

ing the methods of doing business in those times and for shewing the estimate of the man among his fellows.

John Doolittle died in 1681; he left no children, so willed his property to his wife Sybel, to whom he was married Oct. 30, 1674. She had been the widow of Miles Nutt, of Malden, and first of John Riddle. See Savage's Gen. Dict.

Abraham Doolittle whose descendants we trace is said to have been the ancestor of all who bear the name in America. As before stated he was an early emigrant to New England, going from Boston to New Haven about 1640, where he purchased or built a house. In 1644 he took the oath of fidelity, and was chosen sheriff of the county; he also served several times as deputy from New Haven. In 1668 he became interested with others in the new settlement of Wallingford, and in 1670, he was one of the committee to manage its affairs, being one of the first and most prominent settlers there. "He was a member of the vigilance committee in the time of King Philip's war, and his dwelling was fortified during this time by a picket fort, against any attack which might be made by the Indians."* He served several years as one of the selectmen, and was chosen deputy to the General Court for the years 1679-83 and 84.

It seems that he was one of the most prominent men in the early settlement of Wallingford as well as a trusted citizen. At his death his estate was valued at £342. His descendants are numerous and may be found in nearly every section of the Union. Many bearing the name have attained to enviable positions, distinguished as physicians, lawyers, judges, divines and members of Congress, as well as patriots in the war of the Revolution and the late Rebellion.

ABRAHAM DOOLITTLE was born in England 1619, m. (1) Joan Allen, dau. of James Allen of Kempston, Co., Bedford, Eng. † (2) July 2, 1663, Abigail Moss, b. Apr. 10, 1642; d.

*Vide History of Wallingford, Conn.

†Will of "James Allen of Kempston, in the county of Bedford, blacksmith, 7 January, 1656, proved 20 January, 1657. To my son Roger Allen, now living in New England, the full sum of thirty pounds and to his chil-