

APPENDIX.

NOTE A—PAGE 19.

A late writer, speaking of Col. Church, says:—"Of all the English who bore commands during the great Indian war, none was so much feared, so much respected, and finally so much beloved by them, as this terrible and triumphant enemy. In conducting such wars, he was unrivalled; though many have acquired much reputation for their skill in managing and fighting Indians, none have exhibited a genius or an aptitude equal to Church. Anthony Wayne and Andrew Jackson have received their full share of fame for their skill and their knowledge in directing the operations of this, the most dangerous and dreadful of all the modes of war; but they were never placed in such perils and difficulties as were encountered and overcome by Benjamin Church."

Benjamin Church was born at Duxbury, 1639. He married Alice Southworth, grand-daughter of the distinguished wife of Gov. Bradford,—by whom he had five sons and two daughters. The wife of the late Deacon Sylvester Brownell, of Little Compton, was his great-grand-daughter.

NOTE B—PAGE 19. DEED OF THE FREEMEN'S PURCHASE.

"Know all men by these Presents, that we, Ossamequin, Wamsitta, Tattapanum, natives inhabiting and living within the government of New Plymouth, in New England, in America, have bargained, sold, enfeoffed and confirmed unto Capt. James Cudworth, Josiah Winslow, Constant Southworth, John Barnes, John Tesdale, Humphrey Turner, Walter Hatch, Samuel House, Samuel Jackson, John Damon, Mr. Timothy Hatherly, Timothy Foster, Thomas Southworth, George Watson, Nathaniel Morton, Richard Moore, Edmund Chandler, Samuel Nash, Henry Howland, Mr. Ralph Patridge, Love Brewster, William Paybodie, Christopher Wadsworth, Kenelme Winslow, Thomas Bourne, John Waterman, the son of Robert Waterman; and do by these presents bargain, sell, enfeoff and confirm from us, our heirs, unto James Cudworth, Josiah Winslow, &c., and their heirs, all the tract of upland and meadow lying on the easterly side of Taunton river, beginning or bounded

toward the South with the river called the Falls, or Quequechand, and so extending itself northerly until it comes to a little brook, called by the English by the name of Stacey's Creek, which brook issues out of the woods into the marsh or bay of Assonet, close by the narrowing of Assonate Neck, and from a marked tree near the said brook at the head of the marsh, to extend itself into the woods on a northeasterly point four miles, and from the head of said four miles on a strait line southerly until it meet with the head of the four mile line at Quequechand, or the Falls aforesaid; including all meadows, necks, or islands lying and being between Assonate Neck and the Falls aforesaid, (except the land that Tabatacason hath in present use,) and all the meadows upon Assonate Neck, on the South side of the said Neck. And all the meadow on the westerly side of Taunton river from Taunton bounds round until it comes to the head of Weypoysset river; in all creeks, coves, rivers, and inland meadow not lying above four miles from the flowing of the tide in; and for the consideration of twenty coats, two rugs, two iron pots, two kettles and one little kettle, eight pair of shoes, six pair of stockings, one dozen of hoes, one dozen of hatchets, two yards of broadcloth, and a debt satisfied to John Barnes, which was due from Wamsitta unto John Barnes before the 24th of December, 1657; all being unto us in hand paid; where-with we, the said Ossamequin, Wamsitta, Tattapanum, are fully satisfied, contented and paid, and do by these presents exonerate, acquit, and discharge [here all the grantees are again named] they and either of them and each of the heirs and executors of them forever. Warranting the hereof from all persons from, by, or under us, laying any claim unto the premises from, by, or under us, claiming any right or title thereunto, or unto any part or parcel thereof, the said [grantees] to have and to hold to them and their heirs forever, all the above upland and meadow as is before expressed, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, from us, Ossamequin, Wamsitta, and Tattapanum, and every of us, our heirs, and every of them forever, unto them, they, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, according to the tenure of East Greenwich, in free soccage, and not in capite nor by knight's service.

Also, the said Ossamequin, Wamsitta, and Tattapanum, do covenant and grant that it may be lawful for the said [grantees] to enter the said deed in the Court of Plymouth, or in any other court of record provided for in such case; in and for the true performance whereof, Ossamequin, Wamsitta and Tattapanum have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 2d day of April, 1659.

WAMSITTA, his X mark. (S.)
TATTAPANUM, her X mark. (S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

THOMAS COOKE,
JONATHAN BRIGD,
JOHN SASSAMON.

Ossamequin never signed the deed. It was acknowledged June 9, 1659, by Wamsitta and the Squaw Tattapanum, before Josiah Winslow and Wm. Bradford, Assistants."—[*Vide Baylies' History of Plymouth, vol. 2d, part 4, p. 67.*]

NOTE D—PAGE 21.

The following is a copy of the grand deed of POCASSET—now Tiverton :

“To all to whom these presents shall come, Josiah Winslow, Esq., Governor of the Colony of New Plymouth, Major Wm. Bradford, Treasurer of the said Colony, Mr. Thomas Hinckley and Major James Cudworth, Assistants to the said Governor, send Greeting; and whereas we, the said Governor, Treasurer and Assistants, or any two of us, by virtue of an order of the General Court of the Colony aforesaid, bearing date November, A. D. 1676, are impowered in the said Colony's behalf to make sale of certain lands belonging to the Colony aforesaid, and to make and seal deeds for the confirmation of the same, as by the said order remaining on record in the said Court rolls more at large appeareth; now, know ye that we, the said Governor, Treasurer and Assistants, as agents, and in behalf of the said Colony, for and in consideration of the full and just sum of one thousand and one hundred pounds in lawful money of New England, to us in hand, before the ensealing and delivering of these presents, well and truly paid by Edward Gray, of Plymouth, in the Colony aforesaid; Nathaniel Thomas, of Marshfield, in the Colony aforesaid; Benjamin Church, of Puncatest, in the Colony aforesaid; Christopher Almy, Job Almy and Thomas Waite, of Portsmouth, in the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; Daniel Wilcox, of Puncatest, and William Manchester, of Puncatest, in the Colony of New Plymouth aforesaid, with which the said sum, we, the said agents, do acknowledge to be fully satisfied, contented and paid, and thereof do acquit and discharge the said [grantees] and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever; by these presents have given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed; and by these presents for us and the said Colony of New Plymouth, do freely, fully and absolutely give, grant, &c., to the said [grantees] all those lands situate, lying and being at Pocasset, and places adjacent in the Colony of Plymouth aforesaid, and is bounded as followeth:—Northward and westward by the Freemen's lot, near the Fall River; westward by the Bay or Sound that runneth between the said lands and Rhode Island; southward partly by Seaconnet bounds, and partly by Dartmouth bounds, and northward and eastward up into the woods till it meets with the lands formerly granted by the Court to other men, and legally obtained by them from the natives, not extending further than Middlebury town bounds and Quitquissit ponds.” [Several small reservations previously sold are here named, and the deed proceeds in the usual form, and adds] “that is to say, to the said Edward Gray nine shares or thirtieth parts; to the said Nathaniel Thomas five shares or thirtieth parts; to the said Benjamin Church one share or thirtieth part; to the said Christopher Almy three shares and three-quarters of one share; to the said Job Almy three shares and one-quarter of a share; to the said Thomas Waite one share; to the said Daniel Wilcox two shares; to the said William Manchester five shares.” [The rest of the deed is in the usual form of a warrantee deed.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of witnesses, March 5, 1779–80.

JOSIAH WINSLOW, Governor.
WM. BRADFORD, Treasurer.
THOMAS HINCKLEY, } Assistants.
JAMES CUDWORTH, }

Acknowledged March 6, 1679–80.

NOTE E—PAGE 21.

" Nov. 1, 1700. Know all men by these presents, that whereas we, Josiah Winslow, Robert Durfee and Henry Brightman, being chosen agents by the proprietors of Freetown; and Christopher Almy, Samuel Little and Richard Borden, being chosen agents by the proprietors of Tiverton, to run and settle the purchase bounds between the aforesaid Freetown and Tiverton; we have accordingly performed the same as followeth: beginning at a cleft rock on the East side of the country road, near the Fall River, said rock being the bounds of the Freeman's first lot; and from said rock ranging Southwest and by West to the river at the westerly side of the country road, and from thence the river to be the bounds westerly unto Taunton river; and from the aforesaid rock, ranging East Southeast four miles into the woods by a range of marked trees unto a heap of stones with several trees marked about it; and from said heap of stones ranging Northeast and by North one degree northerly by a range of marked trees unto a stone set in the ground, with other stones laid about it, being the head of the four mile line from Stacy's creek; said range to extend till it meet with Middlebury town bounds. These aforementioned boundaries, thus run and settled, we do mutually agree, shall be the perpetual bounds between the land of the aforesaid proprietors of Freetown and the proprietors of Tiverton.

In witness whereof, we, the aforesaid agents have hereunto jointly and severally set our hand the day and year first above written.

Signed and delivered in presence of us. }
 JACOB SAMSON,
 his
 SAMUEL ✕ SHERMAN.
 mark. }

HENRY BRIGHTMAN,
 ROBERT DURFEE,
 JOSIAH WINSLOW,
 RICHARD BORDEN,
 CHRISTOPHER ALMY,
 SAMUEL LITTLE.

NOTE F—PAGE 23.

A few words are necessary to explain, what is to be understood by OLD STYLE and NEW STYLE.

The Julian Calendar proceeded on the supposition that a year is 365 days and 6 hours; whereas in truth, an annual revolution of the sun is performed in 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45 1-2 seconds; so that the Julian civil year was too long, and exceeded the solar year by 11 minutes and 14 1-2 seconds; which, in about 130 years amounted to one day. Pope Gregory XIII. corrected the error, in 1582. The time, as computed by the Julian method (which is called Old Style,) had then advanced ten days beyond the true time. He ordered that ten days should be suppressed, and that thenceforth three days should be dropped every 400 years, which would be nearly equivalent to one day in 130 years.

The year under the Old Style began the 25th of March: he ordered that

it should begin the 1st of January. This new reckoning was called New Style. It was not adopted in England and this country till 1752, when the error had reached eleven days. In old records, deeds and other papers, we find, between 1st of January and 25th of March, double dates, as Jan. 17, 1717-18, which means 1717 Old Style, and 1718 New Style. Another perplexity often arises from not recollecting that January and February were the latter part of the year. For instance, a distinguished man, who died a hundred years ago in February, it was said preached an ordination sermon in July of the same year, which was true, reckoning according to Old Style. Another example: King George III. in May, 1746, ordered Tiverton to be set to Rhode Island, and the Legislature afterwards, in obedience to that order, in January of the same year, incorporated anew the town of Tiverton. The act of incorporation took place the latter end of the year 1746, Old Style, or the beginning of the year 1747, New Style. The practice of double dating between 1st of January and 25th of March, was dropped after 1752.

NOTE G—PAGE 37.

The General School Committee chosen annually by the town of Fall River, and the sums voted to be raised for the support of the Public Schools, are as follows:—

- 1826—Joseph Hathaway, James Ford, Jason H. Archer, John Lindsey, Wm. B. Canedy. \$600 voted.
- 1827—James Ford, Joseph Hathaway, Jason H. Archer, John Lindsey, Wm. B. Canedy. \$1,288 voted.
- 1828—Thos. M. Smith, Arthur A. Ross, Edward T. Taylor, James Ford, John Eddy. \$1,200 voted.
- 1829—James Ford, Thos. M. Smith, Arthur A. Ross, Hezekiah Battelle, John Eddy. \$1,200 voted.
- 1830—Thos. M. Smith, Jason H. Archer, Arnold Buffum, Foster Hooper, Thomas Wilbur. \$1,200 voted.
- 1831—Foster Hooper, Thos. M. Smith, Thomas Wilbur, Bradley Miner, Leander P. Lovell. \$2,000 voted.
- 1832—Thomas Wilbur, Orin Fowler, Harvey Chace, Bradley Miner, Nathan Durfee. \$2,500 voted.
- 1833—Orin Fowler, Harvey Chace, Nathan Durfee, Thomas Wilbur, Harvey Harnden, James Ford. \$3,000 voted.
- 1834—Orin Fowler, Asa Bronson, Harvey Chace, Philip R. Bennett, Thomas Wilbur, Nathan Durfee. \$3,000 voted.
- 1835—Orin Fowler, Asa Bronson, Simon Clough, George W. Briggs, Nathan Durfee, James Ford. \$3,500 voted.
- 1836—David Anthony, James Ford, Harvey Chace. \$3,500 voted.
- 1837—James Ford, Joseph F. Lindsey, Benjamin B. Sisson, George W. Briggs, Orin Fowler. \$4,250 voted.
- 1838—Joseph F. Lindsey, James Ford, Benjamin B. Sisson, Orin Fowler, Eliab Williams. \$4,000 voted.
- 1839—Orin Fowler, Asa Bronson, James Ford, Eliab Williams, Joseph F. Lindsey. \$4,500.

1840—Orin Fowler, Asa Bronson, James Ford, Eliab Williams, Joseph F. L. sey, Jonathan S. Thompson, George M. Randall. \$4,500 voted.

The following persons have held the office of Town Clerk of the town of Fall River :—

Walter D. Chaloner, elected 1803 ; Benjamin Brightman, 1804 ; Wm. B. Canedy, 1814 ; Nathaniel Luther, 1816 ; Joseph E. Read, 1817 ; John C. Borden, 1821 ; Nathaniel B. Borden, 1825 ; Benjamin Anthony, 1826 ; Stephen K. Crary, 1831 ; Benjamin Earl, 1836.

The following persons have held the office of Selectmen of Fall River :—

1803—Thomas Borden, Benjamin Durfee, Robert Miller.
 1804—Samuel Thurston, Benjamin Durfee, Robert Miller.
 1805—Nathan Bowen, Pardon Davol, Elijah Blossom, Jr.
 1806—Jonathan Brownell, Abraham Bowen, Elijah Blossom, Jr.
 1807—Jonathan Brownell, Elijah Blossom, Stephen Leonard.
 1808—Nathan Bowen, Henry Brightman, David Wilson.
 1809—David Wilson, William Read, Jr., Charles Durfee.
 1810—Charles Durfee, David Wilson, Wm. Read, Jr.
 1811—David Wilson, Wm. Read, Jr., Benjamin Bennett, 2d.
 1812—Hezekiah Wilson, William B. Canedy, William Borden.
 1813—William B. Canedy, William Borden, Isaac Winslow.
 1814—William Borden, Benjamin W. Brown, Simmons Hathaway.
 1815—Benjamin W. Brown, Sheffel Weaver, Bradford Durfee.
 1816—Sheffel Weaver, William Ashley, William Read.
 1817—Sheffel Weaver, Abraham Bowen, William Ashley.
 1818—'19—Benjamin W. Brown, Charles Pitman, James G. Bowen.
 1820—Sheffel Weaver, Benjamin W. Brown, Richard Borden, 2d.
 1821-'2—Robert Miller, Charles Pitman, Enoch French.
 1823—Joseph E. Read, Benjamin W. Brown, Edmund Chace.
 1824-'5-'6-'7—Enoch French, Hezekiah Wilson, William Read.
 1828-'9—Enoch French, Sheffel Weaver, William Read.
 1830—Sheffel Weaver, John Eddy, William Read.
 1831—Samuel Chace, Robinson Buffington, William Ashley.
 1832—Samuel Chace, Leonard Garfield, William Ashley.
 1833—Samuel Chace, Matthew C. Durfee, Elijah Pierce.
 1834—Samuel Chace, Azariah Shove, Smith Winslow.
 1835—'6-'7-'8—John Eddy, Israel Anthony, Luther Winslow.
 1839—John Eddy, Israel Anthony, Russel Hathaway.
 1840—Nathaniel B. Borden, Israel Anthony, William Read.

NOTE H—PAGE 38.

The number of children in the town of Fall, in 1840, between the ages of 4 and 16, is in District No. 1, 291 ; No. 2, 139 ; No. 11, 603 ; No. 12, 400 ; No. 14, 48 ; total in the village, 1,481. District No. 3, 32 ; No. 4, 80 ; No. 5, 49 ; No. 6, 26 ; No. 7, 18 ; No. 8, 31 ; No. 9, 14 ; No. 10, 13 ; No. 13, 45 ; total out of the village, 308. Total in the town, 1,789.

NOTE I—PAGE 33.

Since Fall River was incorporated, in 1803, there have been thirteen regular practising Physicians in this town, namely :

Doct.'s John Turner,* Ashbel Willard,† Amery Glazier, Jason H. Archer, Thomas Wilbur, Nathan Durfee, Foster Hooper, Benjamin B. Sisson†, Thos. T. Wells,† Amos C. Wilbur, William H. A. Crary, Henry Willard.

There have been ten persons practising Law, to wit :

Oakes Anger,* John Lindsey, George B. Holmes,* James Ford, Joseph Hathaway,† Hezekiah Battelle, Cyrus Alden, Eliab Williams, George Paine,* William J. A. Bradford.†

The following persons have held the office of Justice of the Peace :

George Brightman,* James Brightman*, Charles Durfee,* Joseph E. Read, William B. Canedy, Hezekiah Wilson, Cyrus Alden, James Ford, Hezekiah Battelle, Joseph Goodding,† Eliab Williams, Israel Anthony, Benjamin B. Sisson,† Benjamin Anthony,* Joseph Hathaway,† Anthony Mason, David Anthony, Nathaniel B. Borden, John Fessenden.†

Hon. Nathaniel B. Borden, of this town, was a member of the 24th and the 25th Congress ; and is the member elect of the 27th Congress of the United States, for District No. 10, Mass.

The following persons, citizens of Fall River, have been members of the Senate of Massachusetts : Hon. Thomas Durfee, from 1781 to 1788 ; Hon. John Eddy 1838 ; Hon. Foster Hooper 1840-'41.

The following persons have been Representatives in the General Court of Massachusetts :

1803—Voted not to elect. 104—Abraham Bowen.
 1805-'6—Jonathan Brownell. 1807-'8—Abraham Bowen.
 1809-'10-'11-'12-'13—Robert Miller.
 1814-'15—Joseph E. Read. 1816-'17—Hezekiah Wilson.
 1818-'19—Joseph E. Read. 1820—Voted not to elect.
 1821—Abraham Bowen. 1822—Robert Miller.
 1823-'24—Wm. B. Canedy. 1825—James Ford. 1826—Voted not to elect.
 1827—Joseph Hathaway. 1828—Enoch French.
 1829—Joseph E. Read, Enoch French, Anthony Mason.
 1830—Frederick Winslow, Anthony Mason, Joseph E. Read.
 1831—Nathaniel B. Borden, Foster Hooper, Frederick Winslow.
 1832—Simeon Borden, Azariah Shove, Anthony Mason, Barnabas Blossom.
 1833—Simeon Borden, Azariah Shove, Smith Winslow, Isaac Borden, Earl Chace.
 1834—Nath'l B. Borden, Micah H. Ruggles, Anthony Mason, Jervis Shove, William Winslow.
 1835—Micah H. Ruggles, Anthony Mason, Philip R. Bennett, Job B. French, Elijah Peirce.
 1836—Micah H. Ruggles, Anthony Mason, Caleb B. Vickery, Wm. Ashley, Gilbert H. Durfee.

*Deceased. †Removed from town.

1837—Micah H. Ruggles, Cyrus Alden, John Eddy, Constant B. Wyatt, Richard C. French, Philip S. Brown.

1838—Frederick Winslow, Benjamin B. Sisson, Philip S. Brown, Hezekiah Battelle.

1839—Micah H. Ruggles, Iram Smith, G. Brightman, 2d, John A. Harris.

1840—John Eddy, Perez Mason, Nathan Durfee, Enoch French.

1841—Nathan Durfee, Job B. French, Lindon Cook.

NOTE K—PAGE 40.

The petition referred to on page 40, is omitted for want of room.

NOTE L—PAGE 44.

The Rev. Silas Brett had eight children, five sons and three daughters, to wit: Olive, born 1749; Joshua Howard, 1751; Susannah, 1753; Thankful, 1755; Silas, 1757; Ebenezer, 1761; Calvin, 1763; Silas, 1767. Joshua Howard Brett was a respectable physician; settled first at Assonet; then in Delaware county, New York, where he died 1822. Calvin, who resides at Easton, is the only one of the above now living.

First Generation.	Second Generation.	Third Generation.	Fourth Generation.	Fifth Generation.	Sixth Generation.	Seventh Generation.	Eighth Generation.	Ninth Generation.
					Joseph	Children	G. Children	
					Phebe	do	do	
					William	do	do	
					Isaac	do	do	
					Thomas	do	do	
					Sally	do	do	
				Patience	do	do	do	
				Thomas.....	do	do	do	
				Sarah	do	do		
				Hope	do	do		
				Richard	do	do		
				Betsey	do	do		
		Richard.....		Mary	do	do		
			Christopher	Richard.....	do	do		
				Mary	do	do		
		Thomas...	Rebecca	Richard.....	do	do		
				Cook	do	do		
				Lodowick	do	do		
				Zephaniah	do	do		
				& 2 others	do	do		
			Mary	Simeon	do	do		
				Nath'l B	do	do		
				Ann	do	do	do	
		Joseph....	Abraham.....	Perry	do	do		
				Judith	do	do		
			Samuel	Sarah	do	do		
				Col. Joseph Durfee, and his brothers and sisters.	Children	{ Grand Children	{ Great grand Children	{ Great Great Grand Children
			Patience.....	Daniel	Children	do	do	
			Peace	John	Mrs Turner	do	do	
				Benjamin	Children	do	do	
				Thomas	Children	do	do	
				Sarah	Children	do	do	
				Stephen	Children	do	do	
				Nathan	do	do	do	
				Patience	do	do	do	
				Hannah	do	do	do	
				Lucy	do	do	do	
				Meribah	do	do	do	
				Mary	do	do	do	
				Lydia	do	do	do	
				Isaiah	do	do	do	
				Sylvia	{ Holder & sisters	Children	do	
				George.....				
				Stephen				
				Thomas & 11 others				
				Aaron	Children	Gr'd Child	do	
				Susan	do	do	do	
				Elizabeth	do	do	do	
				Joseph	do	do	do	
				Parker	do	do	do	
				Abel	do	do	do	
				Abner	do	do	do	
				Abby	do	do	do	
				Peace	do	do	do	
				Abraham	do	do	do	
				Rhoda	do	do	do	
				Israel	do	do	do	
				David	do	do	do	
				William	do	do	do	
		William..	Sarah	do	do	do	do	
		George	Joseph	do	do	do	do	
			William*	do	do	do	do	
			Benjamin	do	do	do	do	
			Parker	do	do	do	do	
			Thomas	do	do	do	do	
			Stephen	do	do	do	do	
			George	do	do	do	do	
			Ruth	do	do	do	do	
			Ann	do	do	do	do	
			Gideon	do	do	do	do	
			Rev. Job	do	do	do	do	
		Joseph	do	do	do	do	do	

GENEALOGY
OF THE
FAMILY
OF
JOHN BORDEN

*Ruth Durfee and six sisters, children, grand children, great grand child.

All the early names of the settlers of Freetown, continue here. Some of them are numerous. In 1840 there were in Fall River, persons who paid taxes by the name of Chace, 59; in Freetown 12—total, 71. Of Borden, 58; Freetown, 1—total, 59. Of Hathaway, 42; Freetown, 49—total, 91. Of Read, 42; Freetown, 4—total, 46. Of Brightman, 37. Of Davis, 27; Freetown, 1—total, 28. Of Durfee, 20; Freetown, 3—total, 23. Of each of the names of Cudworth, Winslow, Morton and Terry, also, there were several taxable persons. The genealogy of the Hathaway, Read, Chace, Brightman and Davis families, I have not been able to trace. The Borden family I have traced for nine generations, and the Durfee family for eight generations. John Borden, the first of the name in this region, and (as is believed,) the father of all of the name in the United States, lived and died at Portsmouth, R. I. The town of Bortentown, in New Jersey, it is said, took its name from a branch of John Borden's family. Only two of his nine children settled at Fall River; from whom all the Bordens in this region are supposed to have descended. The descendants of the other seven children are scattered over the United States, and are numerous, but all trace their origin to a common source. Richard and Joseph, sons of John Borden, were his only children, whose descendants have ever lived in this vicinity. Thomas and Joseph, of the third generation, sons of Richard, inherited the lands and water power on the South side of Fall River. Joseph was killed in a falling mill. Stephen, of the third generation, (son of Joseph of the second) inherited the lands and water power on the North side of Fall River. Stephen, of the third generation, dying, his widow married John Bowen, by whom she had two sons, Nathan and John. Nathan had a son Abraham, who was the father of the present James G. and Abraham, and their sisters. Patience, of the fourth generation, daughter of Joseph, (that was killed) married Hon. Thomas Durfee, and was thus the ancestor, in the Borden line, of all his descendants.

First Generation.	2d Gener'n.	Third Generation.	Fourth Generation.	Fifth Gen.	Sixth Gen.	Seventh Gen.	Eighth Gen.
GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF THOMAS DURFEE,	Benjamin..	James, born Aug. 28, 1701, Ann, January 11, 1703, Hope, January 7, 1705, William, Dec. 5, 1707, Benjamin, Jan. 5, 1709, Mary, Jan. 30, 1711, Lusannah, Jan. 28, 1713, Martha, July 15, 1719, Hon. Thomas, Nov. 5, 1721,	Hope, born September, 1748, Joseph, April, 1750, Nathan, April, 1752, Benjamin, May, 1754, Prudence, September, 1756, Abigail, August, 1759, Charles, November, 1761. Lusannah, November, 1764, Nathan, 1768, James, 1768, Thomas, January, 1771, Samuel, August, 1773,	Children. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do.	Grand Child. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do.	Great Grand Children. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do.	Great Great Grand Ch'n. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
		Richard, Nov. 9, 1723.	Ephraim, Sarah, Deacon Richard, Rebecca,	do. do. do. do.	do. do. do. do.	do. do. do. do.	do. do. do. do.

Thomas Durfee, the first of the name in this region, and, (as is believed,) the ancestor of most who bear his name in this vicinity, lived and died at Portsmouth, Rhode Island. He purchased, in 1680, one-sixtieth of the town of Tiverton, of William Manchester, one of the eight original proprietors, for £34. This land he gave to his son Benjamin, in 1712, who then resided near the spot where Dea. Richard Durfee, his grandson, now resides. Benjamin Durfee died January 8, 1754, aged 74. His wife Prudence died March 11, 1733, aged 52. Hon. Thomas Durfee, son of Benjamin, was much in public life. He was a member of the Governor's Council three years; of the Senate seven years; and of the House of Representatives twenty years; in all thirty years a member of the Council, or of one branch of the Legislature of Massachusetts. He died July, 1796, aged 75. His wife Patience, (who was the fourth generation from John Borden,) was born August, 1731, and died July, 1802, aged 71.

In the early records of Freetown, Robert Durfee is repeatedly mentioned. He was of another family, and his descendants, it is said, removed to Middleborough.