

(and only surviving) child Benjamin Proctor whom we find still living in 1686, according to his own deposition; that the earlier Benjamin Proctor who was about 17 in 1668 was the youngest son of the first John Proctor and the one who married Deborah Hart in 1673 (4); and, finally, that young Elizabeth Proctor who deposed in 1678 was the eldest child of the second John Proctor by his second (not first) wife Elizabeth Thorndike. She it must have been who was married to Thomas Very and received a child's portion in the disposition of her father's estate as Elizabeth Very, while another portion was awarded to an Elizabeth Proctor who was doubtless one of the daughters of John Proctor's third wife Elizabeth Bassett.

It was Benjamin Proctor, born in 1659, eldest son (by first wife) of John Proctor of Salem, who was the father of the Capt. John Proctor who married Lydia Waters and great grandfather of the Johnson Proctor who married a later Lydia Waters.

I found in a transcript from the Lynn records that a Benjamin Proctor married Mary Bulkeley 18 Dec. 1694, while another account, furnished by one of the family, says that Benjamin Proctor married Mary Whiteredge 8 Dec. 1694. This matter needs more careful examination than I can give to it at present.
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