

awhile at New Milford, Conn., and afterwards went to England for Episcopal orders, but died on the voyage; Rev. Seth Deane (grad. Yale College, 1738), of Rindge, N. H., and afterwards Killingly, Conn., where he died; Judge James Deane (grad. Dartmouth College, 1738), of Westmoreland, N. Y., died 1823; Prof. James Deane, LL. D. (grad. Dartmouth College, 1800), of Burlington, Vt., died 1849;\* Hon. Ezra Dean, of Wooster, Ohio, M. C. 1841-1845; Rev. David Smith, D. D., of Durham, Conn., and Dr. James Deane,† of Greenfield, Mass., a geologist who has made valuable additions to our scientific knowledge, especially concerning the foot prints of birds in the red sandstone formation of the Connecticut valley. There were many thrilling events in the life of Judge Deane, of Westmoreland. Being intended by his parents as a missionary to the indians, he was placed by them in his youth in the family of an Oneida chief, in order to learn the language and habits of that people. At a proper age he entered Dartmouth College, and after leaving it prepared himself for the ministry, and preached one or two sermons; but the revolutionary war opened to him another field of labor. "At the time that the troubles thickened between England and her American colonies, he was employed by the colony of New Hampshire to visit the Canadian indians and win them to the side of the colonies. He was in Canada when the battle of Lexington was fought, and soon after left, traversing the length of lake Champlain in a bark canoe, with an indian blanket for a sail. Soon after he entered the service of the United States States as Agent of Indian affairs, and remained so through the revolutionary war, and at its close was Interpreter in the negotiation of many Indian treaties with the tribes residing along the upper lakes."‡ An incident in his life "which furnishes a parallel to the rescue of Capt. Smith by Pocahontas, in the early days of Virginia," is graphically described by William Tracy, Esq. in his Lectures §

The following facts are known concerning John and Walter Deane, respectively, and their descendants:

(1) I. JOHN,<sup>1</sup> was born about 1600, having died between April 25 and June 7, 1660, "aged sixty years or thereabouts."|| His wife, who was named Alice, survived him, and was probably living as late as 1668, as she is mentioned in a grant of the Plymouth Court, June 1, of that year.¶ Mr. Deane was "of the grand inquest from Taunton, 1640."\*\* The following extract from his will shows that he possessed the Puritan feeling in regard to religion:

"Item, My will is that these my Overseers with the Consent of my

\* See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., III, 197.

† We are under obligations to Dr. Deane for copies of valuable early records relating to the family of James Deane, of Stonington, Conn.

‡ MSS. Letters of Hon. J. A. Spencer, of Utica, N. Y., whose wife, Electa, was a daughter of Judge Deane.

§ Tracy's Lectures, p. 16, where will be found a very full account of Judge Deane. The anecdote is copied by Stone into his Life of Brant. Did space allow we would copy it here.

|| Willis Plym., Pr. Rec. II, 61. ¶ Baylie's Plym., II, 273. \*\* Rev. S. Deane, MSS. Papers.