

number shal have each of y^m twenty five pounds to be pd to y^m as they come of age or shall chuse guardians according to the liberty in law or be married," etc., etc. "The names of the children being Eleazer, Elizabeth, Ruth, Mary, Ebenezer, Edmund and Martha." Eleazer Gedney, shipwright, acknowledges, 28 Oct., 1690, to have "received of my mother M^{rs} Mary Gedney Relict & Administratrix of the estate of my father deceaced twoe parcels of Land situate in Salem that was part of the estate of my said Father as by deeds of Sale Appeares I doe here by declare that I doe Accept the same In full sattisfaction of my portion of my fathers Estate assigned by the County Court & the portion Assigned to my sister Mary Gidney," etc. .

Mrs. Gedney rendered to the Court 9th Dec., 1699, an account of her administration, among the items being "soe much Disburst on Ebenezer Gidney in y^e Time of his sickness & fluneral &c as p acctt — 16^s-12-00." The other children are named as then alive.

Mr. Ebenezer Gardner of Salem in his will of 3d Feb., 1684, bequeathed to Ruth Gedney ten pounds "lent to her father & now in her mother's hands"; and there is on file in the Registry of Probate for Essex County a bond of Mary Gedney, widow, etc., to pay Habakkuk Gardner "the sum of 10^s at or before 20th Nov., 1701, which is for the like sum of ten pounds due from my s^d Husbands estate to Ruth Gedney, the now wife of s^d Habbakuk Gardner by guift from her unkle Ebenezer Gardner unto whom the s^d sum was justly due from s^d Estate." In what way Mr. Ebenezer Gardner was uncle to Ruth Gedney I cannot yet explain.

Eleazer Gedney,* the eldest son by the first wife, re-

* He probably left posterity in New York; for a Capt. Gedney's house is spoken of in an account of the operations of the combined French and American armies about New York, published in a recent number of *The Magazine of American History*.