

His first wife, according to Mr. Savage, was wrongly named on the Custom house records; certainly the mother of his children whose baptisms are found recorded at Salem, was Mary. Her maiden name and the date of her death have not been ascertained. He afterwards married Catherine ———, whose surname is not given, but we may conclude that she was the widow of Mr. William Clarke (before referred to) who in 1645 was "chosen to keepe the ordinarie in Salem." Otherwise I know not how to account for his being in possession of the well known Clarke's Farm; which is described in the following grants: "By the Towne in generall the 19th of 4^{mo}, 1637" * * * * "Agreed that M^r. Clark shall haue 200 acres by the sear pound (pond) not exeeding 20 acres medow; to be Laid out according to the discretion of the Layers out." "At a meeting the 13 of the 12 moneth 1642. Granted to Will^m Clarke 60 acres of land in leiw of that land w^{ch} hath lost by the laying out of Lyn bounds being within the Lymitts of Lyn though laid out by Salem. The sixty acres are to be laid out by the towne of that land that lyeth South from M^r Downyngs great medow towards M^r Johnsons land." "The 13th of the 8th m^o 1649." * * * * "Granted vnto M^r Gedney the land and medow w^{ch} was taken from M^r Clarkes ffarme by the men of the towne of Lin." This farm lies within the present borders of the town of Peabody (recently known as South Danvers and more anciently as the Middle Precinct of Salem) close to the borders of Lynnfield and near the well known farm granted to Col. John Humphrey. Mr. Clarke and wife Catherine had, among other children, only two (daughters) who seem to have survived him, viz., Susanna and Hannah, who became the wives of two of the sons of their step-father Mr. Gedney, viz., John Gedney, jr., and Bartholomew Gedney. John Ged-