

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

To the living descendants of THOMAS GREENE, known in Malden, in his day, as THOMAS GREENE, Senior, the compiler offers this imperfect sketch of his posterity. He has prepared it, not to be published, but to gather up, for the benefit of the family, the perishing fragments that remain to tell us of a worthy and honored ancestry. He has been induced to undertake the task—not in the hope of sharing an overgrown estate of some deceased relative across the Atlantic—but, partly, because he has had facilities for access to original sources of information,—partly from a desire to know who and what our ancestors were, and to see a more permanent record of them,—partly to bring to each other's acquaintance a large circle of relatives, whom time and distance have sadly estranged,—partly as a tribute of grateful respect to the memory of those whose industry and frugality, whose privations and sufferings, whose patriotism and piety, have bequeathed to us our richest inheritance,—and partly to ask of all, those whom these pages may reach, an earnest endeavor to collect and communicate any information which may enable him to fill up vacancies, to supply defects in the records, to correct any errors in names, places, dates, or facts, and thereby render complete a work which, at best, is but fairly begun.

It is not known at what time our common ancestor came to this country. There are no indications of his residence in Malden earlier than 1649; yet he might have resided elsewhere in this country several years previous to his removal to that place. A Thomas Greene was residing in Ipswich in 1648, and another in Roxbury at the same time. It is not improbable that these both removed to Malden about that time, making the two by that name mentioned on page 7. Among the passengers on board the ship *Speedwell*, of London, for Virginia, May 28, 1636, was Thomas Greene, 24 years old. He could scarcely have been our ancestor, for the first child of the latter was probably born as early as 1628. Also a Thomas Greene came in the ship *Paull*, from London, bound to Virginia, July 6, 1635. It is doubtful whether either of these settled in New England.