

GENEALOGY

OF

FULLER FAMILIES.

ROBERT FULLER, of Salem, Mass., according to the best evidence at our command, came from Southampton, England, in ship *Bevis* in the year 1638.

He was progenitor of many Fuller families of New England, and was one of eight early settlers of America by the name of Fuller who are

ANCESTRAL HEADS

of a large and worthy progeny, wide-spread over the United States and in Canada.

To ascertain the special consanguinity of these eight ancestral Fullers would necessitate a research in the records of England. Dr. Samuel and Edward of the "*Mayflower*" were brothers, and the ethnological evidences forcibly favor a common origin not very far remote.

The eight ancestral Fullers are:

DR. SAMUEL, and his brother Edward, of the *Mayflower*, 1620.

JOHN, of Ipswich, Mass., and William, of Hampton, N. H., who came in 1634.

THOMAS, of Dedham, and John, of Newton, Mass., who came in 1635.

ROBERT, of Salem, and Thomas, of Woburn, Mass., who came in 1638.

ROBERT, of Dorchester, afterward of Dedham, Mass., who came in 1640.

William, of Hampton, N. H., left no children, his property was inherited by the children of his brother John, of Ipswich. The numerous descendants of the eight ancestral heads are found, almost universally, to exhibit an intelligence, a high moral tone, a spirit of thrifty independence and enterprise, which has marked them as worthy sons of their pilgrim fathers, whose high toned principles were ever regarded as dearer than life itself.

Ancestral ROBERT FULLER made his early residence in Salem, Mass. He purchased or held rights in land in Rehoboth in 1645, but remained in Salem, as shown by deeds in which he signs himself as "brick-layer of Salem," until about 1668, when a division of land was made in Rehoboth and a settlement established.

In 1676 the Indians attacked Rehoboth and burned the houses of the settlement. Robert Fuller having lost his wife and two sons and home returned to Salem, where he remained until 1696, having in the meantime married his second wife, Widow Margaret Waller, with whom he again settled in Rehoboth in 1696, and where he died May 10, 1706.