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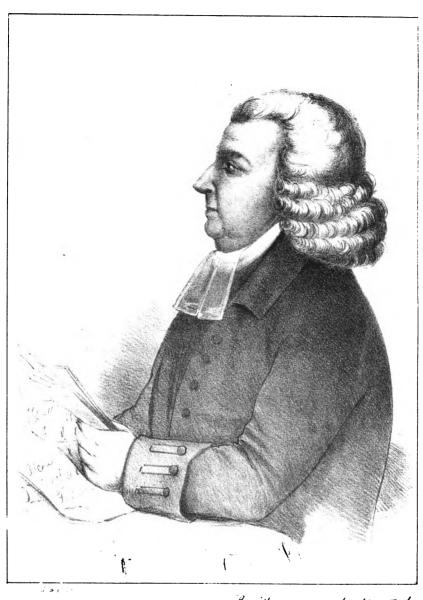
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JOHN AND WALTER DEANE,

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AND OF

THE EARLY GENERATIONS OF THEIR DESCENDANTS:

PRECEDED BY SOME REMARKS ON THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME, WITH INCIDENTAL NOTICES OF OTHER DEANES IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

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TO THE READER.

These brief Memoirs were first printed in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. They have now a more enduring form than that of manuscripts in the hands of an individual or individuals. But a small portion, however, of what we have gathered as worthy of interest in connection with the three generations of John and Walter Deane, is here given, as our space was necessarily limited. Material exists, much of which we now have, for a very much extended notice of these and later generations of the family, and of other families and individuals of the name in this country, not descendants of John or Walter.

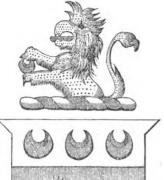
In our incidental notices of the English Deanes, and remarks upon the origin of the name, we have referred mostly to Rev. John Bathurst Deane, M. A., F. S. A., of London. We quote but a small fraction, however, of the extended MS. information he has given us, and we cannot too strongly renew the expression of our thanks to him for the free and generous manner in which it has been proffered to us by Rev. Mr. D. We would here express our thanks to all who have aided us heretofore, and hope that this foundation may incite others to make more complete and perfect what is here only an attempt or beginning.

A Genealogical Index will be found on the last page.

From Den or Dene have been derived two other names, in addition to those of Deane and Denne, as mentioned in the following pages, namely, Dennett and Denny. "The Sussex family of Atte Denne inverted the syllables of their name, and made it Dennat or Dennett." "Denny is an attempt to Anglicize a French version of 'de Dene,' written 'Denè.' The Dennys are of Hertfordshire, and in the time of Edward I. and down to Henry IV., were 'de Denes' of St. Albans, as I think I shall be able to prove." Dane, though often confounded with Deane, appears to have had a different origin. ‡

^{*} Lower, English Surnames, 72. † Rev. J. B. Deane, F. S. A., MSS. Letters. ‡ Ibid.

THE DEANE FAMILY.*



In the following pages we propose to give an account of John and Walter Deane, two brothers, who emigrated from England, and were among the first settlers of Taunton, Mass. We shall also present genealogical notices of the early generations of their descendants. These accounts we shall preface with some facts concerning the origin and history of the name, though the limits of an article like this will allow us to draw but sparingly from the materials which we possess. Many of the facts withheld have, to persons bearing the name, quite as high a degree of interest as those here presented.

The name Den, or Dene, which is the ancient way of spelling what is now written Deane, makes its appearance in England soon after the introduction of sur-It was apparently derived from the Saxon word den, or dene, a valley,† which word is not yet quite obsolete, being preserved in the proper names of certain

valleys in England, as Taunton Dean, Castle Eden Dean, &c. The name was perhaps first given to estates that were situated in, or contiguous to, certain denes, and from the estates, the name would easily pass to their possessors. From Dene or Den, at first but different modes of spelling the same word, have arisen two surnames, which at the present time are entirely distinct, viz. Deane and Denne. Though the name is of Saxon origin, it is by no means certain that all the families that bear it are so. The first person of the name that we have met with is Robert de Den or de Dene, who was "pincerna, butler or sewer" to Edward the Confessor.I He held estates in Normandy, as well as in England, and may have been one of the Norman favorites, whom this monarch called around him. From him, he may have received estates in England of sufficiently greater importance than his Norman heritage to induce him to assume their appellation. Confirmatory of this conjecture it may be remarked that this family was not deprived of their estates at the Conquest. Another person of the name. early met with, is Sir William of Dene, who "was at the time of the Conquest owner of Throwly" in Kent, the seat of an ancient "priory of Priors Aliens" suppressed 2 Hen. V (1415).\(\) The name is found in Hampshire.

† "The Saxon word den or dene, signifies a valley or woody place; but is very different from glen, which signifies a valley between hills. A den or dean sinks suddenly from the common level of the country, and cannot be seen, till the spectator is close upon its borders."—Beauties of England and Wales, V. 125, note.

† Berry's Genealogies, Kent; Collins's Peerage, art. Sackville, II, 263, (ed. 1768); and

Kilbourn's Survey of Kent. 209.

& Kilbourn's Survey of Kent, 273.

^{*} The materials from which these notices are prepared, were furnished by Mr. William Reed Deane of Boston, who also aided in their compilation. Mr. Deane has, during the last few years, acquired a vast amount of valuable information relative to the name in this country and in England; and by an extensive correspondence has accumulated very many valuable letters, all tending to illustrate the object of his inquiry.— Ed.

6 Rich. I., (1194) being mentioned in "a suit at law between Ralph de la Dene and Robert de Anvilliers, respecting two virgates of land in East Dene, a village of Hampshire bordering on Wilts, towards Salisbury." * In Staffordshire there was a John de Dene who was sheriff. 34 and 35 Edw. I. (1306, 1307.)† In Bucks, "the name occurs very early in the Rotuli Hun-A William de Dene represented High Wycombe in Parliament in the reigns of Edward the 2d and Edward the 3d, and one of the same christian and surname was party to a suit at law respecting land in Bucks, 1 John. Again Hugh de la Dene (9 John) pays a fine for certain tenements at Cestresham (Cesterham) in that County." # "A member of the knightly family of Deane or Dene of Huntingdonshire, was present in the army of Edward the Second at the battle of Broughbridge; § and in the reign of Edward I. and Edward II. "there were many distinguished knights of the name Dene, who, though it is impossible to identify them with any particular families, are fixed to Counties by the valuable Roll of Knights, 8 Edward II. of which copies are to be seen in the Harleian Collection in the British Museum. In that roll there are five knights of the name, viz:

1. Sir Wm. de Dene, of Essex: Arms, Argent a fesse double dancetté gules.

2. Sir Henry de Dene, of Dene, Northamptonshire: The same arms with three red crescents in chief.

3. Sir John de Dene, of Huntingdonshire: Argent two bars sable, on each bar three crosses paté or.

4. Sir John de Dyne, (or Deyne,) Oxfordshire: Or a fesse sable.

5. Sir John de Dene, Leicestershire: Argent a lion rampant purpure.

The Gloucestershire (Forest of Dene) family is not mentioned in this roll, because Wm. de Dene of St. Briavels Castle was bound only to bear arms against the Welsh, and in the counties of Gloster, Hereford and Worcester, whereas the above named Knights were called out against the Scots."

In the preceding names, the prevalence of the Norman prefix de will be noticed. This particle, at first, was generally used in conjunction with the name Dene, but as the Saxon element became more prominent in English society, it was gradually abandoned for the Saxon at and its variations, which finally became the prevailing prefix. Rev. J. B. Deane, F. S. A., furnishes us with the following excellent remarks upon the subject: "The prefix atte, at or a', is common to many old English names, and was chiefly affected by those who prided themselves upon their Saxon descent. The name Deane is reckoned by Verstegan among the Saxon families, and accordingly the prefix at is frequently found in conjunction with it in the 13th and 14th centuries. In the reign of Henry the Eighth the territorial prefix vanishes altogether, and the ancient name puts on the more plebeian form of "Dene" without the distinctive particle, which, after the abolition of Feudalities by Henry the Seventh, had fallen into general desuetude. For when the ancient Nobility and Gentry were permitted to alienate their estates or to sell them, they, with proper regard to their altered circumstance, discarded the terri-

^{*} We here quote from MSS. letters of Rev. John Bathurst Deane, F. S. A., of London, Esq., an eminent antiquary, who is, perhaps, better acquainted with the history and genealogy of the various families of Deanes in England than any other person. We are largely indebted to him for several communications and documents of great interest; and hope that we may eventually see from him a complete history of the different English families of the name. He is the author of "The Worship of the Serpent traced," and of several valuable papers published in the Transactions of the Antiquarian Society.

† Fuller's Worthies, i. 144.

‡ Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. Letters.

§ Ibid.

torial designation, which was but a mockery after their estates were gone. What at first was a prudent necessity with many noble families, became, by degrees, a general fashion, even among those who had not alienated their property; and thus generally, throughout the kingdom, the Norman prefix de vanished, and the Saxon at was absorbed into the family name. A few however retained the latter, as A'Court, A'Becket, A'Deane, &c. The letter a was introduced into the name in the reign of Elizabeth, and Dene became Deane."* "From this prefix is derived the comparatively modern name of Adeane, which is now borne by some highly respectable families."† There are in England at least four distinct families of Deanes, from which all the others are offshoots or branches.1

In more modern times, several eminent persons of the name have flourished in England. The four following are said to have been from Gloucestershire, and may have belonged to the family of "Dene of Dene in the Forest of Dene," namely: Henry Dene, Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Chancellor under Henry VII.; Sir Richard Deane, Mayor of London, 1629; Admiral and Major-General Richard Deane, the Regicide, who fell in an engagement with the Dutch fleet under Van Tromp, June, 1653; and Sir Anthony Deane, Comptroller of the Navy, 1666-1688. Of a different family — Dene of Denelands — was Sir James Deane, a merchant of great wealth, who died 1603. "He left the bulk of his property in Charities, founded Almshouses at Basingstoke which still bear his name, and are supported solely by estates bequeathed by him to trustees for the purpose. He gave legacies to all the Hospitals of London, and to every parish in which he had either lived or owned property." § John Deane, who commanded a ship of war in the service of Peter the Great of Russia, perhaps belonged to Wilford, County Nottingham, England, as he appears to have been buried there | He is the person who was shipwrecked in December, 1710, on Boon Island, on the coast of Maine, of which shipwreck he published, in 1711, at Boston, a narrative that has been several times reprinted. "A letter from Moscow to the Marquis of Caermarthen, relating to the Czar of Muscovy's forwardness in his Navy since his return home," published in London, 1699, was probably written by him. Edmund Deane, the author, and his brother Richard Deane, Bishop of Ossory in Ireland, were from Yorkshire, England ¶

Moses Deane, the ancestor of the present Lord Muskerry of Springfield Castle, County Limerick, Ireland, resided in the beginning of the 17th century "in the vicinity of Taunton," Somersetshire, England, "where the Deanes had lived for centuries." ** His son, Matthew Deane, settled in Ireland, "near the time of Cromwell," †† which would be soon after John and Walter Deane, also from the vicinity of Taunton, came to this country. He purchased large estates in Dromore, County Cork, and was created a Baronet by Queen Anne. He died Jan 10, 1710, aged 84. The Hon. Sir Matthew Fitzmaurice Deane, the present Lord Muskerry, is his great-great-great-grandson. †† There are now in the possession of Lord Muskerry at Springfield Castle the portraits of his ancestors, Moses Deane and his wife, "dressed in the style of covenanters." §§

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* Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. Letters. † Ibid. † Ibid. § Ibid. || Thoroton's Not., I. 117. ¶ Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. Letters. ** MSS. Letters of the late Lady Muskerry, who, as well as her husband, was a descendant of Moses Deane. †† Ibid., and Burke's Peerage. †† Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. Letters. §§ The late Lady Muskerry, MSS. Letters.
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Previous to the arrival of the brothers John and Walter Deane, two persons by the name had emigrated to New England, namely, Stephen and Rachel of Plymouth. The latter, who must have been a widow, since she left a daughter, Martha Deane, came in 1635, and was married at Plymouth, Oct. 28, 1636, to Joseph Beedle. The former (Stephen) was one of the "pilgrims" or "first comers." He arrived November, 1621, in the second vessel -- the Fortune. * The passengers in this vessel are said to have been principally composed of persons who had embarked for America the previous year in the Mayflower and Speedwell, but remained in England after the latter vessel was abandoned. Whether Mr. Deane was one of these, or even whether he had been a sojourner in Holland, we have no means of ascertaining; as he may have joined the Pilgrims in England. He appears to have been a man of enterprise, having set up the first corn mill in the Colony. For this he had exclusive right granted him in 1632 by the Colony Court, as appears by the following record: -

"Stephen Deane desiring to set up a water worke to beate Corne uppon the brooke adjoining to the towne of Plymouth for the benefit of the Comonwealth was referred to the Gov." & Council for answer who agreed with him uppon these following termes I That provided the place he made choyce of were no hinderance to a grinding mill intended heereafter he might bring the worke neere the towne II That he should receive one pottle oute of every bushell for toul and no more III That in case the said Stephen can beate all the Corne that is or shall be used in the Colony it shall not be lawful for any other to set up a worke of the kind, except it be for his owne use, or freely without toll or any other consideracion whatsoever to give leave to others to make use of the same." †

"Afterwards he was allowed to erect a grinding mill, but was to surrender his beating mill." Lany 2, 1633-4, The Court ordered that he "have a sufficient water wheele set up at the charge of the Colony, consisting of one foot more depth than that he now useth, at or before 27 March—the said Stephen finding the Yron worke thereunto belonging." Rev. Samuel Deane remarks:—"The mill was on the town brook, where a mill now stands, and on the first dam above the town bridge."

Stephen Deane appears to have been unmarried when he arrived, and to have remained so as late as 1627. He was probably married soon after, and it was perhaps for the purpose of erecting a house upon it, that he bought, in 1627, of Philip Delanoy, one acre of land. ** His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of widow Mary Ring, but whether by Mr. Ring or by a former husband, is not known. Mrs. Ring's will is on record at Plymouth, dated 1633, in which she makes bequests, among others, to her daughter Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Deane, and to a child of Stephen Deane. On the 10th March, 1633-4, Mr. Deane purchased for £20 of "W" Bradford, Gent, the deputed adm' of Godbert Godbertson," the dwelling house and land of the latter in the centre of Plymouth village.†† Stephen Deane died Sept., 1634. The appraisal of his estate, amounting to £87 19s. 6d., is on record, viz.: Personal estate £45 19s. 6d., Dwelling House and Garden £20, Corn Mill £20, Land at Fresh Lake £2. !! His wife Elizabeth survived him and was married Sept. 16, 1635, to Josiah Cooke, afterwards one of the first settlers of Eastham. In 1638 Mr. Cooke was granted 25 acres of land for Stephen Deane's children. These children, whose names we elsewhere learn were Elizabeth, Miriam, and Susannah, appear to have been of age in 1653, as in that year Josiah Cooke "came into Court and

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*Plymouth Court Orders, I. † Ibid. 
† Thacher's Plymouth, 86. 
† Plymouth Court Orders, I.
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did make it appear unto the said Court that he had truthfully cleared payed & satisfied whatsoever was due unto the children of Steven Deane or any of them."* Mrs. Elizabeth Cooke died about 1687. Her husband died Oct. 17, 1673. Elizabeth Deane, daughter of Stephen D., married William Twining, of Eastham. Her sister Susannah, married 1st, at Eastham, April 4, 1660, Joseph Rogers, Jr., born at Sandwich, July 19, 1635, son of Lt. Joseph R., one of the passengers in the Mayflower. He died at Eastham, Dec. 27, 1660, and she married 2d, at Eastham, Oct. 28, 1663, Stephen Snow. Stephen and Elizabeth Snow had children, 1, Bathshua, born 1664, 2d, Hannah, born 1666, 3d, Micajah, born 1669, 4th, Bethiah, born 1672.† Miriam Deane, the remaining daughter of Stephen, was probably never married. ‡

John and Walter Deane, who are the progenitors of many of those now bearing the names Deane and Dean in the United States, came to this country about 1637. "They arrived," says the late Rev. Samuel Deane of Scituate, Mass., "at Boston first, stopped a year, or nearly, at Dor-chester, and then came with others to Taunton." § It is known that a large portion of the early settlers of Taunton, Mass., were originally from Taunton, County Somerset, Eng., and its vicinity. Miss Elizabeth Poole, who has been called the "Virgin Mother" of Taunton, was from Taunton, Eng., and so, we know, were several others; and in a document signed, among others, by Walter Deane, it is stated, that the place was called Taunton "in honor and love to our dear native country." It had been the tradition in the family that John and Walter Deane came from Taunton, Eng., and this tradition has even found its way into print; ¶ but the late Rev. Samuel Deane of Scituate states ** that they were "from Chard, near Taunton." †† We know not his authority for this statement, nor for the one that they stopped a year or nearly at Dorchester, but we think them both correct. We know that several of the early settlers of Taunton were first at Dorchester, and that there are Deanes still residing at Chard as well as Taunton, The connection of John and Walter Deane with several families who are known to have been from Taunton, and other circumstances, leave little room for doubt that they were from that vicinity. Taunton and Chard. Somersetshire, Eng., are situate in an extensive and fertile valley called Taunton Dean, on the river Tone. This "dean" or valley comprehends a region about Taunton, very pleasant and populous, of some thirty miles in extent, and has been represented as exceedingly productive. The following proverb, which, according to Fuller's Worthies, is current with the inhabitants, implies, and is meant by them to express, a pride in the place of their birth, namely, "Where should I be born else than in Taunton Dean." In Campbell's Survey of Great Britain is the following description. "The vale of Taunton Dean in respect to its amazing fertility is only surpassed by the industry of its inhabitants, which is a point that we may affirm to be extremely worthy of notice, since it very rarely happens in

^{*} Plymouth Court Orders, III. 35.

[†] We are indebted to Dr. N. B. Shurtleff for most of the facts relative to S. Deane's children.

[†] There is a possibility that Miriam Deane may have been a daughter-in-law of Stephen, instead of an own daughter, as here represented.

[§] MSS. Papers. || Baylies's Plymouth, II. 276.

[¶] Columbian Reporter, 1825, and Baylies's Plymouth, II. 282, note. ** In his MSS. Papers, in a letter to William Willis, Esq., and in Baylies's Plymouth,

IV., appendix, 170.

† Chard is about ten miles from Taunton.

this kingdom or in any other, that when, from the natural fecundity of the soil, a plentiful subsistence may be had with very little labour, the people should nevertheless apply themselves vigorously and steadily to the manual arts."

We have not yet been able to trace with positiveness the ancestry of the brothers in England. Rev. John B. Deane, F. S. A., whom we have before quoted, inclines to the opinion that John and Walter Deane belonged to the family of "Dene of Denelands," whose coat of arms we have placed at the head of this article. One of this family, Thomas Deane, son of James Deane of Deanelands, was a resident in New England for a while. He was a merchant at Boston as early as 1664, and appears to have been a man of wealth and consideration. He was a large owner of real estate in Boston, Wrentham, and perhaps other places in this vicinity. He appears to have belonged to the party who desired to see the Colony brought more directly under the authority of the king; and when the Commissioners appointed by Charles II. to regulate the affairs of New England, arrived, Mr. Deane brought a complaint before them of some injustice done him when the Charles of Oleron came into the port of Boston, in 1661.* The Commissioners prepared to hear his complaint, when the General Court of Massachusetts "sent forth a herald to sound a trumpet and read a proclamation with great solemnity in three several places in Boston, that in accordance with their duty to God, the king, and their constituents, the General Court will suffer no one to abet his Majesty's Commissioners in their proceedings." † The spirit manifested by Massachusetts at this time was much the same as that which eventually brought forth the Declaration of Independence. In 1678, Mr. Deane was appointed by the English Government one of the Commissioners to administer an oath to the Governor of Massachusetts, "faithfully to execute the duty required by the act of trade." I Mr. Deane married, 1st, Sarah, dau. of William Browne, Sen., § of Salem, and 2d, Anne, dau. of William Farr of London. children of Mr. Deane by his first wife were, 1. Sarah, born 1666, married Rev. Dr. Robert Woodward, Dean of Sarum, whom she survived; 2. Elizabeth, born 1667, probably died early. By his wife Anne he had, 3. Thomas, born 1673, married, 1698, Jane ——, by whom he had an only daughter Jane, married to Sir John Cullum of Norfolk, Bart. ||; 4. Rebecca, born 1677 ¶; 5. James; 6. Samuel, who was living at London, 1730.** Thomas Deane, the father, returned to England about 1678. In 1681, he was a merchant at London, after which he retired to Freefolk, Hants, where he died April 27, 1686, in his 46th year. There is a mural tablet to his memory and that of his wife Anne, in Freefolk Chapel.††

John and Walter Deane "took up their farms on the west bank of the river, about one mile from the centre of the present village" of Taunton. !! Houses occupying the same lots as those erected by them, and nearly the

^{*} Mass. Hist. Coll., XVIII. 88. † Bancroft's History of the United States. Hutchinson's Hist. Mass., I. 297.

Mr. Browne was one of the benefactors of Harvard College, to which he gave largely. Betham's Baronetage, II. 55, and Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. Letters.

TRebecca and the children preceding her were born at Boston, N. E. See Boston

^{**} Suffolk Registry of Deeds, Book 77, p. 65.

†† We are under many obligations to Rev. R. Fitzgerald, officiating clergyman at Freefolk Chapel, for a fine drawing of this tablet, sent us by the hands of Rev. J. B. Deane of London.

tt Rev. S. Deane, MSS. Papers.

exact sites, are at this day owned and occupied by descendants of each. The road which passed their dwellings has been called Dean Street to this day. Both took the freeman's oath at Plymouth, Dec. 4, 1638. By a list of the proprietors of Taunton, 1659, made for a division of lands, we find that the families of John and Walter Deane consisted of eight persons each.*

There is a tradition among the descendants of John and Walter Deane, that a younger brother of theirs came to this country after them and settled in Connecticut, and that from him was descended Hon. Silas Deane, Commissioner to France in the time of the Revolution. This tradition is confirmed by one in the family to which Hon. Silas D. belonged, that their first ancestor in this country was a brother to the two who settled at Taunton. We are aware that traditions, especially concerning relationship, should be received with great caution; but one like this seems to be entitled to some consideration, the more so as well authenticated facts appear to indicate friendly intercourse, at least, between these widely separated families. There was a Thomas Deane in Connecticut, 1643,† who possibly may have been the brother referred to. The earliest ancestor of Hon. Silas Deane that we can with certainty ascertain, is his great-grandfather, James of Stonington, Ct., born 1647, who may have been a son of the emigrant, and thus a nephew of John and Walter.‡

Hon. Silas Deane § was a native of Groton, Conn., and graduated with distinguished honors at Yale College in 1758. He was one of the delegates from the state of Connecticut to the first Congress in 1774, and one of the most influential, able, and efficient members of that assembly. He was in 1775 solely and exclusively employed by the Marine Committee, with extensive power and authority, to procure, by purchase or otherwise, and to equip and fit out, a large naval force; and may be said to be the "father of the revolutionary marine." He received on the 2d of March, 1776, a commission from the Committee of Secret Correspondence as Political and Commercial Agent to France, where he arrived in June of that year. The instructions of the Committee conferred upon him great and exclusive powers, and authorized him not only to operate in France, but in Holland and Great Britain, and to procure clothing, arms, and military accourrements and munitions of war sufficient for an army of twenty-five thousand men, as also one hundred field pieces — in which he was very successful.

So entirely satisfactory had been the conduct of Mr. Deane in the discharge of his confidential, complicated, important, and delicate duties in Europe, that he was, on the 26th of September, 1776, chosen by Congress to be one of their ambassadors in conjunction with Dr. Franklin and Mr. Jefferson, to transact the business of the United States at the court of

§ We are indebted to Horatio Alden, Esq., of Hartford, Conn., for several copies of Mr. Deane's address to his countrymen in 1784, and other documents connected with his mission and life.

| Memorial to Congress, 1835.

^{*} Baylies's Plymouth, II. 271. † Hinman's First Puritan Settlers of Connecticut, p. 21. † There was a family of Deans in Stamford, Ct., at an early day, to which James of Stonington may have belonged. Judge Joseph Dean of Brooklyn, N. Y, who traces his ancestry to the western part of Connecticut, may be of this family. There was also a family who settled in Westchester County, N. Y, who, though they were probably from Connecticut, could not have been descendants of James of Stonington. Nicholas Dean, Esq., of New York, a gentleman well known in that city for his taste in the fine arts, &c., is of this family. His son, George F. Dean, Esq., is a writer in the American Whig and other periodicals. There was a Samuel Dean, Sen., at Jamaica, L. I., in 1660, as appears from Thompson's History of Long Island, and a Christopher Dene in 1685 at Hempstead, L. I., who may have been from Stamford, Ct., as many of the first settlers of those places were from that vicinity.

France. Mr. Jefferson declining, Congress appointed Arthur Lee, Esq., at that time in England. Dr. Franklin and Arthur Lee, Esq., joined Mr. Deane at Paris on the 22d of December of that year, and commenced the discharge of their duties on the 28th of that month, when they had their first audience with the Count de Vergennes, the prime minister of France.*

The Commissioners, with an ability and zeal which were probably never exceeded under similar circumstances, accomplished the leading object of their appointment, and succeeded in negotiating treaties with France which were signed at Paris on the 6th of February, 1778.

It is believed, without detracting from the merits of his great and distinguished colleagues, that Mr. Deane, from his previous confidential intercourse with the French ministry, the marked confidence which they reposed in him individually, and the knowledge he had thereby attained, is entitled to his full share of credit in negotiating this important treaty.†

It was by Mr. Deane that the services of the great Lafayette were engaged in the cause of the colonies, and his name is thus connected with one of the most brilliant incidents in our history.

Mr. Deane was recalled by an order passed by Congress in December, 1777; he arrived in Philadelphia in July, 1778. He found that he was not in favor with Congress, and various charges were made against him which were never substantiated. He had a large and just claim upon our government, which was not allowed during his lifetime, and not until 1835 was the claim allowed to his heirs. Mr. Deane died at Deal in England, August 23, 1789.

James Deane of Stonington, Ct., was also the ancestor of Rev. Barzillai Deane, (grad. Yale College, 1737,) who preached awhile at New Milford, Ct., and afterwards went to England for Episcopal Orders, but died on the voyage; Rev. Seth Deane, (grad. Yale College, 1738,) of Rindge, N. H., and afterwards of Killingly, Ct., where he died; Judge James Dean, (grad. Dartmouth College, 1773, died 1823,) of Westmoreland, N. Y.; Prof. James Dean, LL.D. (grad. Dartmouth College, 1800, died 1849,) of Burlington, Vt.; \$ Hon. Ezra Dean of Wooster, Ohio, M. C., 1841–1845; Rev. David Smith, D.D., of Durham, Ct., and Dr. James Deane, of Greenfield, Mass., a geologist, who has made valuable additions to our scientific knowledge, especially concerning the foot prints of birds in the red sandstone formation of the Connecticut valley. There were many thrilling events in the life of Judge Dean of Westmoreland. Being intended by his parents as a missionary to the Indians, he was placed by them in his youth in the family of an Oneida chief in order to learn the language and habits of that people. At a proper age he entered Dartmouth College, and after leaving it prepared himself for the ministry, and preached one or two sermons; but the revolutionary war opened to him another field of labor. "At the time

^{*} Diplomatic Correspondence, Vol. I. p. 250. † See Memorial to Congress in 1835. † See Diplomatic Correspondence, and North American Review, Oct., 1831, pp. 472, '3. § See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., III. 197.

See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., III. 197.

We are under obligations to Dr. Deane for copies of valuable early records relating to the family of James Deane of Stonington, Ct.

that the troubles thickened between England and her American colonies, he was employed by the Colony of New Hampshire to visit the Canadian Indians, and win them to the side of the colonies. He was in Canada when the battle of Lexington was fought, and scon after left, traversing the length of Lake Champlain in a bark canoe, with an Indian blanket for a sail. Soon after he entered the service of the United States as Agent of Indian Affairs, and so remained through the revolutionary war, and at its close was Interpreter in the negotiation of many Indian treaties, with the tribes residing along the upper lakes."* An incident in his life "which furnishes a parallel to the rescue of Captain Smith by Pocahontas, in the early days of Virginia," is graphically described by Wm. Tracy, Esq, in his Lectures. The following facts are known concerning John and Walter Deane, respectively, and their descendants.

(1) I. John, was born about 1600, having died between April 25 and June 7, 1660, "aged sixty years or thereabouts." His wife, who was named Alice, survived him, and was probably living as late as 1668, as she is mentioned in a grant of the Plymouth Court, June 1st, of that year. Mr. Deane was "of the grand inquest, from Taunton, 1640." The following extract from his will shows that he possessed the Puritan feeling in regard

to Religion:

"Item, My will is that these my Overseers with the Consent of my Wife shall in Case heer be no Settled Ministry in Taunton; they shall have full power to sell either the whole or a parte of these my Housings and Lands, soe as my Children and Posteritie may remove elsewhere, where they may enjoy God in his Ordinances." The inventory of his Estate amounted to £334, 18s. **

An anecdote has been preserved by tradition concerning Mr. Deane, that at one time he came near losing his life, while out on a hunting excursion alone. Perceiving through the bushes some Indians cautiously approach, evidently with the purpose of capturing or killing him, and that they were but a short distance from him, the thought suddenly struck him of making it appear as though he were in the company of a number of others. This he did by exclaiming loudly, "Rush on boys, and we'll have them," at the same time firing his gun and rushing forward. The stratagem succeeded, and the wild men of the woods scattered, permitting him to return home unmolested. No autograph of John Deanc is known to be in existence.

(3) II. WALTER, was born, according to Rev. S. Deane, "in Chard, Eng. between 1615 and 1620.†† If he was 21 years old, as is probable, when he took the freeman's oath, he could not have been born later than 1617. Rev. Wm. Cogswell, D. D., has ascertained that he married a daughter of Richard Strong of Taunton, England, who came to New England with her brother, Elder John Strong, afterwards of Northampton, in the Mary and John, 1630 tt We were before aware that Walter Deane and John Strong were brothers-John, 1630.‡† We were before aware that Walter Deane and John Strong were brothers-in-law, as the former in two different deeds, dated 1691, calls the latter his "brother." §§ His wife in 1693, was named Eleanor. She joins with him in making a conveyance, August 20th of that year, |||||||||| which is the latest date at which we can learn that either was living. Mr. Deane was a tanner by trade.¶¶ No will or settlement of his cetate is on record. We know the names of but three of his children, though from the document before quoted it is probable that in 1659 he had six. The remaining three may have been daughters. If they were sons they must have died early or removed from Taunton. We have met with no persons by the name more likely to have been his sons than John, (d. 1727,) and William. (married 1677,) of Dedham Mass.; and perhaps Jongs. (d. 1697,) of Sectuate Mass. liam, (married 1677,) of Dedham, Mass.; and perhaps Jonas, (d. 1697.) of Scituate, Mass. James, of Stonington, Ct., before referred to, if not a nephew, may have been a son. From John, of Dedham, is descended Rev. William Dean, now Baptist Missionary in China, and Dr. Oliver Dean, of Boston. There is probably a connection between the Taunton and

Dedham Deans, though the exact relationship is not known.

Walter Deane was deputy to the Plymouth Court, 1640,*** and selectman of Taunton, 1679 to 1686, inclusive.††† He was a prominent man in the Town Affairs. When the Cape Towns invited the inhabitants of Taunton to come to them with their movable

^{*}MSS. Letter of Hon. J. A. Spencer, of Utics, N. Y., whose wife, Electa, is a daughter of Judge Dean.
†Tracy's Lectures, p. 16, where will be found a very full account of Judge Dean. The anecdote is
copied by Stone into his Life of Brant.

Did space allow we would copy it here.
†Will Plym. Pr. Rec. II. 61.

\$\$\frac{1}{8}\$ Rev. S. Deane, MSS. Papers.

\$\$\frac{1}{1}\$ Plym. Prob. Rec. II. 61.

**Ibid.

**Ibid. ## Plym. Prob. 11.01.

Appendix to Hitchcock's Sermon at the funeral of Mrs. Joanna Strong, 9.

Bristol Reg. Deeds, I. 152, and III. 390. |||| Ibid, VII. 351.

Plym. Court Orders, I., and Baylies's Plym., I. 307. |

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Plym. Prob. 11.0 ¶¶ Ibid, I. 152. ††† Plymouth Court Orders, VI.

property for protection during Philip's War, Mr. Deane was one of the persons appointed to decline their invitation, and return thanks for their kindness. The original of their letter, with the signatures in good preservation, is in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Hinckley Papers, Vol. I. No. 3. There is another autograph of Walter Deane preserved, attached to an Inventory of the estate of William Crewe, June 14, 1672. A fac-simile of this will be found below. It will be noticed that he spells his name with a final e. This, as we observe in all the records of instruments signed by them, was the invariable way in which he and his brother John wrote their names. The majority of their descendants, however, have omitted the e. *

walter Down JOHN, 1 (1) who m. Alice -, had

- (3) I. John. Settled at Taunton. He was b. about 1639, having d. at Taunton Feb. 18, 1716-17, a 77.† He is buried in the graveyard on Summer (or Neck-of-Land) Street, Taunton. Tradition asserts that he was the first white child born in Taunton.; He m. Nov. 7, 1663, Sarah, dau. of Dea. Samuel Edson of Bridgewater. She probably survived him. He died during the "Great Snow," as it is called. The snow was so deep that it prevented travelling, and there is a tradition that Mr. Deane lay dead in his house for a long time before his death was known to his neighbors.
- (20) II. Thomas. Settled at Taunton. He m. Jan. 5, 1669, Katharine Stephens. His will was proved July 15, 1697. His widow, Katharine, survived him. Her will was proved Jan. 12, 1726-7. A book which belonged to Katharine Stephens is now in the possession of one of her descendants.
- (5) III. ISRAEL,2 " was a lieutenant in Philip's War, and was in the great Narragansett Fight." 4 He d. unmarried. Will dated Aug. 7, 1677.
- (3) IV. ISAAC. Settled at Taunton. He m. Jan. 24, 1677, Hannah, dau. of James Leonard. His will was proved April 11, 1710. Wife Hannah, executrix. Being a relative of the wife of Sergeant Thomas Jeffrey of New Haven, he dwelt in his youth in their family. Sergeant Jeffrey was the "highest" military officer in New Haven, and "appears to have had the defence of the town under his charge. All questions in regard to fortifying, &c., were referred to him." Sergeant Jeffrey, at his death, left Isaac Deane a legacy of the popular which from the following curious record appears to have been paid to him. of ten pounds, which, from the following curious record, appears to have been paid to him before he was of age, by Mr. Thomas Trowbridge, who had the settlement of Sergeant Jeffrey's estate:
- "Lieftenant James Wyate, together with the widdow Allice Deane of Taunton Doe both of them joyntly and severally stand bound unto the Gov and Court of New Plymouth in the summe of twenty pounds; to save the Court harmless and undamnifyed by their p'mitting of a Legacye of Ten Pounds to be paved by Thomas Trowbridge of New Haven unto Isaac Deane of Taunton the said Isaac Deane being under age." ¶
 - (7) V. NATHANIEL, 2 died without issue, between 1660 and 1677.
- (8) VI. ELIZABETH,² b. about 1650, having d. 1734, a 84. She married Josiah Edson, Esq., of Bridgewater, son of Dea. Samuel E. He died 1734, a. 83, leaving a large estate. He "gave lands to the town, and to the south parish, where he lived, for the maintenance of schools, commonly called the school lands."** "They left no children." ††

 WALTER,¹ (2) of Taunton, had
- (%) I. Joseph.² "cordwainer;" ## of Taunton, 1684, ## of Dighton, 1728 §§. He died between Dec. 3, 1728, and Feb. 11, 1728-9, leaving a widow Mary.§§ In 1688, Bartholomew Tipping is called his "brother-in-law."
- (10) II. Ezra.² Settled at Taunton. He married Dec. 17, 1676, Bethiah, daughter of Dea. Samuel Edson, of Bridgewater. He died between Oct. 28, 1727, and Feb. 15, 1732.¶¶
- (15) III. BENJAMIN.³ Settled at Taunton. He married Jan. 6, 1680-1, Sarah Williams. He died between Feb. 2, 1722-3, and April 14, 1725.***

 JOHN,³ (3) of Taunton, son of John,¹ had

- (12) I Samuel.3 Settled at Taunton, of the church at which place he was deacon.
- * The name Dean (without the final e) is generally thought to be derived from the title of the church dignitary, and possibly in some families this may have been the origin. Lower, in his English Surnames, derives it from both the church dignitary and the valley.

 † Gravestone.

 ‡ Rev. S. Deane, MSS. Papers.

 † Ibid.

 † Thomas R. Trowbridge, Esq., MSS. Letters. He derives his information from the New Haven Records.
- Records.
 ¶ Plym. Records. ¶ Plym. Records. ** Mitchell's Bridgewater, 151. †† Ibl §§ Bristol Prob. Rec., V. 202. |||| Bristol Reg. Deeds, I. 60. *** Bristol Prob. Rec. V. 62, 72. tt Ibid. tt Bristol Reg. Deeds, I., 63. ¶¶ Bristol Prob. Rec., VII. 286.

before the Philermenian Society of Brown University, in 1826, which was published, and also a satirical Poem on "Some Literary Errors of the age," before another literary society connected with that institution. "For History he had a decided predilection, and he indulged it. There were not many better versed than he in the Colonial History of Plymouth and Massachusetts. His History of Scituate affords evidence of research and talent highly respectable."* Mr. Deane had gathered much of the early genealogy of this family, and from his manuscript notes were wear first induced to look further into its history and and from his manuscript notes were we first induced to look further into its history, and to make more complete what he had thus begun. All the ancestors of Rev. Samuel Deane in this country, were deacons, excepting, perhaps, John, the first, and all of their wills, including his, are on record.

A brother of Rev. Samuel Deane, Mr Jacob Deane, of Mansfield, now living in the house built by his grandfather William, in 1728, married Mehitable, dau. of Rev. William Recd. of

Easton, and is the father of William Reed Deane, of Boston, one of the compilers of these notices. John Deane, another brother of the Rev. Samuel, settled in Norton, and was the father of John Deane, who resides in Dedham, and is master of transportation in Boston, for the Taunton Branch Rail Road. 5, Nathan, m. Elizabeth Nicholson, who d. July 17, 1741, in her 23d year. He d. July 11, 1741, in his 37th year. 6, Isaac, d. April 27, 1734, in his 28th year, unmarried.

- 113 II. SARAH, b. Nov. 9, 1668, m. Maj. Jonathan Howard, of Bridgewater.
 (14) III. John, b. July 26, 1670, d. Aug. 6, 1670.
 (15) IV. Менітавье, b. Oct. 9, 1671, m. Joseph Wilbore.
 (16) V. John, b. Sept. 18, 1674, d. July 31, 1724, in his 50th year. His widow Hannah, d. July 15, 1748, in her 71st year.

(17) VI. ELIZABETH, b. March 15, 1676, d. unmarried, March 15, 1749, aged 73.
(18) VII. Mary, b. July 15, 1680, m. Seth Williams.
(19) VIII. SUSANNAH, b. Aug. 13, 1683, d. unmarried, about 1716.
(20) IX. ISRAEL, b. Aug. 4, 1685, m. March 20, 1704-5, Katharine Bird, of Dorchester. (20) IA. ISRAEL, b. Aug. 4, 1083, m. March 20, 1704-5, Ratharine Bird, of D He died July 14, 1719, in his 34th year. His wife survived him.

Thomas, (4) son of John, had
(21) I. Thomas, b. Feb. 1, 1670-1, d. Feb. 26, 1670-1.
(22) II. Hannah, b. Jan. 14, 1671-2, d. unmarried, about 1750.
(23) III. Thomas, b. about 1673, having d. Sept. 10, 1747, in his 74th year.

(23) 111. THOMAS, b. about 1673, having d. Sept. 10, 1747, in his 74th year. He was married Jan. 7, 1696, by Rev. Peter Thacher, to Mary, daughter of John Kingsley, of Milton, Mass. She d. Feb. 1, 1749-50, in her 74th year. From them was descended Hon. Josiah Dean, (d. 1818.) of Raynham, Mass., M. C. 1807-9.

(24) IV. Deborah, m. John Tisdale.

(25) V. KATHARINE, m. April 17, 1710, Dea. Samuel Leonard. Their daughter, Hazadiah, m. Rev. John Wales, the first pastor of the church at Raynham; their daughter, Prudence m. Rev. Peres Fohes LLD, its second pastor and their daughter, Nancy m.

Prudence, m. Rev. Peres Fobes, LL.D., its second pastor, and their daughter Nancy, m. Rev. Simeon Doggett, who has also been settled at Raynham. There seems to have been a kind of hereditary charm in the daughters of this family, by whose wand the several ministers of the town of Raynham have been enchanted for three generations. Rev. Samuel Wales, D.D., Professor of Divinity in Yale College, was a son of the above Rev. John.† Hon. John Wales, who was recently chosen by the Legislature of Delaware a member of the U. S. Senate, in place of Hon. Mr. Clayton, appointed Secretary of State, is a son of Prof. Samuel, and thus the 6th generation in descent from John Deane.

(26) VI. Lydia, m. George Hall.
(27) VII. Mercy, m. Daniel Williams.
(28) VIII. ELIZABETH, b. about 1688, having d. March 18, 1758, aged 70. She m. Dec. 4, 1707, Dea. Benjamin Williams, who d. Jan. 10, 1757, aged 71.

ISAAC; (6) son of John, had
(29) I. ALICE, b. Nov. 20, 1678, m. Feb. 1, 1699–1700, John King of Raynham.
(30) II. ABIGAIL; b. Nov. 16, 1680. m. — Torry.

(31) III. HANNAH, b. April 24, 1683, m. - Hodges.

(32) IV. NATHANIEL, b. April 25, 1685. (33) V. JONATHAN. (34) VI. ABIAH. (34) VI. ABIAH. (34)

(85) VII. Deborah.

JOSEPH.² (9) son of Walter, had (36) I. JOSEPH.³ From him was descended John G. Deane, Esq., (d. 1839,) of Ellsworth and Portland, a prominent writer on the N. E. Boundary Question.

^{*} From obituary in Chr. Reg. Aug. 28, 1834.
† See Rev. Dr. Fobes's account of the Leonard Family, Mass. Hist. Coll. 1st ser. III. 174.

(37) II. SAMUEL, 3 died without issue.

(37) 11. SARUEL, died without issue.

(38) III. James, died about 1750. Wife Mary.

(39) IV. Sarah, m. — Reed.

EZRA, (10) son of Walter, had

(40) I. Bethiah, b. Oct. 14, 1677, d. Nov. 27, 1679.

(41) II. EZRA, b. Oct. 14, 1680, was twice married. His wife Abigail, survived. He was a physician, and resided in Taunton. His family was remarkable for its longevity. The following is an extract from a communication published in the Columbian Reporter, The following is an extract from a communication published in the Columbian Reporter, a newspaper printed in Taunton, 1825. We know not the name of the writer. "Dr. Ezra Dean's children were: 1, Ezra, died at the age of 89 years; 2, Theodora, 100; 3, Abijah, [Abigail?] 95; 4, Bethiah, 96; 5, Nehemiah, 90; 6, James, 90; 7, Seth, 88; 8, Solomon, 61; 9, Elkanah, 87; 10, William, now (1825) living, aged 94; 11, George, 86; 12, Elisha, 83; 13, Nathaniel, 25; 14, Esther, now (1825) living, aged 92; 15, Prudence, 80; 16, Stephen, 51; united ages, 1307. Eleven of the family lived more than 1000 years, two of whom are now, (1825,) living. Theodora Dean lived to see her children to the fifth generation, and was the mother of the late Dr. Job Godfrey,* of Taunton, who was princed in his preferation for more than helf a contage." eminent in his profession for more than half a century.

(42) III. Samuel, b. April 11, 1681, d. Feb. 16, 1682-3.
(43) IV. Seth, b. June 3, 1683. Settled at Taunton. From him is descended Rev. Paul Dean, formerly of Boston, now of Easton, Mass., who has published a course of Lectures on the Final Restoration of all men, and various occasional sermons; also, Amos Dean, Esq., of Albany, N. Y., author of the Philosophy of Human Life, Lectures on

Phenology, &c.

(44) V. MARGARET, m.— Shaw.

(45) VI. EPHRAIM, m. Mary Allen, of Rehoboth. Their son Ezra, m. Jemima, dau. of David Allen, and was the father of Dr. Ezra, late of Biddeford, Maine, now of Cambridge, Mass., who m. lst, Sarah, dau. of Rev. Paul Coffin, D. D., of Buxton, Maine, and Mary, dau. of Rev. Silas Moody, of Kennebunkport, Maine, and by the latter, the father of Mr. Charless Deane of Boston, Mass., firm of Waterston, Pray, & Co., who m. Helen, dau. of Robert Waterston, Esq.
Benjamin,² (11) son of Walter,¹ had

(46) I. NAOMI, b. NOV. 1, 1681, d. Jan. 6, 1681-2.
(47) II. HANNAH, b. Dec. 26, 1682, m. —— Richmond.
(48) III. ISRAEL, b. Feb. 2, 1684-5, d. March 27, 1760, in his 76th year. His widow Ruth, d. April 18, 1769, in her 80th year.

(49) IV. Mart, b. June 15, 1687, m. — Edson.

(50) V. Damaris, b. Sept. 4, 1689, m. Matthew White.

(51) VI. SARAH, S. D. Aug. 30, 1692, m. — Danforth.
 (52) VII. ELIZABETH, D. March 26, 1694-5, m. — Richmond.
 (53) VIII. MEHITABLE, D. June 9, 1697, m. — Richmond.

(54) IX. Benjamin, b. July 31, 1699, d. Jan. 6, 1785, in his 86th year. He m. Zipporah Dean, dau. of John D. [(16) V.] She died Sept. 27, 1778, in her 75th year. (55) X. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 24, 1701-2, d. July 30, 1774. He married Rachel Allen, who d. March 3, 1768, in her 75th year. He and his son Joshua, marched in the same army in defence of their country in the old French war." I Joshua, had a son Joseph, who "was frequently out during the Revolutionary war, and had the command of a company that was called out to support the Courts during Shay's rebellion." This Joseph was the father of Rev. Artemas Dean, (grad. U. C. 1803.) of New Windsor, N. Y., now living, and his brother, the late Rev. Joshua Dean, (grad. B. U. 1809.) of Groton, N. Y.

(56) XI. Lydia, b. Dec. 11, 1704. (57) XII. Josian, b. Oct. 23, 1707, d. March 23, 1709-10.

Note. — We have here given the first three generations of this family. Our notes upon the later generations are very full, comprehending several thousand descendants. We mention this for the benefit of those who may be interested.

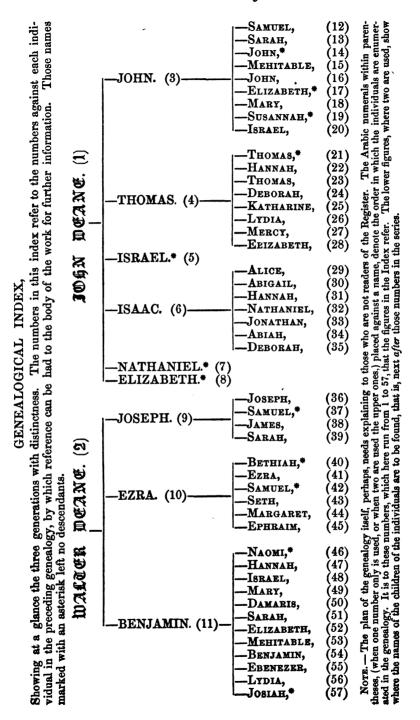
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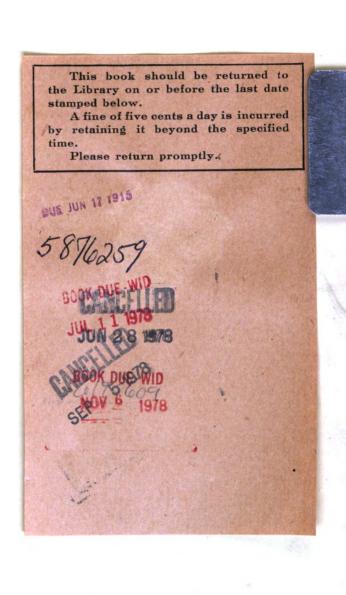
1 Rev. Artemas Dean, MSS. Letters.

6 Ibid.

^{*}The Proprietors' Records of Taunton are now in the possession of a son of this person, Mr Job Godfrey, of Taunton, to whom we would return thanks for his kindness in permitting us to avail ourselves of the assistance of these valuable records. A daughter of Mr. G. married Mr. Henry A. Dean, of this city, a descendant of Waiter.

† We would asknowledge our obligations to this gentleman for important suggestions and aid in premaring this article.





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