

while there was also a John Spare; and in 1746 a "John Spear" less than 16 years old, while there was a John Spare 9 years old. A petition is held by the writer for an article in the warrant for the remission of a tax paid by John Billings for the former, "he not being 16 years of age." It does not seem probable that this was John Spare, who, at his tender age, would not be living away from home—or, if so, could be mistaken for a boy actually 16.

• OTHER SPARES THAN OURS IN THIS COUNTRY.—There is in Pennsylvania, especially Montgomery County, a much more numerous colony of Spares than ours. By a letter of enquiry addressed by the compiler to the editor of the Pottsville *Emporium*, in 1854, a letter was received from Charles G. Spare, of Garwood, Montgomery County, saying that his great-grandfather and great-grandmother (names not given) came from Germany about 1730 or 1732. His son Leonard, the grandfather of Charles, located at Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pa. Leonard's sons were Philip, Nathan, Jonas (Charles' father), William and Samuel. Philip had three sons, Nathan eleven sons and two daughters, Jonas four sons and two daughters. In 1854 there were 200 persons of this name in said county alone. Some of these two stocks have occasionally encountered each other. The name is said to be not very rare in England and Germany. In Voltaire's *Life of Charles XII* we read of Count Axel Sparre.

CHRIST CHURCH IN BOSTON.—This was established in 1723, and the same structure and service in it remain to this day. The tower (probably the upper part) was blown over in 1804 and rebuilt. The church is on an elevated site in the north part of the city, and is celebrated as being the tower from which the lantern signal was displayed on the occasion of the embarkation of the British on the night of April 18, 1775, for the Charlestown shore—a signal to Paul Revere, already on that shore, ready to make his historical ride.* During the late centennial review of these historical points, there was much discussion in the Boston papers whether this was the church, there being another claimant in the field. After the subject was well canvassed, a conviction in its favor put the matter at rest, and the City Council voted \$1100 to defray the expense of lettering and placing on its front a memorial tablet commemorating the lantern signal in appropriate words. The original Christ Church

* Read Longfellow's poem, "Paul Revere's Ride."

England (information from a descendant)

Germany