

that event. Under date of Feb. 18, 1771, the Probate Judge, in answer to a petition from the selectmen of Lynn, appointed his uncle, John Burrage, to be his guardian. April 2 of the same year, under order of the Court, "an inventory of the Estate of Josiah Burrage of Lynn a Person *Non Compos Mentis* was taken by John Mansfield Benj Newhall and Holden Johnson." It consisted of a dwelling-house, half a barn, furniture, heel-maker's tools, joiner's tools, half a house, land, live stock, etc., and amounted to £303 1s. 8d. There is also a copy of a receipt from Josiah Burrage, dated April 3, 1775, for £303 1s. 8d. in full from John Burrage for his interest committed to him as his guardian, witnessed by Theophilus Breed and Susannah Burrage. He died in 1776, at the age of forty years. His widow survived him thirty-five years. She died 1809, and was the last person of the name of Burrage that resided in Lynn. His son, Josiah, died in the year that he attained his majority, Dec. 30, 1797. We have evidence that his loss was acutely felt by his mother, and that she deeply mourned his death, from one who lived with her at the time, and from an inscription on a monument erected to his memory in the old cemetery in Lynn, which, notwithstanding its quaintness, is quite pathetic. (See Appendix I.)

As has been said, Abijah Burrage, who was the youngest son of Thomas and the youngest grandson of Deacon Thomas Burrage, was never married. He died