

side of the Concord River, and contained about 123 acres. May 27, 1763, he, with the consent of his wife Mary and in consideration of £350, conveyed one-half of his plantation to his son, Benjamin Dowse, Sr.,\* and, October 19, 1778, conveyed the remaining half with the dwelling-house to his grandson, Benjamin Dowse, Jr. The consideration in this case was £300, but he reserved the east end of the house for himself and wife, and after their decease for the use of their daughter Susanna during her unmarried life.†

Ebenezer Dowse died in 1781, aged 88 years, having married, in 1714, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Mary Hunt.‡ See that family, *Chapter XIX.*

Issue of *Ebenezer Dowse and Mary Hunt*, his wife:‡

- i. BENJAMIN, b. February 6, 1715-16.
- ii. JOHN, b. at Chelmsford, October 10, 1717.
- iii. EBENEZER, b. December 29, 1719.
- iv. MARTHA, b. July 25, 1722.
- v. MARY, b. November 26, 1725.
- vi. ANNA, b. March 30, 1727.
- vii. SUSANNA, b. September 15, 1729.
- viii. SAMUEL, b. January 12, 1730-31.
- ix. ELEAZER, of whom hereafter.

IV. ELEAZER DOWSE, of Billerica, Middlesex County, Mass., yeoman, (son of Ebenezer and Mary,) was born at Billerica, December 26, 1734.¶ His homestead and plantation was on the west side of the Concord River, near his father's property, and contained about 68 acres. The plantation was twice mortgaged, but each time the incumbrance was paid off, the last occasion being May 5, 1792.¶ When a young man he served in the French and Indian war, and was wounded in the forehead by the bursting of a bomb at the storming of Fort Ticonderoga, in August, 1758.\*\* After his return from the war he married, about the year 1762, Lucy Proctor, of Billerica.

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\* Middlesex County Deeds, Liber LXXIX, p. 98.

† Ibid., p. 508.

‡ Ibid., Liber XXII, p. 290.

§ Billerica Church and Town Records.

¶ Billerica Records.

¶ Middlesex County Deeds, Liber LXXXV, p. 181; Liber XCII, p. 31; and Liber XCV, p. 45.

\*\* Hazen's *History of Billerica.*