

"Richard Fyrmyrn, of Sudbury, Co. Suffolk, made will dated November 2d, 1616; names wife Margaret, sons of his brother, William, deceased; four sons and daughters of brother, Thomas, deceased; daughter of brother, Nicholas; devises certain amount to daughter of brother, John; to Joseph Firmyn, of Nayland, tanner; to John Firmyn, clerk, son of John Firmyn, of Forerth; to Gyles and Thomas, sons of Thomas Firman, deceased; to his brother, Roger; to kinsman, John Firmyn, of Hadley, England, shoemaker; brother, Nicholas; kinsman, Christopher Furmyrn, and kinsman, Joseph Furmyrn."

The parish register of Sudbury, Co. Suffolk, contains the family record from 1569 to 1615 of Edward, John and Richard Fyrmin. Various other abstracts from wills might be cited of the English Firmins, but those given must suffice.

There was a Josiah Firmin at Boston in 1640, and John Firmin at Watertown in 1630; the latter, according to Savage, perhaps went home and came again from Ipswich, in Suffolk, in the Elizabeth, 1634, aged 46; they may have been, and probably were, the sons of the first testator cited above.

There was a Giles Firmin, an apothecary of Sudbury, who came to Boston in 1630, was deacon of the church, and died in 1634. His son, Giles, born in Suffolk and educated at Cambridge, lived some time at Ipswich, Mass., and returned to England in 1654 and became rector at Shalforn, Co. Essex; removed thence, in 1662, to Ridgewell, where he died April, 1699.

Thomas Firmin took freeman's oath in Boston, May 22d, 1639. He was a merchant and had a large property. He died in 1648, survived by his wife, Sarah.

JOHN FIRMIN, OF WATERTOWN, MASS.

I have made diligent search for the emigrant ancestor of our John Firman, of Enfield, but, although I have failed to prove the fact, I am strongly of the opinion, shared with Savage in the Genealogical Dictionary, that he was John Firman, of Watertown, for which reason the various accounts recorded of him are given in this connection.

Bond says, in his history of Watertown, "John Firman came over in 1630 and settled in Watertown, where his wigwam was burned November 10th, 1630. He was admitted a freeman May 18th,