

THE SOMERBY FAMILY.

This family is traced back with certainty to HENRY SOMERBY of Little Bytham, Lincolnshire, England, who died in 1609, leaving widow Margaret, and son RICHARD SOMERBY, who died at Little Bytham 1 March, 1639; his children were:

- i. Anthony, bapt. at Little Bytham 16 August, 1610. 3
- ii. Henry, bapt. at Little Bytham 17 March, 1612; came to New England in 1639, and settled at Newbury; Freeman 18 May, 1642; m. Judith, daughter of Edmund Greenleaf of Newbury, by whom he had four children, of whom two daughters became his eventual coheirs; d. 2 October, 1652; she m. secondly 2 March, 1653, Tristram Coffin of Newbury, and d. 15 December, 1705.

3. III. ANTHONY SOMERBY, elder son of Richard, born at Little Bytham in 1610; graduated at Clare Hall, Cambridge, 1635; came to New England in 1639, and settled at Newbury; m. Abigail ———; was Freeman of the Colony of Massachusetts 18 May, 1642; was for some time schoolmaster at Newbury, and in 1647 was appointed Clerk of the Writs as well as Town-clerk; was a signer of the petition of 1666; he died 31 July, 1686; she died 3 June, 1673. His will is printed page 2. Child:

- i. Abiel, b. at Newbury 8 September, 1641. 4

4. IV. ABIEL SOMERBY, only child of Anthony, born at Newbury 8 September, 1641; married 13 November, 1661, Rebecca, daughter of Richard Knight; was a signer of the petition of 1666; Freeman 19 May, 1669; died 27 December, 1671; she married secondly, 28 April, 1691, Nicholas Wallis of Ipswich, and died? in 1719. Children, born at Newbury:

- i. Henry, b. 13 September, 1662; m. 26 June, 1683, Mary, daughter of Samuel Moody of Newbury; d. 24 November, 1723.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. 20 December, 1664; m. 29 March, 1689, Daniel Moody of Newbury.
- iii. Abiel, b. 21 August, 1667; m. 26 January, 1693, Jane, daughter of Samuel Brocklebank of Rowley, by whom he had several children; d. 8 January, 1744; she d. 26 July, 1728.
- iv. Abigail, b. 25 January, 1670. 5
 - { Anthony, b. 12 June, 1672, (posthumous); m. in 1696, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Heard of Ipswich, by whom he had several children; d. 16 September, 1759.
 - { Rebecca, b. 12 June, 1672, (posthumous); m. John Kant of Newbury.

5. V. ABIGAIL SOMERBY, fourth child of Abiel, born at Newbury 25 January, 1670; married 2 July, 1691, Edmund Greenleaf.