

the courtship ceased and he married Miss May. After her death, he wrote to Mrs. Southworth that if it were agreeable, and if she would come over, he would marry her. She came over in the "Ann," and brought her three sons with her: Thomas, Constant and Solomon; from them came the Southworths of Stoughton and Bridgewater. She died March 26, 1670, aged about 80, and "highly respected by the whole community."

He was chosen Governor in 1621, and was re-elected to that office every year till 1657, except five years, 1633, '34, '35, '38, '44. He died May 9, 1657, "lamented by all the Colonies of N. E., as a common father to them all." Their children were:

1. William, born 17 June, 1624, whose first wife was Alice Richards.
2. Mercy, born before 1627, married Benjamin Vernayes.
3. Joseph, born 1630, married Jael, daughter of Rev. Peter Hobart of Hingham, Mass., May 25, 1664. He came from Hingham, Old England, to Hingham, New England.

Gov. Bradford and his two sons William and Joseph were buried at Plymouth on "Burial Hill."

IV. JOSEPH BRADFORD, born 1630, married Jael Hobart May 25, 1664 and resided in Kingston. He died July 10, 1715. She died April 18, 1730, aged 88. They had two sons:

1. Joseph, born April 18, 1665.
2. Elisha, born 1669, married 1st, Hannah Cole; 2nd, Bathshua LeBroecke.

V. ELISHA BRADFORD, born 1669, married 1st, Hannah Cole, by whom he had six children, who all died young.

He married 2nd, Bathshua Le Brocke, Sept. 7, 1718, who survived her husband and married 2nd, Joshua Oldham.

When Elisha Bradford married his second wife, he was about fifty years old and she seventeen. By her he had fifteen children, the tenth of whom (VI.) Allis, married ZEBULON WATERS.

"Elisha Bradford lived in Kingston, near Kingston Bridge, which is 4 miles from Plymouth." He died June 16, 1747, aged 78.

The writer has in his possession a paper containing the signature of Elisha Bradford; the gift of Mathew A. Stickney, Esq., author of "The Stickney Family".

The family Bible of Gov. Bradford, printed in "German text" in 1592, brought with him in the Mayflower, descended to Elisha, his grandson, and contains the family record of the latter; it then passed into the family of Zebulon Waters, who married Allis, the daughter of Elisha Bradford. "It is said to have been exhibited by Mr. Asa Waters of Stoughton on some public occasion at Plymouth." He was a son of Zebulon Waters and grandfather of Asa Bradford Waters of Marietta, Ohio, to whom, as he told him, he wished the Bible to descend.

It was recently in the possession of Mr. Joseph Belcher Waters of Sharon (son of Zebulon, son of Zebulon, who married Allis Bradford), who is said to be a careful custodian of it.