

His wife dying ———, he married 12 May, 1726, Abiel Withington, and had :

19. vii. WILLIAM,* b. 24 April, 1727.

20. viii. JOHN,* b. 26 Dec. 1733.

Comfort Foster died 30 Jan. 1735-6. Abiel Foster died 23 March, 1810, aged 90.

FIFTH GENERATION.

As a further proof of the contracted increase of the name, I note that the male Fosters descended from Capt. Hopestill were five sons, five grandsons and eight great-grandsons.

14. HOPESTILL⁵ FOSTER of Boston, bookseller.*

15. SAMUEL⁶ FOSTER of Boston, periwig-maker, published 8 March, 1721-2, to Rachel Kneeland, undoubtedly was married to her, as a deed in 1724 (Suffolk Deeds, vol. 36, fol. 68) mentions him and wife Rachel.

16. Capt. JAMES⁶ FOSTER, Jr., of Dorchester, married 4 July, 1754, Mary Robinson, and had :

i. ELIZABETH,* b. 18 March, 1755; d. 28 July, 1775. ii. JAMES,* b. 15 Jan. 1757; d. 17 April, 1771. iii. STEPHEN,* b. 17 Oct. 1758. iv. MARY,* b. 8 March, 1760. v. BEULAH,* b. 8 Jan. 1762; d. 28 May, 1782. vi. JOHN,* b. 18 May, 1764; d. 11 Sept. 1765. vii. SUSANNAH,* b. 27 April, 1766. viii. RUTH,* b. 6 June, 1768; d. 7 Aug. 1788. ix. BENJAMIN,* b. 18 April, 1770.

Capt. James Foster died 4 June, 1771, in his 40th year.

17. HOPESTILL⁵ FOSTER of Boston married, 2 Nov. 1769, Susanna, daughter of David Wood of Charlestown, and had :

21. i. BENJAMIN WOOD,* b. 14 July, 1770.
 ii. JAMES,* b. 7 Feb. 1772; d. unm. 1800.
 iii. SUSANNA,* b. 18 April, 1774; m. John Adams of Medford.
 iv. DAVID,* b. 30 April, 1776; d. 26 Sept. 1777.
 v. SARAH,* b. 18 Feb. 1778; m. Thomas Forbes of Groton.

22. vi. HOPESTILL,* b. 14 Aug. 1780; m. Susan Sawyer, and d. Aug. 1810.
 vii. RUTH,* b. 28 Sept. 1783; m. Nathan H. Bartlett.

23. viii. JOHN HANCOCK,* b. 30 May, 1788.

Hopestill Foster died Dec. 1801. (Boston records.)

* Suffolk Deeds, vol. 50, p. 55, dated 4 Jan., 1734-5, Elisha Foster and Elizabeth to our brother Hopestill Foster, bookseller, executor of our mother Elizabeth Foster, widow and shopkeeper. Mary Foster sells her rights to her brother Hopestill Foster, bookseller, by deed of 1 Sept., 1836, Snf. Deeds, vol. 54, fol. 3.