

brought her home, with her fitting out, on an ox sled. A fac simile of his signature to this letter is here appended.

*William Deane*

A pair of spectacles made in 1749, which were worn by him are preserved. His son John,<sup>5</sup> married Abigail White, Sept. 18, 1769. They were the parents of Rev. Samuel Deane,<sup>6</sup> of Scituate, Mass., who graduated at Brown University, in 1805. He died Aug. 9, 1834, aged 50, after having been the pastor of the second church in that town twenty-four years, the early part of which period as colleague with Rev. Dr. Barnes. He married Stella, daughter of the Hon. Seth Washburn, of Raynham, Mass., and left one son, who removed to St. Louis, Mo., and two daughters.

"In the mind of Mr. Deane the qualities of strength and beauty were happily united. His genius was essentially poetical. An imagination exceedingly productive; a sensibility thrilling at a touch; a cultivated taste; a susceptibility to the pleasures of music rarely excelled; a true sympathy with nature and with man; these were all properties which were obvious in him upon even a very moderate degree of intimacy."<sup>7</sup> His attempts at poetical composition were not numerous. He delivered a poem entitled "The Populous Village," before the Philermenian Society of Brown University, in 1828, which was published, and also a satirical poem on "Some Literary Errors of the Age," before another literary society connected with that institution. "For history he had a decided predilection, and he indulged it. There were not many better versed than he in the colonial history of Plymouth and Massachusetts. His 'History of Scituate' affords evidence of research and talent highly respectable."<sup>8</sup> Mr. Deane had gathered much of the early genealogy of this family, and from his manuscript notes we were first induced to look further into its history, and to make more complete what he had thus begun. All the ancestors of Rev. Samuel Deane in this country, were deacons, excepting perhaps, John, the first, and all of their wills, including his, are on record.

*Samuel Deane*

A brother of Rev. Samuel Deane, Mr. Jacob Deane,<sup>9</sup> of Mansfield, who resided in the house built by his grandfather William, in 1728, married Mehitable, daughter of Rev. William Reed, of Easton, and was the father of William Reed Deane,<sup>7</sup> of Boston, one of the compilers of these notices. John Deane, another brother of the Rev. Samuel, settled in Norton, and was the father of John Deane who resided in Dedham, and was master of transportation in Boston, for the Taunton Branch Railroad. 5 Nathan,<sup>4</sup> m. Elizabeth Nicholson, who d. July 17, 1741, in her 23d year. He d. July 11, 1741, in his 37th year. 6 Isaac,<sup>4</sup> d. April 27, 1734, in his 28th year, unmarried.

(13) II. SARAH,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 9, 1668, m. Maj. Johnathan Howard, of Bridgewater.

(14) III. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. July 26, 1670, d. Aug. 6, 1670.

(15) IV. MEHITABLE,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 9, 1671, m. Joseph Willbore.

(16) V. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 18, 1674, d. July 31, 1724, in his 50th year. His widow, Hannah, d. July 15, 1748, in her 71st year.

(17) VI. ELIZABETH,<sup>3</sup> b. March 15, 1676, d. unmarried, March 15, 1749, aged 73.

\* From Obituary in Chr. Reg., Aug. 23, 1834. † Ibid.