

Dr. Charles⁵ Pynchon, of Springfield, son of Col. John⁴ and Phebe⁴ Pynchon, was a thoroughly educated surgeon and physician; held through life a most extensive practice in all these parts, and was looked up to here as the eminent one of his day. He was army surgeon in the French and English wars, in 1745 and 1755; was a bosom friend of Col. Ephraim Williams, the founder of Williams college; was with him when he fell at the first fire at Fort Edward, New York; was one of the two surgeons into whose hands Baron Von Dieskau fell for treatment when wounded and held a prisoner by the English, and from whose hands the Baron went back as far as Paris, to die, some little time afterward.

I have in my possession a book of prescriptions, in parchment, used by him about a century and a half ago, and found by a friend of the family at a book-stall on a street corner in Boston, written in Latin, which differ somewhat from prescriptions of remedial agents at the present day, and which are somewhat grotesque and curious, but from which I conclude that all the wisdom did not die with that generation. His office was in the building, now standing, the second above Ferry, on Main street.

He was married, July 30, 1749, to Anna Dwight, of Hatfield.

Their children were—

Mary⁶, born Feb. 1, 1753; died in 1802.

Nancy⁶, or Anna, born 1754; died in 1797.

Mary⁶ was married to Hon. Samuel Lyman.

Nancy⁶ was married, in 1786, to Col. Joseph Williams, and died without issue.

Col. Charles⁵, or Doctor more usually called, died Aug. 9, 1783, aged 64 years.

Anna, his widow, died Dec. 22, 1802.