

- vi. REBECCA, bap. Jan. 5, 1723, St. Michael's Church, Bristol; d. March 25, 1725.
 vii. NATHAN, b. Bristol, Jan. 8, 1725-6; bap. Jan. 30, 1725-6, St. Michael's Church.
 viii. DEBORAH, bap. Sept. 24, 1732, St. Michael's Church.

Administration of estate of Jabez⁸ Gorham given to Aaron Bourne, March 10, 1745-6.*

Otis, in his "Notes on Barnstable Families,"† confuses Jabez² and Jabez.⁵ The former, he states, "married twice, the mother of his ten children being his first wife, Hannah." And again, "He was 88 years of age when he married his second wife, Mary Maxwell."

But Otis, himself, questioned the fact of this second marriage, for he adds, "If the date of the marriage which I have is reliable, its accuracy may well be doubted."

These long standing errors, as to the age and second marriage of Jabez,² are proved as such beyond a doubt by the preceding records.

5. BENJAMIN⁸ GORHAM (*Jabez*,² *John*¹), born Dec. 11, 1695; died between Oct. 18, 1771, and Feb. 1, 1772.‡ Married Bethiah, daughter of David Cary, of Bristol.§ She probably died before 1753, when Benjamin signed a deed alone.¶ He was no doubt the first Gorham to settle in Providence.

Children:

- i. BENJAMIN,⁸ b. Aug. 22, 1718, bap. Aug. 5, 1722, Christ Church, Bristol.¶
 - ii. BETHIAH, b. Oct. 10, —; bap. Aug. 5, 1722, Christ Church, Bristol;¶ m. Jan. 19, 1738, Abner Brown of Providence.
 - iii. SARAH, b. Sept. 15, 1723; bap. Nov. 24, 1723, at Christ Church, Bristol; m. March 14, 1745, at Providence, Rowland Taylor.
 - iv. ELIZABETH, bap. Jan. 21, 1727-8, at Christ Church, Bristol; d. Sept. 3, 1786; m. Feb. 21, 1748, at Providence, Thomas Grainger, who was b. Sept. 23, 1725.
6. v. JABEZ.
 vi. SAMUEL.
 vii. JEMIMA, m. Nov. 26, 1749, Joseph Owens.
 (For will of Benjamin Gorham,⁸ see page 7.)

6. JABEZ⁴ GORHAM (*Benjamin*,² *Jabez*,² *John*¹). He married Oct. 4, 1753, Abigail Field, born Jan. 27, 1730, daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail (Waterman) Field. (The proof of this generation will be discussed later.)

Children:

7. i. JABEZ,⁸ b. July 15, 1760; d. May 27, 1802.
- ii. SAMUEL, m. May 10, 1807, Sarah Calder.
- iii. JOHN, buried Jan. 21, 1759.

7. JABEZ⁵ GORHAM (*Jabez*,⁴ *Benjamin*,² *Jabez*,² *John*¹), born July 15, 1760; died May 27, 1802; married Oct. 26, 1783, Catharine Tyler, born November, 1762; died March 29, 1807.

* Taunton Probate Records. vol. xi., p. 113.

† Vol. i., p. 425.

‡ Benjamin Gorham, of Providence, sells land to Esek Hopkins of N. Prov., Oct. 8, 1771. Deed acknowledged, Oct. 18, 1771. Prov. Deeds, vol. xx., p. 1. Will of Benjamin Gorham, dated May 14, 1764; sworn to by witnesses, Feb. 1, 1772. Prov. Wills, vol. vi., p. 39.

§ Benjamin Gorham and wife, Bethiah Gorham, of Bristol, sell land left to Bethiah by "her father, the late David Cary, of Bristol," to Shubal Norton, of Bristol, July 9, 1726. Taunton Register of Deeds, vol. xvii., p. 153.

¶ Providence Register of Deeds, vol. xiii., p. 368.

‡ REGISTER, vol. xxxiv., p. 263.