

fields, although working industriously, probably succeeded in raising little else than "olive branches." No wonder, then, that our Samuel, cautious and plodding, no doubt, did not take unto himself a wife until he was forty-three years of age.

Dec. 14, 1749, he was married to Joyce (Newcomb) Jones, widow of —— Jones of Springfield.

She was daughter of Joseph and Joyce (Butler) Newcomb of Edgartown. Her father, Joseph Newcomb, was the son of Andrew and Anna (Bayze) Newcomb, married about 1680. Her mother, Joyce Butler, was daughter of Capt. John Butler of Edgartown, a son of Nicholas Butler, who came from Eastwell, Kent, Eng., and was styled "yeoman." He, like John Glover, was one of the early settlers of Dorchester.

Naturally, as our Samuel Glover lived in the stirring times of the early days of the Revolution (although he must have been fully seventy years of age when that first gun was fired at Lexington), we wish valiant deeds might have been his record, yet all we have upon which to feed our patriotic craving for fame, is Dr. Stebbins's graphic account (in that same address at Wilbraham) of the "Lexington alarm" as it spread through the little hillside village, and probably this is largely supposition.

He says:

"On the 20th (April, 1775) just as the sun was passing the meridian, a rider was seen coming down the Bay Road at full speed, his horse dripping and smoking with sweat, who barely checked his pace before Samuel Glover's door, and announced