

ed in the community, and he doubtless would have attained still further distinction had not his useful career been arrested by his death, Dec. 5, 1737, while still in the prime of life. Mrs. Vernon died March 5, 1721-2, æ. 37 years. Their gravestones, bearing the family arms, are still in the Newport cemetery. Children :

- i. ANN, b. Jan. 23, 1707-8; d. Sept. 23, 1782; m. Mr. Sanford; had one son Samuel, secretary of the Newport Insurance Co.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 4, 1709; m. Capt. Elnathan Hammond, of Newport, merchant.
4. iii. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 6, 1711.
- iv. ESTHER, b. Aug. 20, 1713; spinster.
- v. DANIEL, b. Aug. 20, 1716; freeman 1738; descendants still reside in Newport.
- vi. THOMAS, b. May 31, 1718; m. Sept. 9, 1741, Jane, dau. of John Brown, merchant, of Newport. She d. April 29, 1765, æ. 43 yrs. He next m. May 20, 1766, Mary Mears, who d. Aug. 1767. He was a merchant of the firm of Grant & Vernon; was royal postmaster at Newport from 1745 to 1775; register of the court of vice-admiralty twenty years; secretary of the Redwood Library, and senior warden of Trinity Church. He was a tory, the only one of the family, and suffered eight months imprisonment on account of his tory principles. He wrote a journal of his captivity, now in possession of the Newport Historical Society. His house was on the west side of Division Street. He died in 1784 without issue.
5. vii. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 17, 1719.
- viii. MARY, b. Dec. 23, 1721; d. May 17, 1770.

4. SAMUEL⁴ VERNON (*Samuel³, Daniel³, Samuel³*), born Sept. 6, 1711; m. Amey, daughter of Governor Richard Ward. She d. Jan. 17, 1792, in her 75th year. He was a prominent Newport merchant; long a member of the house of S. & W. Vernon. His house was the old Olyphant house on Church Street, still owned by his descendant, Mrs. E. De W. Thayer. He died July 6, 1792. Their gravestones are standing. Children :

- i. ELIZABETH, b. April 24, 1738; m. Capt. Valentine Whightman.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 3, 1739; died the following Saturday night.
- iii. AMEY, b. Sept. 12, 1741; d. Aug. 28, 1742.
- iv. MARY, b. Feb. 17, 1742-3; m. Nov. 26, 1760, Christopher Ellery, an eminent merchant of Newport and a revolutionary patriot. He was a son of Deputy Gov. William Ellery, and brother of William Ellery, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was Deputy in the Colonial Assembly, a Judge of the County Court, and an Assistant of the Colony. He was chairman of the committee of arrangement appointed by the town of Newport to receive Washington on the occasion of his first visit to Newport, and entertained the distinguished guest at his residence. Children :—1. *Elizabeth Almy⁶ Ellery*, b. March 24, 1764. 2. *Benjamin⁶ Ellery*. 3. *Christopher⁶ Ellery*, b. Nov. 1, 1768. 4. *Samuel⁶ Ellery*, b. Sept. 29, 1770. 5. *Mary⁶ Ellery*, b. May 15, 1772. 6. *Margaret⁶ Ellery*, b. June 17, 1775; d. Dec. 1775.
5. v. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 17, 1744-5; d. Dec. 1, 1809.
- vi. AMEY, b. July 19, 1746; d. Aug. 18, 1746.
- vii. AMEY, b. Nov. 19, 1747; m. Samuel King, portrait painter; instructor of Allston and Malbone. Children :—1. *Samuel⁶ King*, an eminent merchant, of New York, who as early as 1803, and probably earlier, was head of the East India house of King & Talbot. He m. his cousin Harriet, dau. of Samuel Vernon. 2. *William Vernon⁶ King*, bachelor, lawyer, graduate of Brown University.
- viii. WILLIAM, b. July 21, 1749; d. September, 1749.
- ix. WILLIAM WARD, died young in Jamaica, W. I.
- x. ANN, one of the sprightliest wits of Newport colonial society; m. Oct. 23, 1786, Dr. David Olyphant, a Scottish gentleman whose devotion