

Such was the edifice that our ancestors looked out upon every morning, and to which they repaired on Sundays to listen to the sermons of Rev. Mr. Shepard, Rev. Mr. Whiting, or the Rev. Mr. Henchman, or Rev. Mr. Treadwell, according to the generation to which they belonged. Deacon Thomas Burrage (the carpenter), who had liberty to set up a new pew in place of his old one, in 1717, probably did the work of making the pew himself, and doubtless set up several for other members of the church.

Besides the land connected with their houses by the Common, they owned many outlying tracts at Rumney Marsh, Black Swamp, Tomlin's Swamp, Farrington's Pasture, Rail Hill, and Fox Hill, Dungeon Pasture, etc., and at Nahant. The whole number of acres named in the inventory of Thomas Burrage's estate (in 1760) was one hundred and twenty-three, in thirteen different lots. In the estate of John Burrage, inventory dated 1780, there were two hundred and sixty acres, in seventeen different lots. As a general thing, the soil of Lynn is light. We have but little doubt that William Burrage found his new farm in Leominster more productive than the one he left in Lynn.