

Account of Israel I Stoughton.

A man of property and distinction, he came to America, probably in 1632.

1633 November, freeman; had a grant of land in Dorchester.

1634, 1635, Representative at the General Court.

1635, he wrote an obnoxious book, which gave great offence, and though he retracted his assertion in the same, he was debarred from holding office for three years.

1636 May, relieved of his civil disabilities, he and his wife signed the Church Covenant.

1637, commanded the Massachusetts forces in the Pequot War.

1637, member of the artillery company.

1642, captain in the artillery company.

1643, visited England, where he became intimate with some of the leaders of the Revolution; returned to Dorchester, Mass.

1644, in company with others, whom he had persuaded, he returned to England; Lieut.-Colonel¹ in Rainsborow's regiment in the Parliamentary service.

One of the original incorporators of Harvard College.

¹ His commission, dated May 3d, 1644, is in the possession of the Mass. Hist. Soc.