to a portion of the public lands and the number of shares each was entitled to, according to a plan previously adopted. The report of the committee was confirmed and John Howes was on the relief committee to hear and report on grievances, which committee reported but few changes.(r) On the division of the common lands in 1712 he received 25 shares.(s) In 1716 a new meeting house was built and Mr. John Howes was one of the building committee chosen to determine the dimensions and contract with the workmen.(t) In 1721 a committee was appointed to devise some plan for disposing of the town's share of £50,000 issued by the Province and loaned to the towns. Mr. John Howes was one of the committee.(u) His will(ul) was dated Feb. 18, 1734-5, and proved July 7, 1736. He mentions his wife Mary and his children John, James, Elizabeth, and Sarah Eldredge.(u2)

4. Nathaniel, b. ; m.(v) Esther Ryder Feb. 22, 1704-5; d.(v) July 26, 1745. She d.(v) Nov. 27, 1763. His will,(v1) dated June 10, 1745, and proved Oct. 9, 1745, mentions his wife Esther, his children Nathaniel,

(q) Ib. 237.

(r) Ib. 125.

(s) Ib. 127.

(t) Ib. 136.

(u) Ib. 137.

(ul) 5 Barn. Prob. Recs. 272, 273.

(u2) Austin's Allied Families, 187, makes his 1st marriage Jan. 28, 1689-90, and his death June 30, 1736.

(v) 2 Freeman, 216; J. C. Howes, 13; Yar. Recs.

(v1) 6 Barn. Prob. Recs. 449, 450.

Zaccheus, Hannah Sears, Rebecca Hall and Esther Howes, and his grandsons Nathaniel Sears and Nathaniel Hall. In the rate of 1698 his tax was £2 and over.(w) In the division of the common lands in 1712 he had 25 shares.(x) The first meeting of the church in the East Precinct of Yarmouth, later Dennis, was held in his house.(x1)

5. Thomas, b. about 1680; m.(y) in Eastham Dec. 11, 1701, Content^a (Daniel^b, Ralph^c) Smith; d. between May 29, 1736 (date of his will), and Oct. 19, 1738 (date of probate).(z) The will mentions his wife Content and his children Daniel, Joseph, Thomas, Elizabeth (wife of Samuel Stewart), Mary Howes, Thankful Howes, and Hannah Howes. The inventory, sworn to March 9, 1741-2, amounted to £2353 1s. 6d.(z1) The real estate was divided Jan. 4, 1769, 1-3 to Capt. Daniel Howes, 1-3 to Joseph Howes and 1-3 to the heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Howes, deceased.(z2) His wife had survived him. He purchased land in Monomoyt (later Chatham) in 1703 and settled there. He was the ancestor of the Howes family in that town. He was one of the selectmen two years and town treasurer two years. He was successively ensign, lieutenant

(w) Superior St. Recs. as above, p. 9.

(x) Swift, 127.

(x1) Deyo, 517, 518.

(y) East. Recs.; will of Daniel^b Smith, 3 Barn. Prob. Recs., 63; 7 Mf. 18. J. C. Howes erroneously says (p. 13) that he married Rebecca Howes.

(z) 5 Barn. Prob. Recs. 366, 367.

(z1) 6 ib. 111.

(z2) 13 ib. 410.

and captain of the military company.(a) March 13, 1715-16, he with others signed a paper in behalf of Ebenezer Hawes in the suit of the Rev. Hugh Adams against the latter.(a1)

6. Amos, b. ; m.(b) Susannah Hedge May 22, 1701; d.(b) Feb. 16, 1717-18. She d.(b) Jan. 24, 1755. His children or some of them appear on the Yarmouth records, the oldest b. in April, 1702.(c) In the division of the common lands in 1712 he had 25 shares.(d)

7. Mary, b. ; m.(e) John Hallett Feb. 16, 1681-2.

8. Elizabeth, b. ; m. Joseph Merrick of Eastham May 1, 1684.(f,g)

9. Hannah, b. ; m.(h) William Matthews Dec. 15, 1693.

Will of Joseph^h Howes.

I, Joseph Hows of ye Town of Yarmouth in ye County of Barnstable in ye Province of ye Massachusetts in America being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and not knowing ye day of my death do make constitute and ordaine this my last will and testa-

(a) Early Chatham Settlers, by Wm. C. Smith, in Yarmouth Register, 1915.

(a1) Files 10812, Superior Ct., Supreme Ct. Clerk's of., Boston.

(b) J. C. Howes, 13; Yar. Recs.

(c) 10 Mf. 245.

(d) Swift, 127.

(e) Yar. Reg. Dec. 3, 1846; Yar. Recs.; 2 Mf. 207.

(f,g) 7 Mf. 12; 6 N. E. Reg. 169; 3 Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England, 198; Merrick Geneal. 18 and 2 Freeman, 299 n., erroneously say that they were m. May 8, 1684.

(h) J. C. Howes, 11.

ment in manner following and do hereby anul and mak void all other and former wills whatsoever viz:

Imprimis I do give myself wholly and intierly unto ye Lord my God to be his alone both in life and death and unto Eternity to God ye father to be my God and Father in and through ye Lord Jesus Christ; to ye Lord Jesus Christ my dear Lord and Redeemer to ye holy Ghost my Blessed Comforter I give my soul unto God that gave it and my body to decent burial as to my Executors hereafter named shall seem convenient in firm hope of a glorious resurrection that I may meet and be ever with ye Lord. And as for that portion of worldly goods which God of his grace has been pleased to bestow upon me an unworthy worm far above my desarts I do dispose of ye same in manner following I do confirm to my loving son Samuel Howes all those lands I have formerly given him as his child's portion with all ye ways priviledges and easements thereto belonging to be to him and his heirs forever.

Item I do give and confirm to my loving son Joseph Howes all those lands both upland and meadow which I have formerly given him as his child's portion both upland and meadow to be to him and his heirs forever with all ye ways easements and priviledges thereto belonging.

It. to my loving son John Howes I do confirm all those lands which I formerly gave unto him boath upland and meadow with all ye ways easements and priviledges thereunto belonging to be to him and his heirs forever.

It. To my other three sons Nathaniel Thomas and Aias Howes I do give all ye rest of my lands to

be equally divided between them by my executors to be to them and their heirs forever with this proviso that if my loving wife Elizabeth shall have occasion for it shee shall have liberty during her widdowhood to make use of one third part of it and if eather of these my three sons shall dy before they come of age such part shall be divided equally between all my surviving sons And as they come to ye age of twenty one years so they shall possess their part only except as hereafter excepted.

It. To my daughter Mary Hallett I give twenty shillings in household goods as they shall be apprizd.

It. To my daughter Elizabeth Mirrick I give Twenty shillings in household goods as they shall be apprizd.

It. To my daughter Hannah Howse I give thirty pounds to be paid to her by my executors on her marriage or at ye age of twenty-one years

It. I do give to ever one of my grandchildren which I now have a Bible to be paid them by my executors soone after my death

It. I do give my house and homestead lands chattels plate money and all other my estate whatever it be I do give it to my dear and loving wife Elizabeth to be to her use and behoof during her widdowhood And if shee live and dye a widdow to be by her disposed to my children as she shall see meet. but if she shall marry again after my decease then one third part of it to be her own proper estate and ye rest to be equally divided between all my children.

It. I do appoint constitute and ordaine my loving wife Elizabeth and my loving son Joseph Howse executors of this my last will and testament and I do desire my loving brother Jeremiah Howse and John Mayo to

be overseers to take care of advise and help, for performing of this my last will and testament January 17, 1694-5.

Joseph Howes (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered
as my last will and testament

In presence of
Jonathan Russell
Thomas Sturgis
John Paddoke

Will of Elizabeth Howes.

I, Elizabeth Howse of Yarmouth In the County of Barnstable In ye Province of the Massachusetts wid. Relict of Joseph Howse late deceased being weake in body but of good and disposing minde and memory and calling to minde the frailty and uncertainty of my present life, do for the setting my house in order make constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby anuling and making void all other wills whatsoever.

Imps. I do give up myself intirely unto God as being my God and father to the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Redeemer and the holy Ghost as my Comforter. I give my spirit unto God that gave it and my body to desent burial as to my Executors hereafter mentioned shall sem meet In firm hope of a blessed Resurrection att the great Day to be then forever with the Lord and as for that portion of worldly estate which God of his Grace has been pleased to bestow uponme I do dispose of it in manner following.

It. I do give and confirm to my three sons Nathan Thomas and Amos Hows my now Dwelling house, barn and homestead with all ye priviledges and appurtinances thereto belonging

to be equally divided between them after my death according as I know it was my late dear husbands minde

Item. My will is that all the rest of my estate of what kind soever it bee shall be equally divided between all my children sirviving at my death.

It. I do make constitute and ordain my loving sons Samuel & Joseph Hows my executors of this my Last Will Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this seventh day of February one thousand six hundred ninety and toure five

Elizabeth X Hows (seal)

Signed sealed and declared to be my last Will and Testament

In presence of
Jonathan Russell
Thomas Sturges
John Paddocke

III. THOMAS² (Thomas¹) Howes; b. probably in England ; m.(i) in 1656 Sarah² (Edward¹) Bangs ; buried(j) Nov. 20, 1676. She d.(j) the last of February, 1682-3. He was brought to New England by his parents and resided in the part of Yarmouth now Dennis. He took the oath of fidelity in 1657.(k) He was one of the selectmen of Yarmouth for 6 years, commencing in

(i) 14 Mf. 199, 200; 1 Savage 111; 2 Freeman, 194. See will of Edward Bangs (3 Plym. Col. Wills, pt. 2, p. 106; 14 Mf. 193, 197), where it appears that his daughter Rebecca m. Jonathan Sparrow. 10 N. E. Reg. 157 erroneously gives the year of the marriage as 1756.

(j) Yar. Recs.; Yar. Reg. Nov. 26, 1846.

(k) 8 Plym. Col. Recs. 185, 186.

1668.(l) He was a deputy to the General Court at Plymouth for seven years, commencing in 1668.(m) He was appointed captain of the military company June 3, 1674(n), and is usually called Capt. Thomas Howes. In 1742 Ebenezer Goodspeed, then 86 years old, swore that he was a soldier in the Narragansett wars so-called under Capt. Thomas Howes.(o) Capt. Howes served in the 3d expedition in King Philip's war with eight one month's men and in the fifth expedition with 21 men. His wages on the third expedition were £6.(p) June 1, 1663, he was on the grand jury.(q) April 2, 1667, he was appointed one of the council of war for Yarmouth.(r) June 5, 1667, he was sworn as constable of Yarmouth.(s) June 30, 1667, he signed a paper to the General Court in favor of the Rev. Thomas Thornton against an attack by Nicholas Nickerson.(t) Oct. 30, 1667, at the request of the town, the Court added Andrew Hallett, Thomas Howes, and John Thacher to the committee of Yarmouth for the disposing of lands in that town.(u) June 3, 1668, he is mentioned as one of the deputies to

the General Court.(v) The same date he was one of the selectmen of Yarmouth.(w) At the same date also he complained against William Nickerson, Sr., Nathaniel Covell, Samuel Nickerson, Joseph Nickerson, and William Nickerson, Jr., for affronting him in the execution of his office while he was constable of Yarmouth and offering divers abuses to him. They were convicted and punished.(x) June 1, 1669, he is mentioned as a deputy to the General Court.(y) In 1670 he was collector of minister's rates.(z) May 29, 1670, he was one of the freemen of Yarmouth.(a) June 7, 1670, he was a deputy;(b) also, June 5, 1672, when he is styled Ensign Howes.(c) The same date he was one of the selectmen of Yarmouth,(d) and also, June 3, 1673, when he was also a deputy.(e) April 28, 1672, he was on a jury of inquest to inquire into the death of a child in Yarmouth, and signed the verdict.(e1) Oct. 30, 1672, he owned one-third of a parcel of nets and of a boat in partnership with Thomas Doten and Lt. Morton, together with a third of the ropes, anchors and sails appertaining to the boat.(f) June 7, 1673, and June 9, 1676, he was on the committee that took the Colonial Treasurer's account, and signed

(l) Plym. Col. Recs.

(m) Ib.

(n) Bodge's King Philip's War, 455; 5 Plym. Col. Recs. 146.

(o) Bodge, 441.

(p) Swift, 99, 100, 102, 103.

(q) 4 Plym. Col. Recs. 37.

(r) Ib. 145, 146.

(s) Ib. 148.

(t) Swift, 90, where a reduced facsimile of his signature may be seen; "Edmond Hawes" (139), by the compiler.

(u) 4 Plym. Col. Recs. 167.

(v) Ib. 180.

(w) Ib. 182.

(x) Ib. 183, 184.

(y) 5 ib. 17.

(z) Ib. 37.

(a) Ib. 274, 276.

(b) Ib. 34.

(c) Ib. 90.

(d) Ib. 92.

(e) Ib. 113, 114.

(e1) 5 Plym. Col. Recs. 95.

(f) 7 ib. 173.

the report.(g) July 4, 1673, he was appointed guardian of Mercy Hedge, daughter of Capt. William Hedge, late of Yarmouth. He is here styled Lieutenant.(h) Sept. 15, 1673, he was a deputy.(i) June 3, 1674, he is named as one of the selectmen of Yarmouth.(j) June 1, 1675, he was one of the selectmen of Yarmouth and a deputy. He is here and subsequently styled Captain.(k) The same date the court appointed Mr. Hinckley, Mr. Gorham and Jonathan Sparrow to fix the bounds of the lands in Monomoy between William Nickerson and the purchasers, and if Mr. Hinckley could not attend, then Capt. Howes was to take his place.(l) June 7, 1676, he was one of the selectmen and a deputy for Yarmouth.(m) The same date he was one of a committee of three to take the Colonial Treasurer's account.(n) In the rate of 1676 "towards the charges of the late war" Capt. Howes's tax was £6 7s. 3d.(o) His will,(p) dated Jan. 15, 1675-6, and proved Aug. 14, 1677, is printed in 6 Mayflower Descendant, page 169. He made his wife Sarah executrix and requested his friends and brethren Jonathan Sparrow, Jonathan Bangs, Jeremiah Howes and John Thacher to be helpful to her. The witnesses were Benjamin Howes and John Thacher. He mentions his sons Thomas and Jonathan, his daugh-

ters Rebecca and Sarah, an unborn child, Elizabeth (daughter of "my brother Sparrow") and his mother Prence. The will recites as follows:

"Being Called and Desired to Go forth to warr in the present expedition; against the Indians Called Narragansetts; and forasmuch as such a servis exposeth prsons to Danger of life I doe therfore make and Declare my last will."

He willed "That Sarah my Loveing wife shall have the sole Disposing of my whole estate; both of Lands housing and Goods During the time of her widdowes estate to her owne use and benefitt; shee Giveing out and paying such portions and legacies to my Children in time and manor heer specified."

He gave to his sons Thomas and Jonathan equally all his "estate of lands and housing" and in case either of them should die before coming of age unmarried, his share should go to his brother. If either of his sons should die without issue, then he was to dispose of his share to his brother or the latter's sons. He gave to his two sons and two daughters £20 apiece. If either of his daughters were to die before marriage, her legacy was to go to her sister, and if either of his sons should die before attaining the age of 21 years, his legacy should go to his brother. He also provided as follows:

"I give to Elizabeth the Daughter of my brother Sparrow which Liveth in my family the sume of fifteen pounds; and incase shee Die before shee be married or attaine to twenty years of age then her Legacye to returne to my Daughters;

"Be it Knowne that my will is that my Loveing wife shall have and enjoy

(g) 8 ib. 139, 140, 145.

(h) 5 ib. 124.

(i) Ib. 135.

(j) Ib. 143.

(k) Ib. 164, 165.

(l) Ib. 171.

(m) Ib. 195, 196.

(n) Ib. 200.

(o) Swift, 105.

(p) 3 Plym. Col. Wills. pt. 2, p. 85.

the one halfe of my Now Dwelling house; with the benefitt of one halfe of my lands orchyards and meddowes: That is to say the house Lotts and the Meddowes and Lands on Simpkins Necke; During the time of her widowhood; But be it alsoe Knowne; that if my wife Change her widdowhood and Marry againe, then I Doe Give to her the sole Dispose of one third prte of my movable estate and the benefitt of halfe my lands orchyards and meddowes; That is my Dwelling house lott; and the Land and Meddow; In Simpkins neck as is above expressed; but not then to hold: the possession of the halfe of the house; unlesse my children & friends be-trusted, see it most Convenient; and what shall remaine of the other two third prtes of my estate after Debts and legacyes are payed shalbe De-vided equally amongst my Children;

"Be it alsoe Knowne that my will is that my Mother Prence Injoy with-out molestation During her Naturall life the house shee Now lives in with the orchyard belonging therunto; and to pay a bill my mother hath under my hand bearing Date the 15th of the 11th 1675."(q) He also provided that the legacies should be paid to the legatees either at marriage or at the age of 21 years.

The inventory(r) of his personal estate, taken Dec. 26, 1676, by Joseph Howes and Gershom Hall, and sworn to by his widow June 19, 1677, amounted to about £518. Feb. 26, 1679-80, his nephew Samuel Howes, with the consent of his father Joseph

Howes, released his estate from his grandfather's requirement that he (Thomas) should teach him the trade of a cooper, and acknowledged that he had received a mare out of the estate of his Uncle Thomas as specified in his grandfather's will.(s) The will(t) of the widow of Thomas Howes, dated Feb. 26, 1682-3, and proved April 3, 1683, is printed in 6 Mayflower Descendant, page 163. The witnesses were John Thacher and Jonathan Russell. Her brethren Jeremiah Howes and Jonathan Bangs were made executors. She mentions only the four children named in her husband's will. Elizabeth Sparrow who lived with her was to have 20s. Her young son Jonathan was to have 40s. to be improved for his teaching to read, write and cypher and in convenient time at the discretion of the overseers of her late husband's will he was to be put to learn some suitable trade. Her young daughter Sarah was to reside with her sister Rebecca and to have 20s. to be improved "for her more perfecting in reading." Her four children were to have the rest of her estate equally. The inventory(u) of Mrs. Sarah Howes's personal estate, taken March 17, 1682-3, by Joseph Howes and Gershom Hall and sworn to by Jeremiah Howes, amounted to £189 3s. 11d., less debts due from the estate. It included books, appraised at 7s., and "several things she brought from Boston when she was last there for her selfe unmade up", appraised at £3 11s. 7d.

(q) Jan. 15, 1675-6.

(r) 3 Plym. Col. Wills, pt. 2, p. 86; 6 Mf. 162.

(s) 6 Plym. Col. Recs. 39, 31.

(t) 4 Plym. Col. Wills, pt. 2, p. 37.

(u) lb.; 6 Mf. 164.

Children.(v)

11. Rebecca.(v1) b. Dec. 1657.
 12. Thomas. b. May 2, 1663;
 m.(v2) Sarah Hedge June 23, 1698;
 d. Nov. 22, 1737, in his 74th year.(v3)
 His will(w) mentions his wife
 Sarah, his daughter Mary, his son-in-
 law Joseph Howes, grandson of Joseph
 (my No. 11), his grandsons Thomas,
 Isaac and George Howes, and his
 granddaughters Sarah, Thankful and
 Abigail. He was called Thomas
 Howes, Sr. His daughter Mary was
 born in December, 1702.(w1) J.
 C. Howes (14) is erroneous. The
 Thomas there numbered 11 was son
 of Jeremiah² and not Thomas² Howes,
 and should be his number 15. His
 number 15 (on p. 15) should be this
 number 12 of mine, except that
 there probably should be no
 son Thomas. J. C. Howes in
 his No. 19 (p. 17) gives the daughter
 and son-in-law (and their children) of
 Thomas² Howes, Sr. He says correctly
 on p. 15 that Thomas's wife Sarah ap-
 pears from her gravestone to have
 died March 24, 1776, in the 10th year
 of her age. In 1698 the tax of Thomas
 Howes, Sr., in the rate of that year
 was £2 4s. 3d.(w3) Thomas Howes,
 Sr., was town clerk and treasurer in

1698.(w4) In the division of the
 Common lands in 1712 Thomas Howes
 had 34½ shares.(w5)

13. Jonathan, b. Feb. 25, 1669-70;
 m. Sarah about 1694; d.(x)
 Jan. 5, 1750-1. His children appear
 on the Yarmouth records, the eldest
 being b. the last day of June, 1695.(y)
 His will, (z) dated May 12, 1742, and
 proved Jan. 17, 1750-1, mentions his
 wife Sarah, his children David,
 Thomas, Sarah (wife of Peter Rad-
 dock), Joshua, the latter's daughters
 Sarah and Mary, and his deceased
 brother Thomas. May 8, 1684, he
 chose his uncle Mr Jeremiah Howes
 to be his guardian, who accepted (a)
 He was a selectman for three years,
 commencing in 1707.(b) In 1712 he
 (styled Lieutenant) received 32 shares
 of the Common lands of Yarmouth.(c)

14. Sarah, b. Oct. 29, 1673; m.(d)
 1st Stephen¹ (Stephen², Giles²,
 Stephen³) Hopkins, of Eastgate and
 Rawish, May 19, 1692, and 2d as his
 3d wife, Joseph¹ (John², Edmond³)
 Hawes of Yarmouth, July 3, 1746.
 She survived him and left issue by
 her 1st husband.

IV. JEREMIAH² (Thomas¹) Howes,
 b. about 1637 ; m.(d1) Sarah¹

(w4) Swift, 238.

(w5) Swift, 127.

(x) J. C. Howes, 14.

(y) 11 Mf. 112.

(z) 8 Barn. Prob. Recs. 440, 442.

(a) 6 Plym. Col. Recs. 134.

(b) Swift, 237.

(c) *Ib.* 117.

(d) Boston Eve. Transcript Oct. 25,
 1914; "Edmond Hawes," by the com-
 piler, p. 164; Har. Recs.; East. Recs.;
 8 Mf. 16. J. C. Howes, 11, errone-
 ously says she m. Daniel Star- Feb.
 12, 1708.

(d1) 6 Mf. 232.

(v) Yar. Recs.; 2 Mf. 297.
 (v1) She perhaps married her
 cousin Samuel, son of Uncle Jo-
 seph. His wife was Rebecca and she
 survived him. (*Infra*, p. 25.)
 (v2) J. C. Howes, 15; Yar. Recs.
 (v3) Gravestone in old Howes bury-
 ing ground; 2 Freeman, 215.
 (w) 5 Barn. Prob. Recs. 279, 289.
 The will was dated June 15, 1737, and
 proved Jan. 19, 1737-8.
 (w1) 19 Mf. 245.
 (w2) Superior Ct. as above, p. 9.

(Thomas³) Prence; d. Sept. 9, 1708, aged about 71 years.(e) She d. March 3, 1706-7, in the 60th year of her age, having been born about 1648.(e) They were buried and have stones in the old Howes burying ground in Dennis.(e1) Sarah's father was long governor of Plymouth Colony. Her mother was Mary² (William¹) Collier of Duxbury, her father's second wife.(f) Swift, in "Old Yarmouth," (g) says: "He was a son of the first Thomas, and a prominent and influential citizen." He was a deputy to the General Court at Plymouth for seven years, commencing in 1677; and for eleven years one of the selectmen, commencing in 1677.(h) June 1, 1663, he was ad-

(e) J. C. Howes, 11, erroneously says he d. Jan. 5, 1705-6, which was the date of death of his son Jeremiah. See 59 N. E. Reg. 217.

(e1) The Yarmouth town records say that Jeremiah² Howes died Dec. 9, 1708, but the tombstone is evidently correct as his will was proved Oct. 6, 1708 (infra, p. 21). The town records also say that Sarah, his wife, died March 3, 1703-4. The tombstone is no doubt the better evidence.

(f) 5 Ml. 127; History of New Plymouth, by Francis Baylies, pt. 2, p. 70n.

(g) Page 122. He gives erroneous dates for the deaths of him and his wife.

(h) Plym. Col. Recs.; Swift, 116, 122, 236, 237, gives the periods differently, and says that he was for two years a representative in the legislature at Boston, commencing in 1692, the first year of the union of the two colonies, but 7 Province Laws of Massachusetts (p. 8) gives the name of the representative in 1692-3 as "Mr. Jeremiah Howes, jun."

mitted a freeman and sworn.(i) June 30, 1667, he and his brothers Joseph and Thomas signed a paper to the Governor and Assistants in favor of the Rev. Thomas Thornton against an attack by Nicholas Nickerson.(j) June 3, 1668, he was on the grand jury.(k) March 2, 1668-9, John Macey had an action against Jeremiah Howes for taking up and detaining from him without his leave or order complainant's horse, which was nonsuited because the letter of attorney by the plaintiff to Elisha Hedge "was found to be illegal."(l) April 28, 1672, he was on a jury of inquest to inquire into the death of a child in Yarmouth and signed the verdict.(m) March 13, 1672-3, Gov. Thomas Prence by his will gave to his daughter Sarah Howes (wife of Jeremiah) his biggest beer bowl and a share of the residue of his estate.(n) Feb. 29, 1675-6, Jeremiah Howes was appointed on the council of war for Yarmouth.(o) June 7, 1676, he is mentioned as constable of Yarmouth.(p) June 10, 1676, the following heirs, individually or through their attorneys, sold land of Gov. Thomas Prence's estate, viz.: Susannah Prence, single, of London; Capt. John Freeman in behalf of his wife

(i) 4 Plym. Col. Recs. 38.

(j) Swift, 90, where a reduced facsimile of the signatures may be seen. See also "Edmond Howes," by the compiler, pp. 128, 158, 139.

(k) 5 Plym. Col. Recs. 180.

(l) 7 ib. 153.

(m) 5 ib. 95.

(n) 3 Plym. Col. Wills, pt. 1, pp. 58-70; 3 Ml. 204, 205.

(o) 5 Plym. Col. Recs. 185, 186; Swift, 194.

(p) 5 Plym. Col. Recs. 195.

Mercy; Jonathan Sparrow and his wife Hannah; Nicholas Snow and his wife Jane; Jeremiah Howes and his wife Sarah; John Tracy and his wife Mary; and the widow Mary Prence.(q) In the rate of 1676 "towards the charges of the late war" the tax of Jeremiah Howes was £7 14s.(r) June 5, 1677, Mr. Jeremiah Howes is mentioned as one of the selectmen of Yarmouth and as one of the deputies to the General Court from that town.(s) June 3, 1679, and June 1, 1680, Jeremiah Howes was one of the selectmen of Yarmouth.(s1) Sept. 28, 1680, he was added to the committee to dispose of the Yarmouth lands, succeeding his brother Joseph.(s2) In February, 1680-81, the town agreed that Jeremiah Howes, with Joseph and Samuel Howes, should secure for it all such whales as should be cast up between Sawsuit Harbor mouth and Yarmouth Harbor for £4 a whale.(t) June 7, 1681, June 6, 1682, June 6, 1683, June 3, 1684, June 2, 1685, June, 1686, June, 1689, and June 3, 1690, Jeremiah Howes is mentioned as one of the selectmen of Yarmouth.(t1) June 7, 1681, June 6, 1682, June 3, 1684, June 2, 1685, June, 1686, and June, 1689, he was mentioned as one of the deputies from Yarmouth to the General Court.(t2) Feb. 6, 1682-3, Mr. John Miller and Jeremiah Howes of Yarmouth were appointed

to sell the house and lands of Richard Berry, deceased, to pay his debts, there being no other estate to pay them.(t3) May 8, 1684, Mr. Jeremiah Howes was chosen by his nephew Jonathan (youngest son of Capt. Thomas Howes, deceased), as his guardian, and accepted.(t4) Gov. Prence had with others purchased land on the N. side of Titticut river near Bridgewater. This land was bounded Dec. 24, 1686, and then divided into ten lots of 100 acres each. Jeremiah Howes had the 10th lot.(t5) In 1692 Jeremiah Howes bought land in South Harwich of John Skinnaquit, an Indian.(u) March 22, 1693-4, Jeremiah Howes, with John Thacher and John Miller, fixed the bounds of certain land belonging to John Hawes.(u1) In the rate of 1698 in Yarmouth the tax of Mr. Jeremiah Howes was £4 8s. 6d.(v) In 1698 Mr. Jeremiah Howes was chosen one of the representatives in the legislature, but declined.(w) In 1701 Mr. Jeremiah Howes was chosen one of a committee to make out a list of such persons as were rightful proprietors of the commons.(x) In 1703 he was one of a committee appointed to "seat persons in the meeting-house."(x) Af-

(q) Supplement to Pope's Pioneers of Mass., p. ix.

(r) Swift, 105.

(s) 5 Plym. Col. Recs. 230, 231.

(s1) 6 ib. 10, 35.

(s2) Ib. 50; Swift, 124.

(t) Swift, 109.

(t1) 6 Plym. Col. Recs. 59, 84, 108, 129, 168, 186, 207, 241.

(t2) Ib. 61, 106, 127, 164, 186, 265.

(t3) Ib. 101.

(t4) Ib. 134.

(t5) Nos. 2439, 162 and 243. Records of Superior Ct. of Judicature. Supreme Ct. Clerk's of., Boston.

(u) Deyo's Barnstable Co. 827.

(u1) Book of Grants of Yarmouth, 164, 165.

(v) Records of Superior Ct. of Judicature, No. 4600; Rec. Book 1686-1700, p. 297; Supreme Ct. Clerk's of., Boston.

(w) Swift, 118.

(x) Ib. 119.

ter the death of his brother Thomas, he became one of the committee to make grants of the common lands, his father having been an original member.(y)

His will, dated August 14, 1708, and proved Oct. 6, 1708, was witnessed by Thomas Howes, John Howes and Nathaniel Howes.(z) He mentions his eldest son Jeremiah, deceased, the latter's son Jeremiah, his daughters Hannah, Sarah, Mary and Martha, and his widow Mary. The will then names the testator's sons Prince, Ebenezer, Thomas (deceased), the latter's son Thomas, and testator's eight daughters: Elizabeth Bacon (and her son Joseph Bacon), Sarah Mayo, Mary Hawes, Bethiah Hawes, Mercy Sturgis, Susannah Bassett, Thankful Miller and Rebecca Howes. He made his sons Prince and Ebenezer and his son-in-law Samuel Sturgis executors of his will. "A true Inventory of all and singular the Goods chattels and Credits of Mr. Jeremiah Howes Deceased September the 9th 1708: prized by Joseph Hall and John Howes at Yarmouth September 23d 1708," and sworn to by his executors Oct. 6, 1708, amounted to £1463 13s. 5d., of which £100 consisted of land at Middleborough and Bridgewater and £956 of "housing and land" at Yarmouth and Harwich.(a)

Children.

15. Jeremiah, b. ; m.(b) after Oct. 18, 1693, Mary, daughter of Thomas Daggett of Edgartown; d.(b)

(y) Ib. 124.

(z) 3 Barn. Prob. Recs. 174.

(a) Ib. 177.

(b) 2 Barn. Prob. Recs. 213, 222; 55 N. E. Reg. 112, where the date of his death is given as Jan. 5, instead of Jan. 6. See 59 N. E. Reg. 217, 218.

Jan. 6, 1705-6. He had Jeremiah, Hannah, Sarah, Mary and Martha. He was a representative of Yarmouth in the legislature at Boston in 1692-3.(c) His tax in 1698 was £2 2s. 6d.(c1) J. C. Howes (pages 11 and 15) is erroneous.

16. Prence, b. about 1671; m. Dorcas Joyce about 1695; d. Oct. 2, 1753, in his 84th year.(d) His children appear on the Yarmouth records, the eldest born May 22, 1696.(e) His will,(f) dated Feb. 18, 1739-40, and proved Oct. 16, 1753, mentions his wife Dorcas and his children Desire Hallett, Dorcas Matthews, Prince, Jeremiah, Thomas and Lot. His inventory,(f) dated Jan. 15, 1754, amounted to £596 5s. 4d. in real estate. In 1698 his tax amounted to £2 2s. 4d.(f1) In 1712 he received 36 shares of the common lands of Yarmouth.(g) In 1739 he was one of the proprietors of the common lands of Crockett Neck.(h)

17. Ebenezer, b. about 1674; m.(i) 1st Sarah Gorham, April 20, 1699 (who d.(j) Sept. 9, 1705), and 2d.(j) Lydia Joyce Nov. 20, 1706; d.(k) Jan. 8,

(c) 7 Prov. Laws of Mass. 8.

(c1) Super. Ct. as above, p. 9.

(d) Gravestone; 59 N. E. Reg. 217, 218. J. C. Howes (14), erroneously gives the marriage as Aug. 8, 1698. He says the wife d. Nov. 14, 1757.

(e) 10 Mf. 242.

(f) 9 Barn. Prob. Recs. 65, 66, 67.

(f1) Superior Ct. as above, p. 9.

(g) Swift, 127.

(h) Ib. 141, 142.

(i) 52 N. E. Reg. 359; J. C. Howes, 16.

(j) J. C. Howes, 16.

(k) Gravestone; 59 N. E. Reg. 217, 218.

1726-7, aged about 53. His will,(l) dated, Dec. 3, 1726, and proved Feb. 13, 1726-7, mentions his wife Lydia and his children Lydia, Thankful, Mercy, Anna, Susannah, Mary, Samuel and Prince (youngest sons), Thomas (eldest son), Ebenezer, Sarah Sears, and Elizabeth Howes. His inventory,(l) taken Feb. 22, 1726-7, amounted to £132 15s. 10d. in personal property and £1920 in real estate. In 1712 he received 47½ shares of the common lands of Yarmouth.(m) Dec. 28, 1714, he was a witness to the will of John Joyce of Yarmouth.(m1)

18. Thomas.(m2) b. ; m.(n) Abigail Hussey in Nantucket April 5, 1700; d.(o) Aug. 8, 1700. His father Jeremiah Howes was appointed administrator Oct. 3, 1700, and after his death the widow Abigail was appointed Oct. 7, 1708.(n) He appears to have no child born at the time of his death, but a son Thomas was born March 6, 1700-1.(p) In 1698 his tax was £2 1s.(p1)

19. Elizabeth, b. ; m.(q) Dec. 10, 1786, Jeremiah Bacou of Barnstable and had issue.

20. Sarah, b. m.(r) Daniel Mayo of Eastham.

21. Mary, b. about 1672; m.(s) as his 1st wife about 1695 Joseph³ (John² Edmond¹) Hawes of Yarmouth and d.(s1) Jan. 10, 1728-9, in her 58th year, leaving issue.

22. Eethiah, b. ; m.(t) 1st Jan. 8, 1700-1. Isaac³ (John², Edmond¹) Hawes and had issue in Yarmouth and Chatham. He d. about 1731. She m. 2d as his 2d wife John Smith of Eastham in 1741 and 3d Nov. 16, 1743, as his 2d wife Rev. Joseph Lord of Chatham, where she d. before July 7, 1748.

23. Mercy, b. about 1682; m. Oct. 17, 1700. Samuel Sturges, she being in her 19th year and he in his 35th. They had issue.(u)

24. Susannah, b. ; m.(v) Joseph Bassett Feb. 27, 1706-7.

25. Thankful, b. ; m.(w)

(q) Barn. Recs.; 2 Mf. 215; 1 Otis's Barnstable Families, 28, 29; 59 N. E. Reg. 217.

(r) 59 N. E. Reg. 217, 218. J. C. Howes (12) erroneously says she m. Cornelius Higgins.

(s) 61 N. E. Reg. 200, 322; "Edmond Hawes" by the compiler, p. 163.

(s1) Yar. Gravestone Recs. 21; 62 N. E. Reg. 262; 29 Plym. Col. Deeds, 121; 5 Mf. 162; "Edmond Hawes" by the compiler, p. 164.

(t) Yar. Recs.; 61 N. E. Reg. 200, 322; "Edmond Hawes" by the compiler, pp. 167-170; 2 Otis, 36, 37.

(u) Yar. Recs.; 10 Mf. 243; 59 N. E. Reg. 217, 218.

(v) 59 N. E. Reg. 217, 218.

(w) 51 ib. 33, 224; 59 ib. 218; 3 Savage, 210.

(l) 4 Barn. Prob. Recs. 379, 382; 11 Mf. 113, 114.

(m) Swift, 127.

(m1) 3 Barn. Prob. Recs. 344; 9 Mf. 123.

(m2) J. C. Howes (14) is erroneous.

(n) 2 Barn. Prob. Recs. 111, 114, 118; 3 ib. 55; 7 N. E. Reg. 262.

(o) 2 Barn. Prob. Recs. as above; 7 N. E. Reg. 324, which says Thomas Howes of Yarmouth was drowned between Nantucket and the Main Aug. 1, 1700.

(p) Yar. Recs.; 7 Mf. 248; 7 N. E. Reg. 262, where the date of birth is erroneously given as March 6, 1701-2.

(p1) Super. Ct. as above, p. 9. He appears to have been the one then called Thomas Howes, Jr.

John Miller Jan. 23, 1706-7.

26. Rebecca, b. ; m.(x)
Aug. 14, 1712. Ebenezer Hallett.

Copy of Will* of Jeremiah² Howes.
(From Probate Records of

Barnstable Co., Vol. 3, p. 174.)

To all people To whom these presents shall concern The fourteenth Day of Agust In the Year of our Lord Annoque Domi one Thousand seven hundred and eight. Know ye That I Jeremiah Howes of Yarmouth in the County of Barnstable in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman; Being but weak in body but of perfect mind and memory. Thanks be Given to God therefor: Calling unto mind the mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Dye—Do make and ordaine this my Last will & Testament (That is to say) Principally and first of all I Give & Recommend my sole into the hands of God that Gave it, and my Body I Recomend unto the Earth to be buried in Decent Christian burial att ye Discretion of my Executor. Nothing Douting but att the General Resurrection I shall Receive it again by the mighty power of God: and as Touching such worly Estate wherewithall it Hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life—I Give Demise and Dispose of the same In ye following manner and term

first I Give unto my Grandson Jeremiah Howes the son of my Eldest son Jeremiah Howes Deceased: All

(x) 59 ib. 217, 218.

*There are two other copies, in No. 7536 of the records of the Superior Court of Judicature, now on file in the clerk's office of the Supreme Court, Boston, Mass. The original will is not known to be in existence.

that my Land and meadow & beach & creek stuff that I bought of Mr John Sunderlin: Excepting what I sold to Jeremiah Crow and all the housing now upon it: And also I Give to this my Grandson Jeremiah Howes a piece of meadow Lying to the Westward of Sitakins neck bounded by Thomas Howes meadow on the South-eastward side and by ye upland northard as the fence now Rangeth to a pare of barrs: and from them barrs unto the meadow southerly or thereabouts to a stake standing between Two ponds and from thence near the same Range to a stake standing by a creek; and from thence to ye meadow I sold to John Howes, and if this my Grandson Should Dye without Issue then this Land and meadow to be eaquely Divided to his Sisters surviving; and my Will is is that my Daughter Mary Howes Relict to my son Jeremiah Howes shall have the use of this Land and meadows and housing untill my Grandson Jeremiah Howes comes to the age of Twenty and one years or at marriage Day if before (only it is Reserved to his mother the use of one third part of this housing and Land to his mother after his possession During her widowhood.

2ly It. I Give unto my son Prince Howes all my homsted of Housing and Land excepting a piece of upland taken off of that corner called the nine acres beginning upon the south side where Jonathans Howses fence and mine Joyns in ye Range betwixt us and then straight over to the marsh near the north end of a Ditch that Rangeth northerly from the meadow barrs where an old fence Joyned within ye end of the Ditch about a Rod and from thence northerly as the fence Rangeth betwixt

the upland and meadow bounded by Jonathan Howes land on ye Eastward side all this piece about twelve acres I Give eaquely to be Divided betwixt my too sons Prince Howes and Ebenezer Howes; and all my meadow on ye westerly side of my Land called my homested; Excepting that peice before Given to my Grandson Jeremiah Howes I Do Give to my Two sons Prince Howes and Ebenezer Howes to be eaquely Divided betwixt them, and the fence that now Divides the upland from the meadow shall be the bounds betwixt the upland and medow, and after that peice of meadow Lying in my calves pasture I Give to my son Prince Howes.

3ly It. I Give unto my son Ebenezer Howes his hom Lott he now Lives upon with all the housing upon it home to the Ditch that parts betwixt him and the house Lott Prince Howes Lives upon with the meadow at the foot of it: And also all that my piece of Land and meadow that Lyes below Jonathan Howeses house Lott betwixt that and the house lott of Samuel Eldreds Deceased and all that my piece of Land Lying in the Indian field so called Lyeing betwixt the Land of Zachariah Paddock and the Land of Jeremiah Crowels: to be Ebenezer Howeses forever.

4ly It I Give unto my Two Sons Ebenezer Howes and Prince Howes to be Eaquely Divided betwixt them all that my Housing that Prince Howse Livis in Together with the out housing and the Houslott of Land and meadow att the foot of it so far as the fence and Ditch parts betwixt Prince Howses Lott and Ebenezer Howeses Lott; and also a peice of Land Lying above the widow Eldreds House Lott betwixt the Land of Joseph Hows and Jonathan Howes

and also a peice of Land Lying & near the Coy pond so called onely I Do order my Two sons Ebenezer Howes and Prince Howes to pay a Leagsy of forty(y) pounds appiece of money or money worth unto my four Granddaughters my son Jeremiah Howeses children to wt Hannah Howes Sarah Howes Mary Howes and Martha Howse the which will be twenty(z) pounds appiece to be paid unto him at the age of eighteen years or upon marriage Day if before; and if either of these four geirls should Dye before they Receive their portions yt ye survivors to have their part betwixt them.

5ly It. I Give unto my Grandson Thomas Howes the son of my son Thomas Howes all that my Land and meadow I bought of Josephas Quason Contained in one Deed: the Land Lying near Joseph Sevrances Joyning to a Great pond, and the meadow Lying below on the South side so called but in case this my Grandsons Thomas Howes should Dye without Issue then then this Land & meadow to be Eaquely amongst all my Children now Living or their heirs: and also I Do give unto this my Grandson Thomas Howes my Silver Tanker.

6ly my will is that my Children Shall Have a Convenient way to come at their meadow with a Cart where it is below my Land

7ly I Do Give out of my movable Estate to my Daughter Rebeka Howes thirty pounds

It I do give unto my Two sons Prince Howes and Ebenezer Howes all my Right in the Comon Land betwixt Garshom Halls and monomoy to be eaquely Divided between them;

(y) Sic.

(z) Sic.

and all my wearing Clothes to be Divided Equally betwixt my Two sons Prince Howes and Ebenezer Howes

It I Give unto my Grandson Joseph Bacon out of my moveable Estate Ten pounds

It I Do Give unto my Eight Daughters Elizabeth Bacon Sarah Mayo Mary Howes(z1) Bethiah Howes(z1) Marcey Sturges Susanah Bassett Thankfull Miller and Rebekah Howes out of my movable Estate the sum of six score pounds that will be fifteen pounds apiece to each of them.

It I Give unto my five Grandchildren the children of my son Jeremiah Howes, the eleventh part of all my movable Estate that is not herebefore Disposed of to be Equally Divided betwixt them; And as for the Rest of my movable Estate Together with all my Land and meadow Lyeing in Bridgewater and Midelborough or thereabouts Lyeing or falling in the neighbouring Towns thereabouts I Do Give and bequeath Equally to be Divided betwixt all my Children now In being: to wit: Prince Howes Ebenezer Howes Elizabeth Baken Sarah Mayo, Mary Hawse Bethiah Hawse Mercy Sturgis Susanah Bassett Thankfull Miller and Rebeka Howse to be Equally Divided betwixt them all; I Likewise I Do order Constitute and appoint my Two sons Prince Howse and Ebenezer Howes Together with my son Samuel Sturgis these three to be sole Executors of this my Last will and Testament and I Do hereby utterly Disalow Revoke Disanul all and every other former will & Testament any wayes before named Ratiying and confirming this to be my Last will and Testament and no other In

(z1) So in the record, no doubt an error of the recorder or draftsman.

Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the Day and year above written

Jeremy Howes (seal)

Signed Sealed Published pronounced and Declared by ye sd Jeremiah Howes as his Last will and Testament In the free sence of us ye subscribers:

Thomas Howes
John Howes
Nathl Howes.

THIRD GENERATION.

V. (1) Samuel² (Joseph², Thomas¹) Howes, b. in Yarmouth ; m. about 1678(a) Rebecca(a1) ; d. in Yarmouth Jan. 10, 1722-3.(a2) He resided on the N. side of Cape Cod in the present town of Dennis. He was in King Philip's war, starting on the expedition June 24, 1675. His pay amounted to £1 16s.(b) In the rate of 1676 "towards the charges of the late war" his tax was £2 6s. 3d.(c) In May, 1675, he was a freeman present at the town-meeting.(d) In 1679 he is styled "sergeant".(d1) In February, 1680, with his father, Joseph, and his uncle, Jeremiah, he

(a) March 8, 1677-8, the town gave him a house lot containing six acres more or less adjoining his father's land. (Land Grant Book of Yarmouth, p. 7.)

(a1) Perhaps his cousin, daughter of his uncle Capt. Thomas² Howes.

(a2) Howes Genealogy, by Joshua C. Howes, p. 12; 2 Freeman, 213, which says erroneously that he d. Jan. 10, 1723-4.

(b) Swift, 160.

(c) Ib. 165.

(d) Ib. 168; 2 Freeman, 195.

(d1) Yar. Recs.

(e) Swift, 169.

was appointed by the town to secure for it all whales that might be cast up between Sawsuit Harbor mouth and Yarmouth Harbor, for £4 a whale.(e) June 9, 1683, Samuel Howes is mentioned as a surveyor of highways for Yarmouth.(f) Feb. 11, 1685-6, Samuel Howes was a witness to the will of Capt. James Forster and swore to it July 13, 1686.(g) June 24, 1690, he took the oath of a freeman at a county court at Barnstable.(h) April 18, 1690, Samuel Howes was a witness to the deed of partition of the estate of Thomas Crowell, Sr., of Yarmouth, deceased.(i) In the rate of 1698 in Yarmouth the tax of Samuel Howes was £4 4s. 3d.(j) In 1695 the town's meadow at Simpkins Neck, Nobscusset, was leased to Samuel Howes.(k) In 1704-5 he was a representative in the legislature at Boston.(l) In the division of the common lands in 1712 he received 32 shares, and is styled Captain.(m)

His will was dated June 7 and a codicil Dec. 14, 1722. They were proved Jan. 29, 1722-3, and are recorded in 4 Barn. Prob. Recs. 90. They mention his wife Rebecca, his grandson Samuel Sears (son of Josiah), his son Joseph, his daughters Experience Howes, Hope Sears, Sarah Sears, Mercy Sears, deceased, and his grand-

(f) 6 Plym. Col. Recs. 111.

(g) 1 Barn. Prob. Recs. 1; 2 Mf. 177.

(h) 6 Plym. Col. Recs. 257.

(i) 11 Mf. 26.

(j) Recs. of Superior Ct. of Judicature, No. 4600; Rec. Book 1686-1706, p. 297; Supreme Ct. Clerk's Of., Boston.

(k) 2 Freeman, 202.

(l) Swift, 236; 8 Prov. Laws of Mass. 62, 63.

(m) Swift, 126.

daughters (daughters of Mercy) Mercy Sears and Hannah Sears. The inventory(m) of Capt. Samuel Howes, taken Jan. 22, 1722-3, amounted to £1446 19s. 9d., of which £1190 represented real estate.

Children.(n)

born in Yarmouth, order of birth uncertain:

27. Joseph, b. ; m.(o) Elizabeth Paddock Nov. 2, 1710; d. between July 13, 1750 (date of his will(p)), and Jan. 1, 1750-1 (date of probate). His will mentions his wife Elizabeth, his children Samuel.(q) Edward, Joseph, Zachariah, Barnabas, Elizabeth and Rebecca, and his grandson Samuel.

28. Hope, b. ; m.(r) 1st at Yarmouth May 15, 1706, Richard Sears , who moved to Chatham, and 2d John Rich of Eastham, and had issue by both.

29. Sarah.(r1) b. about 1686; m.(r) Feb. 12, 1708-9, at Yarmouth, Daniel Sears , (who moved to Chatham) and had among other children Sarah, b. April 11, 1714, who m. Joshua³ (Thomas² Henry¹) Atkins August 1, 1734, and d. April 30, 1751, leaving among other children Susannah (b.

(m1) 4 Barn. Prob. Recs. 92.

(n) J. C. Howes, 12, says Samuel¹ Howes had also Samuel, who d. March 18, 1705-6. He was probably the Samuel Howes who m. Mehitable Goodspeed Dec. 18, 1705 (Var. Recs.; 14 Mf. 88).

(o) J. C. Howes, 12. He says (p. 16) that he d. Dec. 6, 1750; Yar. Recs.

(p) 4 Barn. Prob. Recs. 436-8.

(q) Joseph and Elizabeth Howes had Samuel, b. Oct. 12, 1712, and other children recorded in the Yarmouth records (13 Mf. 227). See J. C. Howes, No. 18, pp. 16 and 17.

March 6, 1738-9) who m. 1st Aug .17. 1756, William¹ (William², Joseph², Robert¹) Eldredge, and had by him among other children Sarah (Sally), b. Sept. 18, 1761, who m. Reuben C. Taylor and was the grandmother of the compiler of this article.(s) Sarah (Howes) Sears, wife of Capt. Daniel Sears, d. in Chatham Nov. 9, 1748, in her 63d year.(t)

30. Mercy, b. . . . ; m.(r) Josiah Sears at Yarmouth April 3, 1702. She had issue.

31. Experience, b.

Will of Capt. Samuel Howes.

In the name of God Amen the seventh day of June in the eighth year of his majtes Reign 1722, I, Samuel Howes of Yarmouth In the County of Barnstable and province of the Massachusetts Bay In New England being at present Time In helth of body and of Disposing mind and memory blessed be God for it, but not knowing how soon my Change may come by death and being minded to settle my Temporal affairs in order thereunto; Do make ordaine & appoint this to be my Last will and Testament. And first I Recomend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it me hoping thro' the merrits Death &c. of Christ to have the free and full pardon of all my sins, and to Inherit Life Eternal thro' him and my body to the Dust

(r) Sears Genealogy by May, 11, 59, 60, 63, 68.

(r1) J. C. Howes (p. 11) is in error in making her the daughter of Thomas² Howes.

(s) Sears Geneal. by May, 60; "Atkins" by the compiler, 9, 19, 16, 17; "Eldred, Eldredge" by the compiler, 17, 18, 28, 29; "Richard Taylor, Tailor," by the compiler, 31, 35.

(t) Gr. St.; S. Mf. 239.

from whence it came to be buried in such Decent manner after my decease as my Executors hereafter named shall think fit; And as for such worly goods or Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with; I give and Dispose of the same as followeth. And first I will that all my Just debts and funeral charges shall be paid In convenient Time after my decease out of my moveable estate by my sd Executors

Imp. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Rebeckah the one third part of all my moveable Estate without Doors and within Doors, which shall be left after my debts and the legacies herein given are paid; to be at her own Dispose forever and the other two thirds thereof to be for her use and improvement untill her death or marriage; and then to be disposing of as followeth and also one third part of the profits use or improvement of all my Lands and meadows & the use and improvement of the wester end of my dwelling house from the ground upward and the use of half my shop & seller under it and also half my barn and half the fruit of my orchard all so as she shall continue my widow

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson Samuel Sears son of Josiah Sears (In case he continue to dwell with and serve me or my said wite until he arive to the age of Twenty and one years) all my parcell of Lands at the Black Earth so called and half a Lot of Land lying above Skargo hill in Yarmouth and all my brocken meadow at grays beach only if he shall see cause to sell said Lands or meadow or any part th-reof my will is that he Tender the same unto my son Joseph Howes he giving as much as another for the same.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Howes and to his heirs and assigns forever all my housing Lands and meadows whatsoever & wheresoever the same is or may be found at my decease as an estate of Inhabitation forever excepting what is Allredy given and granted unto my wife and my grandson.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Experience forty pounds to be paid to her out of my moveable Estate as it shall be prized and ye privilege to Live in the western end of my house untill she shall marry. And I do give unto my Daughter hope Sears besides what she hath allredy Received, the sum of forty shillings out of my moveable estate, and to my Daughter Sarah Sears besides what she hath allredy Received of me Twenty shillings out of my moveable estate as it shall be prized.

Item I give unto my three grand-children Samuel Sears Mercy Sears and Hannah Sears children of my Daughter Mercy Sears deceased the one quarter of all my moveable estate which shall be remaining after my wifes Decease or marriage to be equally divided between them or to those of them yt shall be then living, but if none of them shall Live so long then the same to be equally Divided between my said three Daughters now Living or to yr heirs.

Item I give the remainder of the two thirds of my moveable estate not already herein Disposed, which shall be Left at my wifes Decease or marriage to be equally Divided between my three Daughters hope sears Sarah sears and Experience or to their heirs.

And I do hereby make nominate and appoint my sd wife Rebekah my son Joseph Howes and my Loving brother John Howes to be Executors to this

my Last will and Testament. And I do hereby Renounce and make void all other wills hear tofore made by me Declaring this to be my Last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and year above written. Signed sealed pronounced and Declared by the above named Samuel Howes to be his Last will and Testament In Presence of us Witnesses

Samuel Howes (seal)

Peter Thacher
Ebenezer Baker
Thankfull Thacher
John Howes
Ebenezer Howes

For explanation of the above written my will is that my wife's Interest in my Real Estate granted to her as abovesd shall returne to my son Joseph Howes and to his heirs and assigns forever at her decease or marriage and that if my sd grandson Samuel Sears shall Dy before he come to the age of twentyone years or shall Live serving my sd wife that then the Lands and meadow above granted to him shall also return unto my said son Joseph Howes and to his heirs and assigns forever as witness my hand & seal Decbr ye 4th 1722 In presence of us

Samuel Howes (seal)

MAYO.

JOHN¹ MAYO, a clergyman, came from England in 1633. He was in Barnstable in 1629 before the Rev. John Lothrop came, who arrived Oct. 11, 1629. Mr. Mayo then had a frame house there and acted as teaching elder of the church, of which the Rev. Joseph Hull acted as pastor. (a) Dec.

(a) 1 Otis. 355; 2 ib. 190, 201, 202, 204, 220-222.

11, 1639. Thanksgiving was held at Mr. Hull's. The praises of God being ended, they "divided into three companies to feast together, some at Mr. Hull's, some at Mr. Mayo's, some at Brother Lombard's, Senior." (b) April 15, 1640. Mr. Mayo was ordained as teaching elder. (c) He went to Eastham in 1646 and took charge of the church, remaining till 1655, when he went to Boston and was settled over the Second or North church, remaining till 1673, when he was dismissed on account of age. He was ordained in Boston Nov. 9, 1655. The church records (in the handwriting of the Rev. Increase Mather) in the beginning of 1672, say: "Mr. Mayo, the Pastor, likewise grew very infirm, inasmuch as the congregation was not able to hear and be edified." The congregation therefore desired a new minister and he consented. "On the 15th of the 2d month [April] 1673, removed his person and goods also, from Boston to reside with his daughter in Barnstable where (and at Yarmouth) since he hath lived a private life, as not being able through infirmities of old age to attend to the word of the ministry. The day of the 3d [May] month 1676 he departed this life at Yarmouth, and was there buried." His widow Tamson (Tamsen) died also at Yarmouth, Feb. 26, 1682-3. After he left Boston, the congregation continued to contribute to his support until his death. (d) The Rev. Increase Mather was associated with him in Boston as teaching elder from

1664 and succeeded him as pastor. (e) He preached the election sermon in June, 1658. (f) March 3, 1639-40, he was admitted a freeman at Barnstable and sworn. (g) June 17, 1641, he and Mr. Thomas Dinmack were by consent of the parties made arbitrators of the differences between Nicholas Simpkins and William Chase. (h) In August, 1643, he was one of those in Barnstable between 16 and 30 years of age able to bear arms, his name being 2d on the list, following that of Rev. John Lothrop. (i) In 1675 Christopher Gibson of Dorchester by his will made a bequest to Mr. Mather and Mr. Mayo. (j) Before May 12, 1655, John Morton of Plymouth had bought land in Eastham of the Rev. John Mayo, formerly of that town. (k) Oct. 2, 1660, Rev. John Mayo was one of the witnesses to the will of William Paine and swore to it in Boston Nov. 14, 1660. (l) Dec. 22 and 29, 1679, Mr. John Mayo (described as elder), with other elders and named first among them, and with the selectmen, magistrates and governor, was present in Boston when Ezekiel Cheever was made head master of the free school. (m) In the Yarmouth rate in 1676 "toward the charges of the late war" Mr. Mayo's tax was £2 4s. 3d. (n) He died in 1676. (o)

(b) 2 ib. 21, 204.

(c) 2 ib. 21, 297; 2 Freeman, 247.

(d) Pratt's Eastham, 23; The Probate Family, by G. H. Preble, 276, 296; 3 Savage, 187.

(e) Winsor's Boston, 188.

(f) 2 Freeman, 358.

(g) 1 Plym. Col. Recs. 140.

(h) 2 ib. 20.

(i) 8 ib. 193.

(j) 65 N. E. Reg. 63; 6 Suffolk Prob. Recs. 64.

(k) 9 Mf. 293.

(l) 10 N. E. Reg. 85, 86.

(m) 33 N. E. Reg. 171, 172.

(n) Swift, 165.

(o) Swift, 167.

Under date of June 7, 1676, the following entry appears: (p) "Mr. Hinckley, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Huckens are appointed by the Court to take course about the estate of Mr. John Mayo, deceased, to make devise and settlement of the said estate, both with reference unto his wives part and amongst his children, and therein to acte, if it may be, to their satisfaction; and incase they can not, then to make report therof to the next Court, that soe further maybe taken for settlement therof."

The inventory of Rev. Mr. Mayo's personal estate, taken June 1, 1676, by Edmond Hawes and Thomas Huckins, amounted to £111 4s., including £10 for books. (q) June 15, 1676, his heirs settled his estate by agreement, which was signed by Tamsen Mayo, widow, John Mayo, son, Joseph Howes, son-in-law, and by Thomas Huckins in behalf of Hannah Bacon, daughter. John Mayo and Joseph Howes were made administrators. There were three grandchildren mentioned, Samuel Mayo, Hannah Mayo, and Bathsheba Mayo, children of his son Nathaniel Mayo, deceased. (r)

Children, (s) born in England.

1. Samuel; m. Thomasin (or Tamsen), daughter of William Lunpkin of Yarmouth (t); d. early in 1664, being a mariner. In August, 1643, he was one of those between 16 and 60

in Barnstable able to bear arms. (u) His wife joined the Barnstable church Jan. 20, 1649-50. (v) He removed later to Boston, where his estate was settled, his inventory being taken April 25 and his father being appointed administrator April 26, 1664, his widow declining to act. (w) She m. 2d. Mr. John Sunderland of Boston, who later was a citizen of Eastham. (w1) June 7, 1648, he had a suit of trespass on the case against John Williams, Sr., for £40 damage. Not appearing, he was nonsuited and ordered to pay the charges of the court. (x) June 4, 1650, he was propounded to take up his freedom. (y) June 5, 1650, he and Mr. Thomas Howes were appointed administrators of Samuel Hallett, deceased. (z) Oct. 2, 1652, Samuel Mayo was one of the witnesses to a deed at Barnstable. (a) and Jan. 29, 1657-8, he also witnessed a writing. (b) In 1653 Peter Wright, Samuel Mayo and William Leveridge bought of Assiapum alias Moheness, an Indian sachem, the land now the village of Oyster Bay on Long Island. The three grantees by endorsement on the deed gave to seven other persons equal rights with themselves in the land purchased. (c) William Leveridge had been the first pastor of the church in Sandwich, Mass., and employed Samuel Mayo, who owned the

(u) 4 N. E. Reg. 258.

(v) 9 N. E. Reg. 281.

(w) 13 N. E. Reg. 332, 333.

(w1) Josiah Paine.

(x) 2 Plym. Col. Recs. 125.

(y) Ib. 154.

(z) Ib. 156.

(a) 1 Mf. 139.

(b) 12 Ib. 81.

(c) History of Queen's Co., N. Y. (1882), 469, 470.

(p) 5 Plym. Col. Recs. 200.

(q) 3 Plym. Col. Wills, pt. 1, p. 165; 9 Mf. 120.

(r) 3 Plym. Col. Wills, pt. 1, p. 175; 9 Mf. 119, 121, 122. See also 6 N. E. Reg. 168, 174; 1 Otis, 25, 226, 222.

(s) 6 N. E. Reg. 168.

(t) 3 Savage, 130, 188.

vessel named Desire, to transport his goods to Oyster Bay. This vessel was captured by one Thomas Baxter in Hempstead Harbor under pretense of authority from Rhode Island, but Mayo recovered a judgment against Baxter because of the capture. Mayo was at Oyster Bay for some time, but did not settle there, and the statement that he died at that place in 1670 is erroneous.(d) If a Samuel Mayo died there at that time, it may have been the son of the grantee.

Samuel^f Mayo and his wife had six children:(e) Mary, who was baptized(f) in Barnstable Feb. 3. 1649-50, and married(g) Capt. Jonathan Bangs July 16, 1664, who lived in Eastham and Harwich, (now Brewster); Samuel, baptized in Barnstable Feb. 3. 1649-50;(h) Hannah, b. Barnstable Oct. 20, 1650;(i) Elizabeth, b. Barnstable May 22, 1653, who m. March 16, 1674-5, the Rev. Samuel Treat, who had become minister of Eastham in 1672;(j) Nathaniel, b. in Boston April 1, 1658;(k) Sarah, b. in Boston Dec. 19, 1660;(l) the 2d wife of Lt. Edward Freeman of Eastham. Mr. Paine gives Samuel^f and his wife a daughter

(d) *Ib.* 471.

(e) 6 N. E. Reg. 168, 169.

(f) 9 N. E. Reg. 284.

(g) 8 N. E. Reg. 368 (sheet); 3 Savage, 188; Bangs Geneal. by Dudley, 22.

(h) 3 Savage, 188.

(i) East Recs.; 8 *Mf.* 243, 244. See also Pratt's Eastham, 26, 27, and Rich's Truro, 97. The last-mentioned works erroneously make this Elizabeth the daughter instead of the granddaughter of the Rev. John Mayo.

(j) Births, Marriages and Deaths of Boston, 1650-1699, p. 64.

(k) *Ib.* 74; Mr. Paine.

ter Mercy who m. Capt. Samuel Sears of Harwich, and a son John, who m. Hannah Freeman (daughter of Major John) and settled in Harwich.

2. Hannah², b. ; m. in Barnstable Dec. 4, 1642, Nathaniel Bacon.(l)

3. Nathaniel²; m. Feb. 13, 1649-50, Hannah Prence, daughter of Gov. Thomas Prence and granddaughter of Elder Brewster;(m) d. in Eastham about the end of 1661. His will was dated Dec. 19, 1661, and his inventory was filed March 4, 1661-2.(n) His widow married as his 2d wife Capt. Jonathan Sparrow.(o) Nathaniel and Hannah had the following six children:

Thomas, b. Dec. 7, 1650; m. June 13, 1677, Barbara Knowles of Eastham; d. April 22, 1729.

Nathaniel, b. Nov. 16, 1652; m. 1st January 28, 1678-9, Elizabeth Wixam.(o) and 2d June 10 1708, Mercy, widow of Nathaniel Young; d. Nov. 30, 1709.

Samuel, b. Oct. 12, 1655; m. twice; d. Oct. 29, 1738.

Hannah, b. Oct. 17, 1657.

Theophilus, b. Dec. 17, 1659. Mentioned in the will of Gov. Prence, his grandfather. He died without issue.(p)

Bathsheba.

June 5, 1651, Nathaniel² was pronounced to take up his freedom.(q) He was announced as surveyor of Highways for Eastham June 1, 1658.(r) Mar.

(l) 1 *Olds*, 25, 290, 222; 9 *Mf.* 119; 6 N. E. Reg. 168, 174.

(m) 6 N. E. Reg. 234; 1 Brewster Genealogy, 21, 22; 14 *Mf.* 2, 153, 194.

(n) 6 N. E. Reg. 93.

(o) 4 *Mf.* 32.

(p) 3 *Mf.* 204, 205; 14 *Mf.* 198.

(q) 2 *Plym. Col. Recs.* 167.

(r) 3 *Ib.* 136.

4, 1661-2, he having died, his widow Hannah was appointed administratrix.(s) In August, 1643, he was one of those in Barnstable between 16 and 60 able to bear arms.(t) He was admitted a freeman and sworn June 3, 1652.(u)

4. John²; m.(v) at Eastham Jan. 1, 1651-2. Hannah Leecraft; d. before Oct. 28, 1706, at Eastham.(w) He was surveyor of highways for Eastham June 3, 1656.(x) June 1, 1658, he was a constable at Eastham.(y) Nov. 14, 1676, he was one of the overseers of the will of Nicholas Snow.(z) John² Mayo and his wife had nine children(a):

John, b. Dec. 15, 1652.

William, b. Oct. 7, 1654.

James, b. Oct. 3, 1656.

Samuel, b. April 2, 1658

Elisha, b. Nov. 4, 1661.

Daniel, b. June 25, 1664.

Nathaniel, b. April 2, 1667.

Thomas, b. June 24 and d. Aug. 11, 1670.

Thomas, b. July 15, 1672.

5. Elizabeth; m. Joseph² Howes of Yarmouth; d. March 12, 1700-1, leaving issue. See supra, p. 9.

(s) 4 ib. 8.

(t) 8 ib. 194.

(u) 3 ib. 7.

(v) East. Recs.; 6 Mf. 205. 8 Plym. Col. Recs. 26 gives the name of his wife as Hannah Reycraft and the date of marriage as Jan. 1, 1650-1.

(w) His will, dated June , 1702, was proved July 8, 1707. His inventory, dated Oct. 28, 1706, was sworn to Nov. 4, 1706. (3 Barn. Prob. Recs. 324, 326.)

(x) 3 Plym. Col. Recs. 101.

(y) Ib. 136.

(z) 3 Mf. 169.

(a) 6 Mf. 205; 14 ib. 117.

Note as to Howes.

The "Genealogy of the Howes Family" (1892), by Joshua C. Howes, gives the name of the wife of Thomas¹ Howes as Mary Barr.(b) but no proof of her surname can be found. Mr. Howes says that the emigrant came from the County of Norfolk, England, but here again there is no proof that the emigrant had any connection with the Norfolk family or was entitled to the coat of arms given in the book. Burke's General Armory, 513, gives the arms of Howes or Howse (Morningthorpe, Co. Norfolk), without indication of date, from which those in this book of J. C. Howes are taken, but Burke gives two different sets of arms without indication of place or date, and also gives the arms of Joan Howes, heiress of the family in the time of Henry VIII, Co. Essex. He also gives different sets of arms for various families named Hughes, Hugh, Hewes and for others having similar names. At the time of the emigration of Thomas¹ Howes the name was not uncommon in various parts of England.

The author also says (p. 7) that "they [Thomas¹ and his wife] were in Salem, Mass., two years before, or in 1637, where they first landed. They brought with them three sons, Joseph, Thomas and Jeremiah, the last born on the passage over, or soon after arrival." There is no evidence that they had lived in Salem. There is evidence that they had lived in Lynn. The date and place of their arrival in America nowhere appear. They may have landed in Boston or Salem and in view of the litigation he was en-

(b) Austin's Allied Families, 136, gives the same name, probably taken from J. C. Howes.

gaged in in 1638, no doubt as early as 1637. Jeremiah was born about 1637, but whether in England, on the passage over or in America is not known. There is no proof of the age of Thomas' Howes at his death. This genealogy by J. C. Howes contains many errors and is imperfect. He appears not to have consulted the Barnstable Probate Records, only a few miles away from him. I have not relied on him except in a few instances where other authority was lacking. Otis seems to think that the principal settlers of Yarmouth came from Norfolk County. In the 2d volume of his Barnstable Families, p. 190, he says:

"The leading men among the first settlers [of Yarmouth] were from Norfolk county, of which Yarmouth was the principal seaport, hence the name." (c) Swift, however, takes the opposite view. In his Old Yarmouth (published in 1884), 23, he says: "The first mention of the name Yarmouth, as applied to this township, is found in the court record of January, 1639, in connection with the grant to Thacher, Howes and Crow. From the fact that this name was selected, it has been inferred that the settlers of this town came from Yarmouth, in England. This may have been true of some individual, but does not apply to the settlers as a body. They did not come from any single locality. Some were Eastern County men, some were from the Midland Counties, some from Wales, and others from the South of England. Yarmouth, the principal seaport on the eastern coast of England, was the place of embarkation and debarkation between that country and Holland, and was naturally associated in

the minds of the Pilgrims with their experiences in the mother country. Hence, perhaps, the name." H. H. Sanford, who wrote on a branch of the Howes family in 1893, evidently derived his information as to the early generations from Joshua C. Howes. Pelletreau, in his History of Putnam Co., N. Y. (501-505), no doubt derived his early information from a common source, while Thomas Prince Howes in his genealogy from Jeremiah² Howes (pub. by Charles W. Swift, Esq., of Yarmouthport, Mass., in 1914) also followed J. C. Howes, and in his early generations has similar imperfections and errors.

Swift, in his Old Yarmouth, 47, also says: "Nothing is known of Mr. Howes before his coming to this country, neither have we any knowledge in what part of England he originated. He was in Salem in 1635, (d) and in Yarmouth in 1639, as one of the original grantees of the town, where in connection with Mr. Thacher and Mr. Crow, he commenced the settlement, establishing himself in that part of the present town of Dennis, called 'New Boston.'"

Mr. Howes' authority for the coat of arms and the English genealogy is the Rev. Dr. Reuben¹ Wing Howes of New York city, whose line is Reuben¹ Wing, Daniel², Moody³, Thomas⁴, Ebenezer⁵, Jeremiah⁶, Thomas⁷ Howes. Moody³ Howes removed to what is now Putnam County, N. Y., about 1750. Reuben¹ Wing Howes was the founder and first president of the National Park Bank in New York city and afterwards head of the banking firm of Howes & Macy there. The compiler has had interviews with Dr. Howes and has been received with

(c) Written before 1875.

(d) No proof of this.

much courtesy. Dr. Howes visited about 1874 or 1875 the Rev. Thomas G. F. Howes of the Morningthorpe family, who was rector of Belton parish in Suffolk in or near Yarmouth, for many years. On that occasion the rector produced papers and documents that showed a Thomas Howes of his family of the time of Thomas' Howes who could not be accounted for, and whom the rector thought to be the emigrant. The compiler cannot concede to this suggestion the force of proof, especially as in seeking the English origin of his ancestor Edmond Hawes he at first found a Hawes family in Sussex, which it seemed must include his ancestor, but subsequently proof was found that he came not from Sussex, but from Warwickshire. With reference to the claim of a Norfolk origin for Thomas' Howes, the best we can say therefore is that he may have come from that county.

In 1834 a monument was erected in the Howes burying ground in Dennis carrying the following inscription:(e)

"Here Lies
Mr. Thomas Howes,
and on his right, his wife, Mary Burr.
She adorned her character by a
discreet and virtuous life.
They were natives of England,
and emigrated in the year 1637.
Their births, deaths and marriages
unknown.
We, their descendants, from a sense
of filial duty, consecrate
This stone to the first Howes that
came to America.
'Twas from the central part of
Briton's Isle they came,
And on Columbia's soil did propagate
a name;
We their descendants the Patriarch
own
And to the first Howes, do dedicate
this stone."

Swift's Old Yarmouth (p. 48) gives the inscription somewhat differently. He says the stone is on the E. declivity of a hill to the N. E. of his family seat, where he and many of his descendants are buried.

(e) J. C. Howes, 200.

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