

friends Mr. Ambrose Jennings and Samuel Rowlands overseers. And I will that the portion of my son shall be and remain in the hands of Mr. Ambrose Jennings until my said son shall accomplish the age of twenty and one years.

Wit: Rich: Greene Scr. and Rob^t Kitchen servants to the same Scr. Proved by the widow Phebe Waters, power reserved for Richard Waters the other executor when he should claim it. Meade, 17.

The following extract from Marriage Allegations, Bishop of London, should come in here:—

1618-19, Feb. 8. William Plasse of St. Botolphes wthoute Algate, London, gunmaker and a widower, aged xlvii^y yer^s or thereabout and did alleg that he intendeth to marrie wth Phebe Waters, widowe, of the same pshe, aged xlvii^y yer^s or there about, the Relicte of James Waters, Iremonger, deceased a yere since &c.

I am indebted to the Rev^d Charles H. Pope for the following extracts taken by him last year from the Parish Registers of St. Botolph's:—

The earliest mention of the family found at St. Botolph's Aldgate.

Frederick, son to Richard Waters, bapt. April 7, 1577.

John, son of James Waters, Citizen and Ironmonger, bapt. Nov. 30, 1600.

John, same name buried July 21, 1624.

Phebe, dan. bapt. Dec. 6, 1602.

*Richard, son, bapt. March 3, 1604.

Judith, dau. bapt. Jan. 24, 1607, bur. Aug. 12, 1609.

Elizabeth, dau. bapt. Dec. 9, 1610.

Mary, dau. bapt. June 24, 1613.

*James Waters buried Feb. 2, 1617.

“William Plasse, gunsmith, and Phebe Waters, widow, late wife to James Waters Citizen and Ironmonger were married by a license, the xxiii day of Februarie, A. D. 1618.”

William Plasse, as I have said, came to Salem where the town in 1637 granted, for him and his wife, the house formerly Mr. Conant's, with a half acre of land attached, etc. and in 1643 they appointed a committee to provide for him a convenient room to work in and to set a forge, etc. He died in 1646 and his estate was administered by Thomas Wickes or Weeks whose wife Alice (afterwards the wife of Nicholas Potter) and two children, Hannah, wife of John Pickman, and Bethia, wife of John Archer, are afterwards found in occupancy of the real estate, which was opposite our Market place or Derby Square. The gunsmith's tools were found to be in the possession of Richard Waters who, in a document, now extant in the Court House at Salem, calls himself a son-in-law of the deceased.

This Richard Waters, son of James and Phebe (Manning) Waters of London, probably came to New England with his stepfather Mr. Plasse and settled in Salem. His house stood close to Cat Cove on Salem Neck near that estate once known as Hollingworth's, afterwards as Hathorne's Farm and more recently as Rowell's. The exact date of his death I have not ascertained, but the Inventory of his estate was taken 25-7-1677. His will, dated 16 July 1676, was proved 28-9-1677. In it he names wife Joyce and sons William, James, John and Ezekiel. William was to be maintained during his natural life by his brother Ezekiel, or if not by Ezekiel then by John. The daughters named are Martha, Abigail Punchard, Mary English, Susana Pulsiner and Hanna Striker. The baptisms of some of these children are given in the Register of the First Church, Salem, as follows:— a child (probably John) bap. 27-9-1640; Elizabeth bap. 26-12-1642-3 (died 3-12-1662); Abigail bap. 18-3-1645 (mar. William Punchard 26 Oct. 1669); Ezekiel bap. 9-2-1647 (mar. and had issue); Susanna bap.