

THE NEW ENGLAND ANCESTRY OF LYMAN J. GAGE,  
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY IN PRESIDENT  
McKINLEY'S CABINET.

THOMAS<sup>1</sup> GAGE, mariner. The first mention of this pioneer which appears in any record seems to be in a record of burials at Yarmouth, Mass., for the year 1650, which recites that "a son of Thomas Gage was drowned in a well; aged about a year and a half." He married Johanna Knight\* (before 1648); a daughter of William Knight of Salem and Lynn. We are informed† that this "William Knight was a mason, and a deacon of a dissenting congregation in England; that he came over with one Hathorne and others for the enjoyment of the liberty of his conscience; that he had a house plastered on the outside with plaster of Paris and estate in lands in England; also the liberty of killing deer and rabbits in a certain park there."

January 21, 1650-1, there was filed in the Suffolk Registry of Probate, an inventory of the estate of one Robert Button, and in a list headed "small debts" appears the name of Thomas Gaige. In 1655, Josiah Hallét and Thomas Gage were charged with profaning the Lord's Day by putting forth to sea from Sandwich harbor on that day.‡

In 1655, there was recorded in the Registry of Deeds at Salem, Lib. 2, fol. 52, a release from Thomas Gaige, in which he acknowledges payment and releases his mother-in-law Elizabeth Knight and her second husband, Allen Breed, from a legacy of forty shillings given to his wife, Joanna, in the will of her father, William Knight.

In 1657, he appears in a list of twenty-two names from Yarmouth who take the "oath of fidelitie."

March 26, 1675-6, in a fight near Seekenk; Capt. Michael Peirce was slain and fifty-one Englishmen more with him and eleven Indians that assisted him, and there escaped of the whole company not above seven or eight English.§ A letter written by a clergyman at this time gives the names of those who were killed in this fight, and among the men were five from Yarmouth; and of the five, three were John Gage, William Gage and Henry Gage.¶ April 29, 1676, a rate was laid at Yarmouth towards the charge of the late war (King Philip's war), in which the only Gage that appears is Thomas Gage, who is assessed a rate of £2. 6. 9.¶ As young men are always chosen for war, and as there appears only one Gage in the tax-list of Yarmouth for this year, it may fairly be inferred that Thomas was the head of the Gage family in Yarmouth; and John, Henry and William were his sons.

April 18, 1735, the legislature made a grant of seven townships, Narragansett townships, so-called, to such of the survivors of King Philip's war and their heirs, as could prove their claim, 120 to a township, 840 in all.

\* Essex So. Dist. Deeds, Lib. 2, fol. 52.

† Deposition in perpetuum of Martha Williams. Historical Collections of the Essex Institute, vol. ii., p. 162.

‡ Freeman's History of Cape Cod, vol. ii., p. 186.

§ Mass. Archives, vol. lxxviii., p. 191.

¶ Rev. Noah Newman, Rehoboth; Bodge, Soldiers in King Philip's War, p. 350.

¶ Freeman's History of Cape Cod, p. 185.

Thomas, Surgeon of King Philip 1675. 1666-7-8 See  
Pierce's Colonial Lists p. 20

Thomas 14 Oct 1667 one of jury of 12 at inquest  
upon death of child of Nicholas McCarrison