

to a majority in the 59th Regiment, as a reward for his bravery, and died October 10, 1784. His widow died 21 August, 1821, aged 68 years. In Book 130, Leaves 141-3 of Registry of Deeds for Essex County, appears record of conveyance made to him, 30 June, 1769, by his cousin, the Honorable Gedney Clarke of the Parish of St. Michael, Island of Barbados, Esq., referring to a deed made, 29 Jan., 1746, by John Clarke of Salem, Esq. (since deceased), to his brother Gedney Clarke of Barbados, Esq., etc. The recital continues as follows: "Whereas the aforesaid Gedny Clarke hath since departed this life having first made & published his last will & testament &c and appointed his son the said Gedney Clarke party to these presents an Ex^{tr} and his residuary legatee * * * and whereas the said Gedney Clarke hath agreed to sell and dispose of the said lands houses &c * * * * to John Clarke at present of this Island Esquire, eldest son of the aforesaid John Clarke deceased Now Know Ye that the said Gedney Clarke eldest son and heir at law Executor and residuary Devisee of the aforesaid Gedney Clarke dec'd," etc., etc. Then follows the usual form of conveyance and a description of the premises, well known in Salem as the Clarke House and land on the north side of Essex Street, being a part of the old homestead of Deliverance Parkman (and before him of Hilliard Veren), at the eastern corner of North and Essex Streets. This afterwards became the homestead of their kinswoman, Mrs. Deborah Anderson, whose daughter, Miss Mary Anderson, still lives in one of the tenements of the brick block erected on its site by the late Michael Shepard, Esq.

Major Clarke had one son, viz. :—

28 John Jones Gascon, b. abroad; was a colonel in the British Service, died in England, unmarried, and his aunt, Mrs. Deborah F. Anderson, inherited his estate.