

THOMAS WHITMORE married Sarah Hale, at Hartford, Dec. 11, 1645, and had —

John, bapt. Sept. 6, 1646.

Sarah, „ Apr. 20, 1651.

And many others. His descendants spell their name Wetmore.

FRANCIS WHITMORE, of Cambridge, owned lands there, near the Plain; near Charles River, by the Boston line; in Charlestown, near Minottamie; near Dunbarke's Meadow; and also in Medford and Lexington. His house stood on the dividing line between Cambridge and Lexington, and is mentioned in the act of division. He served in the Indian wars, under Major Willard, as the Treasurers' books witness. His name, with his wife's, stands on a petition in favor of an old woman charged with being a witch; hence he can hardly have been of the extreme Puritan party, although a member of the church. He was, however, a selectman, &c., in the town, and his name is often to be met with on the deeds, wills, &c., of the early settlers in that town. An account of his wife's family is in Jackson's History of Newton, Mass. His will is here inserted: —

“ After the payment of my just debts, I do give unto my loving wife the use and enfeoffment of my whole estate, in housing, lands, and movables (excepting that part of my land by me already given unto my son Samuel), during her widowhood, for her livelihood, and for the bringing up of my three youngest children, and for the expending of what learning she shall be able upon them. But, if she marry to another man, my will is that she shall have thirty pounds out of my movable estate, to dispose of as she shall see meet. To my two youngest sons, Thomas and Joseph, I do give my housing, barns, and my part of the new mill, with all my lands thereunto belonging; excepting that part of the land by me set out and delivered to my son Samuel, which shall be the fall of his portion, he not to share in any after-division of any part of my estate to be equally divided between them. They to enter upon the possession thereof at the age of twenty and one years of age, if their mother be not then living; but if she be then living, and continue my widow, she shall not be dispossessed of any part of my estate during her life. Also my will is, that what of my estate do remain at my wife's decease or marriage, which of them shall first happen, with what each of my children have already had being added thereunto, shall be equally divided among them, to each an equal share. My two youngest sons to have the housing and lands as aforesaid, and to pay out of them, to the rest of my children, that which shall be accounted due to them, as followeth: My eldest son, Francis, his part to be due him two full years after the possessing of my youngest son of the housing and lands as aforesaid; the second, two years after; the third, two years after; and so, successively, till all be paid. To my grandchildren of Daniel Markham, which he had by my daughter Elizabeth, I do give to each of them twenty shillings out of my estate. Also I do nominate my loving friends, William Locke, sen., of Woburn, and Francis Moore, of Cambridge, to be my executors of this my last will.

“ 8th m. 8th day, 1685.”

The estate was valued at £305. 9s. — *Middlesex Recs.*, liber 6, p. 270.