

leave his master, and he survived them all; the others mostly killed themselves with dissipation after they were made free.

Samuel Hunt's residence was a large square mansion near the residence of Josias Byles. Mr. Byles married Mrs. Mary Dixwell, a widowed daughter of Samuel Hunt. In his will he leaves to his "son-in-law, Josias Byles, the house in which Mr. Byles lived, and his man Bristol." Mrs. Byles' first husband was John Dixwell, the only son of Judge Dixwell. An only daughter by that first marriage: Mary Dixwell, afterwards married her own cousin, Samuel Hunt, who was son of John Hunt, who was Mrs. Dixwell's only brother. We will here mention, that of this marriage of Mary Dixwell and Samuel Hunt the eldest son took the name of his grand-father, JOHN DIXWELL; Judge Dixwell, leaving no son to bear his name; this John Dixwell became an eminent physician in Boston, and left numerous descendants; he connected himself in marriage with the family of Epes Sargent. They are a branch very creditable to the original stock.

Elizabeth Hunt, daughter of Samuel Hunt and Mary Langdon, married Joshua Blanchard. Sarah, another daughter, in 1754, married Dr. Nyott Doubt. The only son of Samuel Hunt and Mary Langdon that lived to have a family, was John Hunt of Watertown, to whom he left the bulk of his property, and the care of his large business.

JOHN HUNT, OF WATERTOWN, 1716.

JOHN HUNT of Watertown, was the only son of Samuel Hunt, of Boston, and Mary Langdon; he was born Nov. 19th, 1716, graduated at Harvard College, 1734, married Ruth Fessenden, 1738; she was eldest daughter of Rev. William Fessenden and Martha Wyeth; she was born 1717, died 1800. John Hunt was educated for the ministry, preached for a short time, and then quite shocked the religious community around him by giving up his profession, and becoming a business man. He inherited the bulk of his father's large property and all his business; but he was not educated for that sort of thing. He was never a spendthrift, but was a very liberal man; during his long life most of the valuable real estate, left by his father, passed to other hands; he was very popular; kept open house to the officers of the revolutionary party, when in Watertown; was an ardent politician. He was appointed "Farmer of Excise Duties," July 28th, 1752. He was representative to the legis-