

Mary Pateshall * 2d June, 1678, and had issue, as will appear, by both wives. He was a ship builder and lived in Ruck's Village, as that region south of Norman St. and east of Summer St., running down thence to the creek and river, was often called. His mansion house stood on High Street near Summer Street and nearly opposite that of his brother Bartholomew, while his ship-yard was down by the creek, say between the present easterly ends of High and Creek Streets, opposite the Eastern R. R. grounds. This neighborhood was for a time the home of the ship-building interest of Salem and, from the noise of the caulkers' and ship-builders' hammers, received the vulgar name of Knocker's Hole, by which it is still oftentimes called, although the bed of the creek has long ago been filled in and built upon and no trace remains to indicate the business once so actively carried on here.

Mr. Eleazer Gedney dying intestate (29th April, 1683) the Worshipful William Browne and Bartholomew Gedney, Esqs., Assistants, granted letter of administration on his estate, 14th May, 1683, to his widow Mrs. Mary Gedney, who appeared in Court 25th Nov., 1684, and desired "a settlement of y^e s^d estate w^{ch} according to Inventory by her presented amounted unto two hundred & fifty pounds clear of debts There being 7 children now liveing of the s^d Mr Eleazer Gidney. For the settlement of the s^d estate This Court doth order & decree That the widow M^{rs} Mary Gidney shal have fifty pounds of the s^d estate to be wholly her own and at her own disposal & y^t y^e eldest sone Eleazer Gidney shal have a duple portion in proportion w^t y^e rest of the children w^{ch} amounts fifty pounds and he to have it in houseing or lands according to apprizal in s^d Inventory . y^t y^e rest of y^e children six in

* She may have been a daughter of Edmund Pateshall of Pemaquid. "1680, 2 May Mary wife of Deacon Gidney from Boston." [Ch. Rec.]