bridge, and the Colonists located about the lower green, Oldtown, where the first meetinghouse was built. Thomas Parker, the pastor, was born in Wiltshire, Eng., in 1595, being the only son of Robert Parker, an eminent scholar and active nonconformist.

The Noyes family are of Norman descent. Originally the name was spelt Noye. From the Conquest the race have been distinguished for scholarship and influence. In the 14th and 15th years of the reign of Henry VIII. William Noyes of Erchfort was assessed for the subsidy at £80, and paid £4 yearly. In 1540 he became possessed of the prebend of Erchfort with its dependencies and died in 1557, leaving considerable property to a large family of whom John Noyes was M. P. for Laine in 1600, and Robert Noyes the elder brother who succeeded to the prebend, having purchased in 1574 for his eldest son, Robert, the manor and estate of King's Hatherdene, in Weghill near Andover. His cousin Peter Noyes was also of Weghill and Andover, Berkshire, in which county for many generations his descendants owned the estate of Trunkwell in the parish of Springfield, acquired by a marriage with Agnes, daughter and heiress of John Noyes of that place, who died in 1607. Peter Noyes had a second son, Richard, and a daughter, Joice, married to the Rev. Robert Weld, D. D. The father of Nicholas Noyes was William Noyes, rector of the parish of Choulderton, Wiltshire, and his mother a sister of the learned Robert Parker before mentioned. Nicholas was made a freeman May 17, 1637, married Mary Cutting, a sister of Capt. John Cutting, who came from London to Charlestown and thence to Newbury about 1642. Nicholas Noyes was one of the most influential members of the infant settlement, representing it in the General Court, and was also a deacon of the church. He died Nov. 23, 1701. Their children were:

MARY, born Oct. 15, 1641: married John French.

HANNAH, born Oct. 30, 1643; married Peter Cheney—second, John Atkinson.

JOHN, born Jan. 20, 1646; married Mary Poor in 1668; died, 1691.