

boy's grandaunt, Madam Anne Bradstreet, widow, relict of the Hon. Simon Bradstreet, Esq., Governor of the Colony; the sureties on the bond of guardianship being Paul Dudley, Esq., and Mr. Jonathan Waldo, of Boston. Madam Bradstreet was a daughter* of Emanuel Downing, Esq., a lawyer of the Inner Temple, London, afterwards of Salem, by his wife Lucy, dau. of Adam Winthrop, Esq., of Groton, Co. Suffolk, England, and sister of Gov. John Winthrop of Massachusetts. Her relationship to the Gedney family was only through her first marriage, to Lieut. Joseph Gardner (killed in the famous swamp fight at Narraganset, 19 Dec., 1675) who was a brother to Samuel Gardner, the father of Mrs. Gedney.

Young Bartholomew Gedney removed to Boston very early and married, 1st Abigail Mason, 15 Sept., 1720, 2d Mary Webber, 25 July, 1723, 3d Hannah Danforth, 23 Oct., 1729, and 4th (and last) Sarah Johnson, 28 Oct., 1731, and he had issue by each of these wives. The parentage of his first wife is shewn in a deed, of 16 Feb., 1720-1, recorded in the Registry of Deeds of Suffolk County, by which Bartholomew Gedney of Boston and wife Abigail, and Thomas Gould of Westerly, Rhode Island, and wife Mary, convey to Samuel Gibbon of Boston certain real estate at the south end of Boston, formerly belonging to Samuel Mason, grandfather to the said Abigail and Mary; and Sarah Allen, relict of John Mason and mother of the grantors, releases her right of

*Her brother, George Downing, born in London, was fitted for college in Salem by the Rev. John Fiske, was a graduate of Harvard College in the first class (1642), went to England and became in 1645 a chaplain in the regiment of Okey, who was afterwards one of the regicide judges. Coming into favor with Cromwell, he was made resident minister at the Hague. In 1654 he married Frances Howard, granddaughter of the fourth Duke of Norfolk and sister of Charles, Viscount Morpeth and first Earl of Carlisle. By the King he was made a baronet, 1 July, 1663, by the style of Sir George Downing of Gamlingay in Co. Cambridge. His grandson, Sir George Downing, dying without issue, left to the University of Cambridge a bequest which became the foundation of Downing College.