

## JOHN GAY, OF DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> GAY emigrated to America about 1630. He settled first at Watertown, and was a grantee in the Great Dividends and in the Beaver Brook plowlands, owning altogether forty acres. He was admitted freeman May 6, 1635. With others of Watertown he was one of the founders of the plantation at Dedham, his name appearing on the petition for incorporation Sept. 6, 1636, and among the original proprietors of lands. He was one of the selectmen, 1654. He died March 4, 1688. Joanna, his wife, died Aug. 14, 1691. She is said in family tradition to have been widow Baldwicke before her marriage to John Gay. His will in the Suffolk records, dated Dec. 18, 1686, was proved Dec. 17, 1689, his wife Joanna and son John being the executors. His estate was valued in the inventory at £91 5s. 8d. His children were:

2. i. SAMUEL, b. March 10, 1639; d. April 15, 1718.
- ii. HEZEKIAH, b. July 3, 1640; d. Nov. 28, 1669.
3. iii. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 11, 1643; d. Feb. 20, 1712.
- iv. JOANNA, b. March 23, 1645; married, first, Nathaniel Whiting, Jr.; married, second, John Ware, of Wrentham, Jan. 1680.
4. v. ELIEZER, b. June 25, 1647; d. April 13, 1728. (Wrongly called Ebenezer by Savage.)
- vi. ABIEL, b. April 23, 1649; married Daniel Hawes, Feb. 23, 1677.
- vii. JUDITH (called Judah in her father's will), b. April 23, 1649 (twin); married John Fuller, Feb. 8, 1672.
5. viii. JOHN, b. May 6, 1651; d. Nov. 19, 1731.
6. ix. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 1, 1653.
- x. HANNAH, b. Oct. 16, 1656; d. Feb. 26, 1660.
- xi. ELIZABETH, date and place of birth unknown; married Richard Martin, 1660 (see *Reg. ante*, vol. xix. 169); not mentioned in her father's will.

2. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> (*John*<sup>2</sup>), b. March 10, 1639; married, Nov. 23, 1661, Mary, daughter of Edward Bridge, of Roxbury. He received, under his father's will, that portion of land near Medfield, granted by the town in the division of lands. He was one of the selectmen, 1698. He d. April 15, 1718; his wife d. April 13, 1718. They had:

- i. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 4, 1663.
- ii. EDWARD, b. April 13, 1666; lived in Wrentham; married, March 25, 1688, Rebecca Fisher. He d. Dec. 23, 1730. He had:—1. *Mary*,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1689. 2. *Rebecca*,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 19, 1690; m. John Hills, Feb. 2, 1726. 3. *Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> b. July 30, 1692. 4. *Hannah*,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 4, 1694. 5. *Edward*,<sup>4</sup> b. July 2, 1696; m. Rachel Puffer, June 14, 1722. 6. *Jemima*,<sup>4</sup> m. Moses Haven.
7. iii. JOHN, b. June 25, 1668; d. June 17, 1758.
- iv. HEZEKIAH, b. May 10, 1670.
8. v. TIMOTHY, b. Sept. 15, 1674; d. May 26, 1719.