

He was born Jan. 24, 1666-7, and died Oct. 1, 1731, in his 65th year. His widow, Sarah, died at Norton "before midnight," Oct. 15, 1741, in her 74th year. Their children were: 1 Sarah,⁴ b. Oct. 15, 1694, died early; 2 Bethiah,⁴ b. Jan. 7, 1697, d. Oct. 12, 1778, m. Samuel Clapp, who d. June 13, 1772, in his 80th year. They were the grandparents of Hon. Asa Clapp (d. 1848), of Portland, Maine, whose daughter, Elliza W., was the wife of Hon. Levi Woodbury, one of the Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court; 3 Samuel,⁴ b. Oct. 17, 1700, m. 1st Mary Avery, 2d Rachel Dwight, 3d widow Margaret King. By Rachel he was the father of the late Rev. Samuel Deane,⁵ S. T. D., of Portland, Maine who was born at Dedham, Aug. 30, 1733, graduated at Harvard College, 1760, and in 1763 became a tutor there, which situation he retained till 1764, when he was settled at Falmouth (now Portland), Maine.* While at Cambridge he composed an English poem which, with other complimentary effusions from those connected with the University, was printed and presented to George III on his accession to the throne. "He also published several other poems, the longest of which was 'Pitchwood Hill,'" evidently suggested by Dyer's Grongar Hill. "His largest work, and one to which he was most devoted, and which will longest preserve his memory, is his 'Georgical Dictionary, or New England Farmer,' first published in 1790. Besides the foregoing works, he published an Oration, delivered July 4, 1793; an election sermon, delivered in 1794; two discourses to the young men of his parish, and some other sermons. He was a man of good personal appearance, and of grave and dignified deportment, but in hours of relaxation he was fond of indulging in social conversation, which he enlivened with pleasantry and wit."† He married in 1766, Eunice Pearson, who died Oct. 14, 1812, aged 87, without issue. He died Nov. 12, 1814, aged 81. The following is the autograph of Dr. Deane, as written in 1774.

Samuel Deane

4 William,⁴ b. Aug. 19, 1703, m. Dec. 17, 1730, Esther Avery, b. Aug. 7, 1704, d. May 9, 1773, aged 68. He d. Oct. 26, 1773, aged 71. His wife was a daughter of William Avery, who resided in the "Avery House," of which an engraving is to be seen in Barber's Hist. Coll. of Mass. Mr. Deane had, in 1728, built him a house at Mansfield, then called Norton, and originally a part of Taunton, which house is now (in 1849) standing and occupied by his descendants; but at his marriage it probably needed some preparation before it was deemed ready to receive his bride, and he returned to Norton without her. A letter written by him to her, dated "Norton, January ye 25, 1730-31," is now in the hands of one of his descendants, couched in very affectionate language, in which he says: "there has been long absence and great distance betwixt us, and I shall mind you with a return to you on Thursday, the second day of February, next." The absence of four weeks was, undoubtedly, long to him under those circumstances, and to us moderns it would be equally so; but the "great distance" of which he speaks, and which was then undoubtedly a very hard day's journey, and perhaps more than one, is now traversed by the railroad cars in less than forty minutes, there being a stopping place within a stone's throw of each of the houses. It has been said that he

* William Willis, Esq., of Portland, author of the History of that town, has published a new edition of Rev. Mr. Smith's journal, to which he has appended notes and extracts from the diary of Dr. Deane, with notices of both Dr. Deane and Mr. Smith, with engraved portraits of both. It is an octavo volume of 350 pages; it is worthy of the attention of those who may be interested in the lives of these ministers, or in the history of Portland.

† Willis's Hist. of Portland, II, 232.