

at the first trial by the perjury of his adversary. The petition was dismissed, the court speaking by Ross, J., simply stated that the petition was not sustained. Whereupon Judge Barrett remarked that Bro. Ross was not feeling well that morning, and was unacquainted with the parties, and could not do the case justice. He wished to add that the court were satisfied that the party did commit perjury, the rankest kind of perjury, that the allegations in the petition in that respect were fully sustained by the most irrefragable proof, but that the petitioner or any one else was surprised by it, or that he ought to expect anything else than perjury, to be believed, must be told to some one not so well acquainted with the parties as he was. Indeed had the petitioner alleged that he was surprised that his adversary did speak the truth, did not commit perjury, his surprise would have been fully justified.

In trials before him, the cases did not drift with the tide, and it is safe to say that the court, not the counsel, had control. One thing is certain, whoever heard him in the court room had no doubt what Judge Barrett thought about any principle of law he was stating. He was one of the strong men in the Supreme Court of Vermont, a worthy colleague of Peck, Poland, Aldis, and Wheeler. His rulings were pointed, clear, and sharp. He was a great scholar, classical as well as legal; one of the most learned and able judges that ever graced the bench of the state court. After he retired from the bench, he removed to Rutland, where his son, James Crocker, a promising member of the profession, was in practice. He died in Rutland, April 21, 1900, as he was nearing the close of his 86th year.

Judge Barrett married, September 23, 1844, Maria Lord Woodworth of South Coventry, Connecticut, who survives him, with four children: Elizabeth Hubbard, wife of Lewis W. Hicks of Hartford, Connecticut; Rush Palmer Barrett of Rutland; John Arnold Barrett of New York; and Rev. Samuel Allen Barrett of Gilbertville, Massachusetts.

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## SOME EARLY NEW YORK SETTLERS FROM NEW ENGLAND.

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MATHER'S *MAGNALIA* states that between thirty and forty families in Lynn, Mass., came over to Long Island and settled. Other Lynn people, who had settled on Cape Cod, came to Long Island later. The following notes include many of these, but do not include them all, as much has already been printed in histories of Southampton, Southold, and Long Island in general.

An interesting incident that appears to bear on one town on Long Island seems worthy of mention:

A document, endorsed in the handwriting of Lord Keeper Coventry, "this letter was set up on the church of Hamsted (Hempstead) in Co. Hertford, and delivered by Mr. Sanders of the Star Chamber," is on file in the Public Record Office, London. It is addressed "Michael Mean-well to Mathew Mark-well at his house in Musemuch parish." The date is 1628.

This pseudonymous letter sets forth why the writer and some others have resolved to go to New England. The grounds stated are, dislike of church ceremonies, of the regimen and government of the Established Church, and of some points of doctrine defended by authority.

The author argues that ceremonies which have no express warrant in the word of God cannot be used in God's worship without sin. He appeals to the works of Cartwright, Penry and Knox \* \* \* In doctrine, he objects to the assertions that God's predestination proceeded upon foreknowledge of good and evil; that Christ died for all men, that all children baptized are saved, that a man may fall away from grace, and that our Sabbath is not a divine institution.

The most singular part of this letter is that it is dated from "Littleworth." There is a parish of that name in Berks. Also a locality called Littleworth End, two miles from Bedford, the scene of the labors of John Bunyan, who, as a singular coincidence, was born in 1628. The address on the letter, however, is a pseudonym, but, curiously, it was to be adopted in the future as the name of a locality in the vicinity of Hempstead, Long Island. Hempstead was bought of the natives by Rev. Robert Fordham and Mr. John Carman in 1643, and they obtained a patent from Gov. Kieft, 10 Nov., 1644. (N. Y. Deeds, iii. 100.) Of Fordham little is known, but he seems to have been a Puritan preacher who has escaped the notice of historians of nonconformity. The Fordham family were numerous in Herts at that time. He came to New England about 1639, and was at Cambridge a short time, and at Sudbury, Mass., in 1640. In 1642, Lechford speaks of him as a minister out of office. He sold his lands in Sudbury in 1643, and his name appears first in the patent for the town of Hempstead, Long Island. Josiah Stanborough, in writing from Southampton, 4 April, 1650, to John Winthrop, Jr., says that "Southampton will be to strait for Mr. Fordham's friendes." He had an imbecile son John, who died in 1683.

An agreement made 26 Nov., 1674, between Joseph Fordham and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Fordham, on one part, and Mr. Jonah Fordham, by his agent Edward Howell, and also Edward Howell and wife Mary, on the other part, respecting John Fordham and Mrs. Hannah Clark, daughter of Robert Fordham, deceased, makes the said Joseph and his mother executors, and divides the estate among all the abovenamed heirs.

27 Nov., 1674, Capt. John Howell, age 48, saith four days before Robert Fordham died, being sent for, he went into Mr. Fordham's new room, where he lay sick on his bed—Mrs. Katherine, wife of Rev. Thomas James, asked who should have his house and lands, he answered, Joseph. She asked what his son Jonah (Rev. Jonah Fordham, Harvard 1658) should have, he answered "a small matter twenty pounds." She remarked it was indeed a small matter. Mr. Fordham answered "he was a rebellious son and he had given him many a twenty pounds, and he was not bound to give to rebellious children. By the agreement, however, he received £100, of the living stock, books bequeathed in his father's life time, 50 acres of



land formerly laid out to Mr. Robert Fordham, lying against the mill path, between the Town and Hollow, commonly called *Littleworth*, and £50. of commonage, also 4½ acres of land in Little Plain, and one home lot of 3 acres which Mr. Robert Fordham bought of Mr. Browne.

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10 Nov., 1684. On receipt of a letter from Richard Kirby in regard to the death of Thomas Hopkins, his two sons in Providence, to whom the letter was addressed, wrote to the selectmen of Oyster Bay, of plantation called Littleworth, asking them to appoint Ephraim Carpenter and William Thorncraft to look after the matter of the estate for them, etc. (Austin, p. 324.)

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JOSEPH ALSOP, aged 14, came to Boston in 1635, in the "Elizabeth and Ann," from London, and went to New Haven, where he took the oath of fidelity in 1644, and shortly after married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of William Preston, and had amongst others, Daniel, b. 13 Aug., 1667, who went to Southold, L. I., where he died, 2 Jan., 1698.

THOMAS ARMITAGE came in the "James" from Bristol in 1635, with Mr. Richard Mather. He was at Lynn, a freeman at Plymouth, 6 Mch., 1636-7, then at Sandwich as deputy, 1639. He had a grant of land at Stamford, Conn., 1641, and later settled at Oyster Bay, Long Island.

Manasseh Armitage was a graduate of Harvard College in 1660, of whom Mr. Savage says, "who gladly would I find some, the minutest story of, as date of birth or who was his father or anything else," etc.

Sibley's Harvard Graduates states that Manasseh was son of Thomas above mentioned (REGISTER xli., 83). As recent works have not acknowledged these facts, I present the following document to confirm them:

"Whereas I, Thomas Armitage, now of Oyster Bay, of perfect health and memory, and so have been of a long time nor have been deprived of sense or reason whereby I should have made over my estate by deed or will to my son Manasses, now in Cambridge College, only to be allowed by him a maintenance for life. If any such shall appear, they are forged and false. He has fraudulently taken from me several bills, bonds and writings, to convert them to his own use. I desire all persons not to pay him any debt due me, lest they pay in their own damage." Then follows testimony, 3 June, 1659—"Robert Ashman said nine years back he was bound for James Pine to Thomas Armitage his father-in-law, for £30 which he intended to give his son Manasses, so that his wife should not have his estate and deprive his son. \* \* \* Armitage said, 'I have now married a young wife and may have other children, and therefore may have need of that myself, to be at my own disposing, that Manasses has taken away.'

William Smith said nine years ago, Armitage proffered me cattle to keep for the use of Manasses and that at the end of eleven years I should return the cattle and profit. \* \* \*

Elizabeth, wife of Jeremy Wood saith that about seven years past, Martha, the late wife of Thomas, being at my house, she told me that Mr. Wood and Mr. Moore, were at her house and were about making a deed of gift from her husband to her son-in-law." (Hempstead Records, A, 155-162.)

Whereas, WILLIAM ARMS, late an inhabitant of Old Pequoton, in Virginia, who after he had been visiting his uncle, on his return to Virginia by land, was detained for some time in their Majestie's service, and at the house of Mr. W<sup>m</sup>. Merritt at the Freshwater, in New York, died intestate, letters of administration are granted to his uncle, Mr. Edward Taylor, Minister of the Gospel at Westfield, Mass., 16 Oct., 1691.

WILLIAM BETTS, aged twenty, came over in the "Thomas and John," Richard Lombard, master, which sailed from Gravesend, 6 Jan., 1635. He was a dish-turner, and joined Rev. John Lothrop's church, 25 Oct., 1635. He married 23 Nov., 1638, Alice, a maid of Thomas Ensign. At Barnstable he had baptized:

Hannah, 26 Jan., 1639-40.

Samuel, 5 Feb., 1642-3.

Hope or Hopestill, 16 March, 1644-5.

He appears on the list of those able to bear arms in 1643. He acquired land in Dorchester, which he sold 9 March, 1651, to Sampson Mason. He is credited, 2 Nov., 1652, one shilling for making "stoppills" for the great guns at Dorchester. Afterward he removed to New York. William Betts of Yonkers plantation, New Orange, leaves to wife Alice house, &c., during life, and after her decease to son Samuel. Also to Samuel a house lot in Westchester. To son Hopestill one-third lands in Yonkers; to son John another third, and he to live with his mother and manage farm; also to daughter Mehitable Tippetts. Will dated 12 Feb., 1673, proved 2 Jan., 1675.

RICHARD BETTS, who was in Ipswich, Mass., in 1648, is said to have come from Hemel-Hempstead, Herts, Eng. He removed to Newtown, L. I., in 1656, and died there 18 Nov., 1713, aged 100. By wife Joanna he had: Richard, Thomas, Joanna who married John Scudder, Mary who married Joseph Swasey, Martha who married Philip Ketchum, Elizabeth wife of Joseph Sackett, and Sarah, wife of Edward Hunt.

RICHARD BISHOP of Salem, freeman 1642, died in 1675. His will mentions sons Thomas, Richard, Nathaniel, and a son at Long Island. The last was John Bishop of Southampton, L. I., who files a power of attorney.

NATHANIEL BISHOP of East Hampton, L. I., leaves to son Daniel all land except 6½ acres at Indian Well Plain, which is given to son Nathaniel. One quarter of the cattle to wife, and after death to James Hand's children, testator's grandchildren. Will dated 5 May, proved 20 Oct., 1685.

THOMAS BOWNE, born 1595, at Matlock, Derbyshire, came to Boston about 1618, with son John and daughter Dorothy. 7 Jan., 1649, John says in his journal, "I entered Mr. Phillips service" (William Phillips, vintner and inn-holder at Charlestown). Oct. 24, 1650, "we came aboard the shipp charles at Nantaskett, that day I parted w<sup>th</sup> my deare father at boston, the 25<sup>th</sup> day my sister Dorothy come aboard at Nantasket to take her leave of me," &c. John Bowne, born 1627, married (1) 7 May, 1656, Hannah Feake, daughter of Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Fones, and widow of (1) Henry Winthrop, and (2) Robert Feake of Watertown. In 1663, John Bowne was banished to Holland, but was allowed to return. He lived at Flushing, L. I., from 1650 till his death in 1695, having had numerous children.

William Bound or Bowne was a freeman at Salem in 1637, and by wife Ann had: James, Andrew and Philip. He married (2) 12 July, 1669,



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