

Isiah Thatcher, Thomas Emerson Proctor, recently deceased, Abel Johnson Proctor, also deceased (leaving an only son, Abel Harrison Proctor, now living) Mehitabel Cummings the wife of the Hon. James Phinney Baxter of Portland, Maine, Sarah Ann Emerson, wife of Allen L. Joslin, Mary Putnam, wife of the Rev. Wm. A. Lamb, Elizabeth Putnam, wife of Wm. H. Wetherill, Augusta (recently deceased), and Miss Ellen Osborn Proctor.

Sarah Waters, another daughter of Abel Waters and granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (Gardner) Waters, was married, 14 Nov. 1798, to Capt. Thomas Whittredge. Through this match other of our Salem and Boston families derive their descent from the family of Manning of Kent.—H. F. W.]

ADDITIONAL NOTES ABOUT THE PROCTOR FAMILY.

In my researches made in the Court House at Salem about these Proctors I gathered certain facts which justify me, I believe, in venturing to correct Savage's statements about the first two John Proctors. He says that the first John Proctor of Ipswich came 1635 at. 40, from London in the Susan and Ellen with wife Martha, at. 28 and children, John 3 and Mary 1, and in a few years was settled at Salem. His wife died 13 June 1659; but he took a second wife of the same baptismal name who outlived him &c. Of John Proctor the son (afterwards condemned for witchcraft), he says that he married, December 1662, Elizabeth daughter of John Thorndike, who died in August (30th) 1672, and had, for a second wife, Elizabeth Bassett, married 1 April 1674.

Let me now give some of the facts which I have found. The transcripts from Ipswich town records give me the following births, deaths and marriages :

- Mary dau. of John Prockter born 1 January 1657.
- Mary dau. of John Prockter died—February 1657.
- Martha dau. of John Prockter jun^r died 14 October 1658.
- John son of John Prockter jun^r died in October 1658.
- Benjamin son of John Prockter born 10 June 1659.
- Martha wife of John Prockter died 13 June 1659.
- John Prockter and Elizabeth Thorndick married—December 1662.
- Martha dau. of John Prockter born 1 April and died 10 May 1665.
- Benjamin Proctor and Deborah Hart married—February 1673.

In the Court records and files I got certain depositions showing ages as follows:—

John Prockter Sen^r speaks of "my brother Giddens" 26 March 1667, calling himself aged 75 years. (George Gidding aged 59.)

Benjamin Proctor aged about 17 years in 1668.

John Proctor, about 40, deposes 18-5-1676.

John Proctor being presented, 25-9-1678, for selling strong water and cider to Indians two of his children give their depositions 29-9-1678, viz^t. Elizabeth, his daughter, about 16, and Benjamin, his son, about 18.

John Proctor sen^r, about 54, and Benjamin Proctor, about 26, make depositions 30 November 1686.

The first John Proctor, of Ipswich (I doubt if he ever lived in Salem) must have died before 11 Oct. 1672, when an inventory of his estate was taken. His will, as Savage says, names wife Martha, grandchildren Martha Hadley and John Ha(dley), daughters Martha White, Abigail Varney, Sarah Dodge and Hannah Weden and sons John, Joseph and Benjamin. Martha was probably the wife of James White (who was present in jail when the second John Proctor made his will), Abigail was the wife of Thomas Varney and Sarah was the wife of John Dodge (son of William Dodge senior).

In view of all these facts I would infer that all those children whose births and deaths were recorded in Ipswich during the years 1657, 1658 and 1659 and the Martha who was born and died in 1665 were the children of the second John Proctor; that the Mrs. Martha Proctor who died 13 June 1659 was his wife, not his father's, and that she died in childbed three days after the birth of her last