

(5) Jabez⁴ Gorham of Providence sells land to George Payson. Deed signed by Jabez Gorham and Abigail Gorham, "wife of said Jabez Gorham," Dec. 20, 1763; acknowledged, April 7, 1764; recorded, April 25, 1764.*

(6) Jabez⁴ Gorham of Providence sells land to Benjamin Thurber, Aug. 17, 1778. Deed signed by Jabez Gorham "and wife," Abigail Gorham.† This is the last mention found in the records of Jabez and Abigail.

It is clearly evident from the foregoing: First, that Benjamin⁶ makes no mention of a son, Benjamin, or of any of his descendants, either by deed or will; and second, that it was Jabez⁴, and not Benjamin⁴, who married Abigail Field. Indeed, the only wonder is that such an error was ever incorporated in this line of descent and that it has been so long uncontested. There is, in fact, no other record of an Abigail Field who married a Gorham, in Providence or elsewhere.

In this connection the following communication from Mr. Frank W. Sprague—who has himself examined all the evidence submitted in this article—will prove valuable and suggestive: "I have made a personal search at Bristol, Taunton and Providence, and there is absolutely no trace of Benjamin⁴, or of his children or grandchildren. We know that he was born, but there is no record of him in Providence. I believe the truth is that he died young and unmarried."

In conclusion we subjoin some notes of another branch of the Gorham family.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

(Data supplied by Mr. HENRY S. GORHAM.)

4. ISAAC⁸ (*Jabez*,² *John*,¹), born Feb. 1, 1689; died, 1739–40; married first, Mary ———, who died Sept. 11, 1716; married second, Aug. 6, 1717,‡ Hannah Miles, daughter of Richard Miles of New Haven, Conn.§

Children of Isaac⁸ and Mary, born in Bristol:

10. i. ISAAC,⁴ b. May 28, 1713; d. Dec. 1, 1760; bap.|| July 10, 1715, at Christ Church, Bristol.
ii. HEZEKIAH, b. Feb. 1714–5; d. Dec. 15, 1715; bap.|| July 10, 1715, at Christ Church, Bristol.

Children of Isaac⁸ and Hannah, born in New Haven:

- iii. JOHN.
iv. MARY, b. Oct. 10, 1721.
v. TIMOTHY, b. Nov. 13, 1723.
vi. HEZEKIAH, b. Dec. 5, 1725.
vii. SAMUEL.
viii. ELIZABETH.
ix. HANNAH.

Isaac⁸ Gorham bought lands in New Haven, March 1, 1719–20. He is described as "cooper."¶ He was admitted an inhabitant of the town, Dec. 26, 1720. On May 18, 1725, he gave a receipt for his portion of his father's estate. See page 4 of Providence Notes.

* Providence Register of Deeds, vol. xviii., p. 84.

† Providence Register of Deeds, vol. xx., p. 149.

‡ New Haven Records, vol. i., p. 89.

§ Will of Lieut. Richard Miles of New Haven, dated Jan. 24, 1756. "The remainder and residue of my estate I give, devise and bequeath to my two daughters, Elizabeth Thompson and Mary Gilbert and to the heirs of my daughter Hannah Gorham, deceased." (New Haven Probate Records, Book 8, p. 560.)

|| REGISTER, vol. xxxiv., p. 260.

¶ New Haven Town Records, Book 5, p. 389.