

**17** Thomas Twining, son of **8** William, b. E., July 5, 1753; d. April 23, 1816, Tolland, Mass.; m. *first*, Alice Mayo 1755; d. soon after; m. *secondly*, Anna Cole (Doane), Oct. 24, 1765; d. Oct. 12, 1828, aged 87 years. He was a corporal in Cap't. Sam. Knowle's company in 1758, in the war between France and the Provinces. Was a member of Orleans (So. Church) Cong. Ch. before 1773. Was a carpenter by occupation, as is evident from a contract extant, for building a house for his cousin, 21 Prince Twining of E., dated April 22, 1772. He also built the residence now owned by Homer P. Twining, of New Boston, Mass.

In 1783 he conveyed his house and lands in Orleans to Simeon Higgins, and with his brother, 18 Elijah, settled in Granville (1810 Tolland), Mass., where they purchased an extensive tract of land upon which they lived the rest of their days.

In 1795 the Cong. meeting house was built, and in 1797 the West Granville (now Tolland) Cong. Church was organized, of which Thomas was chosen deacon, and was afterwards known as "Deacon Thomas Twining."

He and his wife Anna were very puritanical in observing the Sabbath; she was a great Bible reader, and it is said, read in a singing tone, while the droppings from her pipe burned little holes in her dresses. Although his material circumstances were abundant for one of those days, his brother Elijah seems to have possessed the considerably most property.