

GLEANINGS TOUCHING THE ANCESTRY OF BATHSHUA LEBROCKE.

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Israel Hobart of Hingham (b. June 29, 1642, brother of Jael Hobart, wife of Joseph Bradford) married Sarah Witherell of Scituate, Mass., in Jan. 1669; dau. of Rev. William Witherell, b. in England in 1600—came over in 1634 and ordained at Scituate, Sept. 2, 1645—tradition, handed down for truth, says that his mother was a daughter of John Rogers, the Smithfield martyr.

He was a man of learning, a powerful preacher, and held a high rank among the distinguished clergymen of his time. I have not learned the name of his wife—he died in office, April 9, 1684, aged 84—excuse me for relating an anecdote of him that ought not to be lost, it is illustrative of his manner of conducting the ministry and no less so of the manner of the times. “Mr. Bryant entered the church after the services were commenced, and Mr. Witherell, at the close of his prayer, addressed him thus:—‘Neighbor Bryant, it is to your reproach, that you have disturbed the worship by entering *late*, and living as you do, within a mile of this place, and especially so, since here is Goody Barston, who has milked seven cows, made a cheese, and walked five miles to the house of God in good season.’ That was a severe rebuke to poor John Bryant; and perhaps administered with more freedom, as he was by marriage with the minister’s daughter, Elizabeth, his son-in-law.” Another of his daughters, Mary, m. Thomas Oldham of Scituate in 1656.

Sarah Witherell was baptized at Scituate in 1645, and m. Israel Hobart, as before mentioned, in Jan. 1669.—Their only child, of whom a record is found at Hingham, was Sarah—Hobart’s Journal says—“May 30, 1670, Sarah Hobart was born, dau. of Israel”. Israel Hobart removed, but when does not appear, to Scituate upon the border of Hingham, where he d. April 4, 1731, aged 89; his wife probably d. before him, as she is not mentioned in his will, dated in 1729. He left legacies to his son, Israel, to dau. Abigail, to Mary Withington, Grace Davis and Bathsheba Brock, daughters of my daughter, Sarah Brock; and to my dau. Jael, Executrix. Thus it appears that

—— Brock m. Sarah Hobart and had

Mary, who m. —— Withington—a Dorchester name.

Grace, who m. —— Davis.

Bathsheba (or Bathshua), who m. Elisha Bradford, her cousin, Sept. 7, 1718.

Henry Brock, of Dedham, d. 1652, made his will April 22, 1646. John was the only son named in his will and he settled his father’s estate. He was also an Exr. of the will of a Mr. Baker of Dedham in 1646, and made freeman, Mass., in May, 1642.