

"The 24th day, 2d mo., 1639. Also there is granted to Thomas Jewell, of the Mount, Miller, for three heads, 12 acres, upon the covenant of three shillings per acre."

This "Mount," was Mt. Wollaston; first settled in 1625, and named from Capt. Wollaston; incorporated as Braintree in 1640; Quincy was set off in 1792, and Randolph in 1793. The tract was laid to Boston by the General Court or Legislature, in 1634; and Dec. 11th of that year the inhabitants after a lecture chose seven men who should divide these lands to those that might improve them, at the rate of 4 acres to each person in the family; gratuitously to citizens of Boston, and for three shillings per acre to others. Thus we find, "24th day, 12th mo., 1640. Granted to Henry Adams (a progenitor of the President,) for 10 heads, 40 acres, upon the same covenant of three shillings per acre."

The following is a copy of his will, as witnessed by Wm. Scant and Hannah H. Harbor. "The will of Thomas Jewell of Brantray, while he is yet in perfect memory. My Soule I commit into the hands of Almighty God in ye mediation of Jesus Christ, and my body to the dust. All ye Estate wh^{ch} God hath given me I doe give to my wife for to be hers as long as she is a widow, and so remains; but if she shall marry, then to divide it into three parts; and two parts to be divided among my children, and the third to be hers. I doe by this will give power to these two my friends herein mentioned, namely William Neadam and Tho. foster, to take the care and oversight of all this my estate for my wife and children good, according to your best wisdom to be ordered.

dated the 10th, 2d month, 1654."

The Probate records show that administration was granted to Grisell, the widow of Thomas Jewell, July 21, 1654; but on the 5th Oct. 1655, she being about to marry Humphrey Griggs, William Needham and Thomas Foster above named, were appointed executors (probably *de bonis non*.) Griggs agreed to bring up Jewell's children, of which there were several, both sons and daughters, and all under age. She was soon left again a widow; as administration was granted to Grisell Griggs, on the estate of her late husband Humphrey Griggs, Aug. 18, 1657."

FIRST GENERATION.

"Farmer's Genealogical Register," p. 162, says, "Thomas Jewell of Brantray (Braintree) had sons, Joseph, b. 24th April, 1642; Nathaniel, b. 15th April, 1648; and several other children." The names of his daughters are unknown, and uncounted here. As one of the sons that lived to rear families received the honored name of his father, we shall place him at the head of the list, although he may have been the younger. By this arrangement the three sons will head three separate lines, and be numbered as follows.

- *2 Thomas, b. in Hingham, Mass.
- *3 Joseph, b. Apr. 24, 1642; d. Stow, Mass., time not known.
- *4 Nathaniel, b. Apr. 15, 1648; d. Plainfield, Ct., March, 1712.