

LANE FAMILY PAPERS.

S. G. DRAKE, ESQ.:

Dear Sir,—I am very glad to have the opportunity to call your attention to the following papers relating to the Lane Family of this vicinity. These documents are now in the custody of Mr. A. B. Cutler, of Bedford, Mass., whose father-in-law, being the lineal descendant of Job Lane, and residing on the old Lane Farm, thus preserved them from being scattered and destroyed. In this Magazine, (Oct., 1856), you published the descendants of Job Lane; these papers will show some of his relatives in England. The more curious facts elicited I judge to be the following: first, John Reyner, of Plymouth, was born at Gildersome, in Yorkshire, as was his father. Second, Rev. Peter Prudden, of Wethersfield, Conn., was Reyner's brother-in-law. Third, Reyner's children by his first wife were Jachin, Anna, who m. Job Lane; and that his niece m. Rev. Michael Wigglesworth, of Malden. Fourth, we are enabled to add much to our knowledge of the Reyners and Boys Families in England and this country, and the clue afforded may assist our English friends to trace them much farther. We find that Rev. John Reyner, Rev. Peter Prudden, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Simonds married four co-heiresses, whose property lay in Edgton and Welburn; next we find Mr. Reyner's family comprised his brothers Marmaduke and Humphrey, and sisters Mary, Hannah and Grace, who married Timothy Marshal, and also the wife of Mr. Smith of Gildersome. His niece of course was Hannah Smith, wife of John Dickenson, who writes so much to Job Lane. Mr. Middlebrook, also, has his cousin Rayner, either referring to John or Humphrey; and Matthew Boys, by the name and residence, was not improbably a cousin-in-law of Reyner. I think it probable that Middlebrook married Boys' sister; but a search of the records will settle this point. We see also that John Reyner's mother had a half-brother John Scott.

Of Job Lane we learn that he had brothers, John, James, and Edward; uncles Henry, John, George and cousin Baker.

This same collection of papers has much relative to John Lane, the only son of Job, who was in the Indian Wars; but I shall venture on a very slight sketch of these. The property remained with the Lanes until 1796, a case, I believe, without parallel in New England, and since that date, I believe, has been sold. The following signatures and seal were attached to a deed dated in 1742. The signers are Mary Whitmore, (daughter of John Lane and widow of John Whitmore of Medford,) her two sons and their wives, Mary Hall and Mary Brooks. The seal is repeated against each name.

Francis Whitmore Junr

William Whitmore
Mary Whitmore

Mary Whitmore

Mary Whitmore



Of these curious papers abstracts only are given, excepting two or three of the most important. I trust that some of Job Lane's descendants will take interest in them and publish the entire collection.

Yours truly,
W. H. WHITMORE.

1651, May 28th.

Ebedmelech, a negro, once servant to Clement *Eneroe* of St Christophers, Esq, being set free by authority of his said master given to George Dell, of Boston in New England, mariner, binds himself to Job Lane for nine years.

Seal, a lion rampant.

1st, 3d mo., 1651.

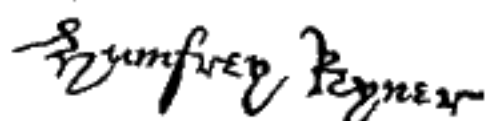
A letter directed "To his louing Cosin Anna Reyner at Mr. Nelson his house in Boston or elsewhere these p'sent."

"By these you may know that we are all in good health, as we hope also you are, and your Brother Jachin although he be slow to write unto you, we have been persuading him to it, who wants not opportunitie if the Lord did move his heart to visit you often by his letters; and I desire that you and he may now in your youth call upon one another as your father doth call upon you both, to know the Lord God of your fathers as you have good means and helps so to do, and it will be your own comfort as well as ours esppecially when Death comes, or age if you live unto it.

Our hopes and prayers shall be unto God for the same.

Concerning your health your father wished your Cousin Mary to desire our Pastour Mr. Rogers to send you some phisick which she will be mindful to do; only our Pastour coming to Boston this week, desires that you would acquaint him with the state of your body, the which you may have the opportunitie of I suppose at your Masters; thus desiring to hear from you I rest, Farewell

Your unkle



Rowley, the 1st of the 3d, '51.

My wife remembers her love to you. Your cosin Mary desires you to deliver this letter unto her Mistress Damferd, remembering her love to you by this small token.

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An unsigned deed of land from Richard Cooke to Job Lane. Richard Cooke and Frances his wife, planter at Charlestown, sells for £40, forty-five acres. The abutters are Thos Mudge, Job Lane, James Barratt, John Greenland, Thomas Grover, Peter Turfe—the land is to be held in free and common scottage, and not in capite, nor by Knights' service.

Kind Friend Job Lane,

1654, June 6.

About 14 days since, I received a letter from you dated Oct 4th, 1653, in which you writ to me that you had received 2 letters from me, by which you understood that bargain I had made with your Brother James; to which you writ me that you wonder that your Brother should delude me so to make away your estate, and withal wished me not to surrender the premises to him. And in that your letter, you give me thanks for my care and pains about that land which your uncle Henry died possessed of; promising me when you and I meet to satisfy me for my care and pains therein. You also desired me in that your letter, to make farther inquiries after the annuity of £15 a year which I writ unto you of: which I have not been wanting to do before I received your letter. Now on the receipt of your letter I was troubled at your conception that you should say that your brother had deluded me, and that you should through my

ignorance be beguiled; and thereon I went to his house to speak with him, and to learn when this letter of mine came to him, and to learn what you had writ to him; in which he satisfied me, and showed me your letter to him; in which you writ to him, as you had informed me before I came from you at Boston. Which was, that his title depended upon a surrender made by your mother, whilst your father was alive; which when I came to make inquiry of, and had searched the Court Rolls, I found it not soe, but found a surrender from both father and mother, unto James and John, and their heirs forever. And sent you a copie of it with a letter — August last, which I suppose was not come to your hands, when you writ this to me in June, by which I saw you had chosen your uncle to act for you.

Now in answer to what I see you have writ to me, and to James which doth concern me. I say James wished not to have the premises surrendered unto him, no farther than your father and mother have done, and that I was well informed of, before I made any agreement with him; therefore if any bodie be deluded it is James by me (for you), and not I by him against you; for as I shall make clear to you when God shall bring me unto you, that had I not issued it as I did, and when I did, and took bond of him for it, you would never have gotten anything for it of him; nor yet the land neither; for after he was informed of his good estate in it (which he was not until I had gotten bonds for the money), I could neither have you to a trial for your title, nor have gotten any composition for you of him. I shall show at my return more than I can write of unto you, and of the great travail and charges which I have been at, to hold that which I have bonds of him for: but have not received all by about £12.

But because I see that you forbid me making farther estate to him for it, and forbid him paying me any more, I will take your discharge and keep the bond, and let him keep the money according to your order, for he will pay nobody, seeing you dislike my bargain and forbid him paying me. Your uncle Henry's land I have lett for three years, next Michaelmas there is but one year. I will meddle no more therein, and am glad you have employed your uncle for you, for he is as well acquainted with all the passages thereof as I am. And for the annuity, I did in your right look after your uncle and asked him for it; he answered me it belonged not unto you, but to your brother Edward if he were alive. I finding no satisfaction from him, I went to the steward, which then was Mr. John Andrews (who now is dead). I searched for the rolls of that year when the land was engaged for the annuity, but could not light of it. Then Mr. Andrews told me that I might compel your uncle to show me your copy, which would manifest whose now it was; I have since asked your uncle if he were willing to show his copy, and he made me no great answer, but said he cared not who did see it; he doth tender the money as often as the days come to save his land, and if you had not discharged me of farther proceedings for you, I would have informed myself better of the right of the annuity, which I cannot do without expense of money, and I have been at great expense and travail already, that except I had hopes of better acceptance from you than this your letter promises, I will rather sit still than rise to fall, and so I commit you to God, and rest

Your cordial friend

London, June ye 6th, 1654.

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Sept. 22nd, 1656.

Richard Parker, att'y for Nicholas Parker, sells Job Lane land in Malden, anciently Mistick field, part of which he bought of Nicholas Froadingham of Charlestown, and part of Rebecca Trerise. Abutters Wm. Ireland, Aaron Way, Peter Tuffe, Thomas Brown, James Haydon.

Witness, John Odlin,
Thomas Bumstead.

28th 4th mo., 1657.

John Cogan writes loving friend Job Lane.

April 6th, 1658.

William Wilkins of Chesham in the county of Bucks, laborer, appoints Job Lane of New England, his attorney to collect £5 given him by his son Abraham Wilkins.

Witnesses, John Bowker, *Job Lane*

Aug. 7th, 1660.

Be it known to all to whom these presents may come, that whereas Jachin Reyner, of Rowley in New England, is heir in the right of his mother deceased, as copartner to a parcel of land, part whereof lies in the township of Edgeton, and another part in the township of Welburne, both of them in the county of York in England; forasmuch also as I, John Reyner, Teacher of the church of Dover in New England, the natural father of the said Jachin Reyner, and Tenant of the said lands for my life by the Courtesy of England; that I, the said John Reyner, for and in consideration of the providing and furthering my son Jachin Reyner his welfare, do over and above what child's portion I have already bestowed upon him, moreover for the remaining part of my life, from the date hereof, grant to the said Jachin Reyner my son and do hereby assure, one half of the rent of the said lands as they are yearly paid and come to my hands, be they more or less with regard to such a part; and propriety of the aforesaid lands to be given and granted to the use and for the benefit of the said Jachin Reyner my son, to be received by him or his assigns upon demand, provided that he or any of his heirs shall live so long.

In witness whereof, I the said John Reyner have set my hand and seal to this writing this present seventh day of August Anno Domini 1660.

Witnesses,
William Pomfrett,
Job Clement,
Charles Buckner.

John Reyner

Last day, 11 mo., 1659.

Michael Smith of Malden, planter, sells Job Lane, carpenter, five acres of land. Abutters, Prudence Wilkinson, William Dawdey, James Barrit, John Harward, and John Woolrich.

Witnesses, Wm. Brackenbury, Matthew Brooks.

August 25, 1660.

Job Lane engages to raise a frame of a house for Thomas Robinson of Situat, upon land of said T. R. in Boston. Joseph Rock engages in behalf of his brother, Mr. Thomas Robinson, to pay \$50 for the work; to be paid through the hands of his mother, Mrs. Martha Cogan, as the amount

of a legacy due his sister, Mary Robinson, and her children, as per the will of his father, Mr. John Cogan.

Witnesses, Ri. Davenport, R. Walker.

Nov. 19th, 1660.

James Lane of Malden, Turner, appoints his brother Job Lane his attorney.

Witnesses, Thomas Edsell,
William Pearse.

Seal, an anchor.

11 mo., 1660.

Randall Michell signs a receipt.

Whereas Mr. John Reyner having right to one fourth part of a certain parcel of land lying in Yorkshire in England, which in the whole belongs to the said Mr Reyner, Mr Robinson, Mr Pryden and one Symonds ; and the said Mr. Reyner having by deed of gift possessed his son Jachin Reyner of one halfe of his said part during his life and the whole fourth part after his death. Now know all men by these presents that I, Jachin Reyner of Rowley in the Com. of Essex, for good consideration and moving hereunto, especially upon the payment of one hundred and fifty-five pounds by Job Lane of Malden in the Com. of Middlesex in manner following—namely that the said Job is to clear and discharge the said Jachin from a bill now in Mr. Hooper's hand, that was originally due to Daniel Fremonybam according to the terms and condition of the said bill, and the remainder of the said sum to be paid to the said Jachin or his assignes in corn, cattle, or English goods merchantable and at prices current, to be delivered at the said Job Lane's new dwelling house in Malden, sometime within a year from the date hereof. Have bargained, granted, sold, enfeoffed and confirmed unto the said Job Lane, all that his said fourth part of land given and conveyed to him, the said Jachin, by his father, which is situate and lying in Yorkshire in England, to be and remain in him the said Job Lane and his heirs forever. Also I, the said Jachin Reyner, for myself, my heirs and executors do covenant, promise and grant that the said Job Lane, his heirs, executors and assigns shall or may quietly and peaceably enjoy, hold, possess and improve all the said granted part of land &c &c. The said land lyes in Edgston in Yorkshire now in the occupation of Thomas Boyse. Also I, the said Jachin Reyner do promise to make or cause to be made a firm and legal deed and conveyance of the said land upon demand by said Job Lane.

Witnesses,
John Wayte,
Joseph Hills, Jr.

Job Lane
Jachin Reyner

Feb. 7th, 1662.

Edward Hutchinson, aged 50 years, and Joshua Scottow, 47 years or thereabouts, testify that they were present when Mrs. Martha Coggin sold Job Lane the mill in Malden, &c.

He agreed to pay the legacies to Mr Rock and Mr. Robinson or their children, due under the will of Mr John Cogan.

August 5th, 1662.

Be it known to all men by these presents that I, John Reyner of Dover in New England, for reasons moving me thereto, do give and grant unto Job Lane, of Malden in New England, my son-in-law, one half of the rents due to me as Tenant for my life by the Courtesy of England, to certain housing and lands lying within the townships of Edgton and Welburn* in the county of York, now in the occupation of Matthew Boyse of Edgton. In witness whereof I have set my hand this 5th day of August, A. D., 1662.

JOHN REYNER.

"To his loving son Job Lane,
at Malden these —."

Loving son, I have sent you the testimony of my gift of the half of the rents to you and your acquaintance which I expect thereupon that you set to your hand. The same also Jachin is willing to do together with you upon the same terms. Also the letter for England for my brother, and a short note containing the relation of the state of the land, for the ordering of your writings in case you pass them before you hear from England, with the bounds of your land, and not else. I beseech the Lord to bless you all and rest

Your loving father,

JOHN REYNER.

March 6, 1662-3.

Job Lane and Theodore Atkinson, forger, agree to build a draw-bridge.

Jan. 15, 1662.

Christian Hooper writes Jachin Reyner that his brother Job Lane has paid the remainder of his bill.

August 3, 1664.

Job Laine agrees to build for Fitz-John Winthrop of London, Ct., a dwelling house and barn.

25th 9th mo., 1664.

Matthew Barnes signs receipt.

July 4th, 1665.

J. W nthrop receipts for payment rec'd of Job Lane for land sold him.

10th 5th mo., 1665.

Thomas Buttolph receipts to Job Lane.

July 3, 1665.

Edward Palmes for Capt. John Winthrop acknowledges receipt of one thousand feet of Deals.

3d 1st mo., 1665-6.

Peter Oliver testifies that last year the current price of wood at Boston was but seven shillings the cord, and that the twenty cords, which Mistress Lane in her husband's absence, did order me to haul, made at Boston but seventeen cord.

* Edstone and Welburne are near Kirkby Moorside, in the East Riding of York, about forty miles north-east of Leeds.

Mr. Job Lane,

Bednall Green, 18th Feb., 1665.

Sir yours by captain with a letter of attorney I rescaved, and according to order have sent down to Yorkshire to demand your dues then of Mr. Reyner, who I find to be a very honest man but very low in the world, and not able to do what he would do. I have now received a letter from him, who owes 4 years rent to you, at £10 a year is £40, and £20 to your father Reyner. His tender is to give you a bond to pay me for your father, £20 the 25th March next, and for you £20 at 25th June, and £20 the 29th September, which is all I can do, and have this day accepted of it if he will give any other security; when received shall return it according to your order to my brother Usher, if opportunity does present. If you and he agree he may pay you beforehand, I shall leave these things to him and to you, the . . . and adventure is very hazardouse.

Having not else at present, being in haste, shall take leave and rest
your friend in what I may.

JOHN HARWOOD.

June 5th, 1666.

John Quinno of the County of Cork in Ireland binds himself to Job Lane.

Witnesses, Thomas Rallings, Thomas Rallings, Jr.

Feb. 26th, 1667.

Lieky Austin, widow binds her son Thomas Austin to Capt. Rowland Bevans, for seven years in New England, commencing at the arrival of the good ship Desire at Boston.

Witnesses, Robert Wayman, Will. Hopkins.

June 5, 1667. Capt. Bevans transfers him to Job Lane, for seven years from May 9th, when he arrived,

Witnesses, Hezekiah Usher,
John Hull,
Daniel Gookin.

Be it known to all men by these presents that I, Jachin Reyner of Rowley in the county of Essex, Tañr, have remised, released, and for me, my heirs and executors perpetually quit claimed to Job Lane, of Billerica in Middlesex, Carpenter, all and all manner of actions, suits, debts, quarrels, executions, trespasses, and demands which I, the said Jachin, mine heirs and executors have had might or ought to have had against the said Job, his heirs or executors, by reason of any obligation for the payment of one hundred fifty-five pounds, for the purchase of his fourth part of land which is situate, lying, or being in Yorkshire in Old England; the other parts whereof belong to Mr. Robinson, Mr. Prudden, and one Symonds; and that from any such time or act since or whereby the said Job Lane hath been obliged unto me in this kind, until the day of the date of these presents.

In witness whereof I have set to my hand this 6th day of June in the year 1668.

JACHIN REYNER.

In presence of us,

Samuel Cranston, Jr.

Gildersome, March the 6th, 1670.

Cozen Laine,

Your letter dated 13 August last I rec'd in December; it was to my father Smith. He being dead, I administrator, it came to my hands. I married his eldest daughter, Hannah, in the year '56; have had 4 sons and 3 daughters since; one daughter dead, 4 sons and 2 daughters living, my wife big-bellies of one now; my wife's sister married to Jerm. Boulton in our town; hath two daughters. My wife's brother married 12 years since; hath 4 sons, 1 daughter. My father Smith died in July '69; he never had anything with your land,—with that land that's beyond York that came by your mother, than that land that's in Gildersome, that was your father John Reyner's. Your uncle Marmaduke Reyner always received the rent of it, that came of your mother, till the last 3 years rent. Mr. Samuel Boys received that rent, and saith he returned it to Mr. Harwood of London for your use. It seems Mr. Harwood does not well in keeping from you. Our uncle Mar. Reyner saith he has your rent till 5 years, and hath payed Mr. Harwood by bill £46 or 47, so he sees by that account he hath but £3 or thereabouts in his hand; which I fear you will lose, whether it be more or less; he is not at present able to pay you than any other he owes money to. He has given up his house and this day gone into Lancashire to be steward to a Knight his land; and having all sold and cannot pay what he owes by much. Your mother Reyner and Mrs. Prudent, I fear, loseth most of £100 by him; if he was able to pay he would; they must have patience until God enable him. With suit they cannot get because it's not to be had. His wife died 12 months since; it may be, he may light of some rich widow, that may make him capable to pay; except God some way raise him, he cannot pay you or any else. To trouble him with suit, it will bring nothing into your pocket, but loss to yourself and trouble to him; so pray acquaint your aunt Reyner (I mean your mother-in-law Reyner,) and Mrs. Prudent. He owes me money, that I expect not a penny [of], except God some way aid him; besides I am bound with him for money I must pay myself. I remembered you to John Robinson, and acquainted him you would sell that land that's beyond York, that came by Mr. Reyner's first wife; he having one part of it, it would be fit for him; but he is not fit for buying, but saith it was never divided, and that will much hinder your sales. If Mrs. Prudent, you, and John Robinson, and the other that's the fourth, could all agree to sell, it would sell best; but no division being served on it, it may fall on longest lives. Robinson stood upon that; but if you can find a way to sell and make good assurance, and join Mrs. Prudent with you, it's like I might find you a chapman. I do not know it, but I perceive there's mean housing on 't, and tenants fail on 't as they do in many places; also land is much cheaper now than it hath been; it would have given more by £30 at £100, ten years since than now. Trading is bad; it's stolen out of England into Ireland, Germany and Holland, that mightily impoverisheth England. Besides there hath been great teynts and taxing in this land, that hath disabled tenants in too much money. * * *

I cannot tell how to advise you about it; I am heartily sorry you should have no better account of it; it's a great trouble to me and my wife, that our friends in New England should have so bad account of their rent in Old England. If my father Smith or I had been concerned, you had not lost a penny of your just right. How to recover anything past, I know not till our uncle Reyner be in a better capacity to pay. My brother

Smith will not buy land; he hath enough, as much as is worth £200 a year. I bought that house and part of your land that Mr. Reyner was born in, that was his father's. Humphrey Reyner, our uncle, owned it and empowered his son-in-law William Hobson to sell it me. I live in that house your father Reyner was born in. If you take cause to sell it, (I mean the land beyond York) I think it may give about £140, if [the] security please [the] chapman; there will be much in that, for some will not venture to buy *on* [of] them that live in other lands. It may be that I may give £140 for it, and pay it in three several payments in three years time, every year £46 13s. 4d., if I like it when I see it. I know it not; —never saw it,—and so cannot give a full answer to your request or motion. As to receiving your rents, and returning them, I shall do it; for that, you shall not be failed in nor disappointed as formerly, for I have acquaintances at London, sending constantly them; I could find a way to return it either by money or goods, and not trouble Mr. Harwood to do it.

Some blame Mr. Harwood for not making that quick return that he might; if he had returned those three rents, £27 or 28 that Mr. Boys sent him, they might have come to you hand before you writ the letter to my father Smith that I now give answer to. I perceive the rent is about £10 a year, but teints and charges take of, that it's bout clear, a little above £9 a year; and that hath not been paid, it's a loss to you and a shame to them that should have made you a better account and return. When you write you need but direct to John Dickinson at Gildersome near Leeds, and to be left with Mr. Timothy Cloudsby at the new postman near Cripplegate in London, and it will come to me. If it comes to Mr. Cloudsby at London, it will come to me; I deal in oil and dye-stuffs, [and] I have them from London. I am at London commonly every August, but write thither every week. As to your brother-in-law, Jachin Reyner, I cannot learn that the land in Gildersome was any way entailed on Mr. Reyner's heirs, nor settled upon his first wife, only he was stalled (?) in it and had the reception at his own mother's death, not before. His mother died in the year '56, that is 14 years since.* Twelve months since there came a

* The following letter which is among the Ewer Mss. in the Genealogical Society's library, is directed to Rev. Michael Wigglesworth. He married a daughter of Humphrey Reyner, which explains all the references to his relatives herein. Unless John Reyner had adopted his niece, or there was a custom to call a cousin sister, I can hardly understand the reference at the end of John Dickinson's letter, to Job Lane's wife's sister and husband. Wigglesworth would seem to be the man meant, but he married Mrs. Lane's cousin and not her sister.

Loving and most affectionate Nephew

Wee haue received a full satisfaccoñ by yo^r letters sent to vs and deliuered by Mr. Matthew Boyes, as allso a full relacoñ by conference wth him of yo^r affaires, wee vnderstand how things are with you, and that you had likewise knowledge from vs by ours sent by yo^r father our Cousin Rayner, wee rec^d likewise yo^r tokens, & I rec^d yo^r acquaintance from Ro. Dennison, and nothing remained which could be desired while wee continue at such a distance. Now I shall p^{re}snt in one word or 2 how our great Creator deales towards vs in his greate wisdome and p^{ro}vidence.

It hath pleased him to call to her bed of rest and long-home his poore wearied yet patient-waiting-servant yo^r aged grandmother, her tryalls great her sickenes lingering, her life a dying life for many monthes yet at last peace come, shee was buryed at Batley about 14th of december last past, 1656, yo^r Aunt Mary mournes much and refuseth comfort, since my mother's death in this last month of March, it pleased y^e lord to lay his hand vpon my bro: yo^r Vncle Matthew in a Violent sicknes, (supposed to come by a surfeit of an imoderate heate and suddaine going in to the cold and wet) yet brought likewise a pluriſie wth it which was not thought of nor care taken to p^{re}vent it till it was almost too late, soe as after twice letting blood he seemed in great danger of his life, but is now prettily recon^{re}d and walkes abroad only very much weakened, it hath beene

letter from young Mr. John Reyner, your brother-in-law, that signified the death of his father, and that he had given young Mr. Reyner, by will, that land in Gildersome, to him, his son John; he also sent a copy of the will, a certificate of it of the Court to testify the certainty of it, and a letter of attorney to Mr. Mathew Boys and my father Smith, empowering them to receive the rent of that land into their hands. My father Smith was dead before it came; so it lay upon Mr. Boys to look after it, which he did, and now is about to return him the rent it made last year; which is about £10 clear. The year before was to Mr. John Reyner, junior; that year our uncle Marmaduke Reyner had it, and that rent is lost. We expected Mr. Reyner in Old England ere this; but I perceive by a letter so lately sent to our uncle Timothy Marshal that married his aunt Grace, (that is the sister of Mr. Reyner, living here,) he will not come over this year. Mr. Boys ordered me to take the rent of the land and be accountable to him; which I have done and the money I hope will come safe by return to Mr. Reyner. I * * * * *. Jachin Reyner being the oldest son shall be put * * * * *. Young Mr. Reyner writes that his father gave Jachin a considerable thing in New England instead of the land in Gildersome. However if Mr. Reyner's will be made according to the law in New and Old England, I conclude he might give it by will. If there be any flaw or defect in the will, then Jachin makes claim to it; not by any writing that was made or settled to his father that I can find out. I am sorry our cousin your brother Jachin should be unsatisfied with his father's dealings; I would hope his father being a good man would not have wronged him; only I know this,—that second wives are prevailing and often take the (swett of the restatt ?) from former children.

supposed by those that saw him in the height of his sickness almost a miracle to see his recou'ie, in the tyme of his visitation his father Cookson came to visit him dyvers times from Bruntcliffe, yet he died before my Brother could walke abroade of 2 or 3 daies sickness.

I let goe one opportunitee of writing unto you having a great desire to see one way or another concerning yo^r vncle, of whom I hope I may now write that yo^r bitterness of death is past which makes me now more vncertaine how this may come to yo^r hand, only I have observed Mr. Boyes his dyrection in the subscription as you may see. I will not therefore at this tyme write any thing vpon any other subject, only if the Lord shall incline any of yo^r hearts to make a returne backe to our European England wee should be glad of it and willing to further your welcome with the best of w^t the Lord hath blessed us withall. Ma. Boyes thinks our climate would better agree with yo^r constitution than New England doth and promises to mee or rather seems confident that you would not want a call now, a comfortable maintainence even in these parts of Yorkshire about Leeds if you would come; he is much better by his journey by sea (as he tells me) and hath found the state of body and stomach much better, the coldness and rawness of his stomach being corrected and amended. And now Cousin let me here present my well wishes from the Lord to you and yo^r*, together with my wife's thanks to you and her's and my respects to yo^r selfe, bedfellow, mother, aunte, sister, daughter, desiring heaven's blessing may rest upon you and all yo^r undertakings, soe as you may all be blessed and blessing one to another. So prays your truly loving

& well-wishing vncle

April 6th, 1657.

M. MIDDLEBROOKE.

I suppose you have heard from Gildersome of y^e death of your Grandmother Reyner and Aunt Smith.

These

For his assured friend Mr. Wigglesworth, Minister at Malden in Massachusetts in New England.

Leave this lett^r at Mr. Thomas Stanton's in little Eastcheap to be conveyed as above For London.

p. post.

Mine and wife's dear love to your wife, self, cousin Jachin and daughter Elizabeth, if you can tell how to remember us to him, your children and the rest of [our] friends with you, your wife's sister and husband; (his friends, the Middlebroughs, are healthful and lives well). Your cousin John Robinson promised to see me ere this, and give me account of friends in New England; but he is more words than deeds. A man that is married lives principally of no great action; that is contrary to my composition, I am for action, and have tracted England and Scotland, but now am much at home, having a shop to attend. I was born, and whilst a youth bred, in Gildersome, son to William Dickinson, in that town; your aunt Mary knows my father.

Old England is at a loss in sure things; the want of a liberty of preaching, . . . and that trade that hath been formerly in our country for cloath which is much lamented.

The good Lord in due time restore them, that we may again rejoice in the goodness thereof, which would be a great happiness to us and our posterity; to have the Gospel promulgated and that life in His people as in days of old, is the request of him who is, sir,

Your loving cousin

John Dickinson

March 14, 1671-2.

A letter from John Harwood denying that he owes anything to Job Lane, &c. Mentions Bro. Usher.

Feb. 20, 1673.

John Dickinson to Job Lane. "Having no [more] relation than knowledge of Mrs. Prudent," &c. "Myne and wife's respects to you and yours and all relations with you; pray let us know how Aunt Elizabeth does and your brother and sister, and aunt Mary and uncle Humphrey's daughter."

June 24, 1673.

Job Lane's account—he is charged for money spent with Mr. Harwood, Mr. Elsworth and Mr. Knapp at London.

Letter to Mrs. Cloudsley.

Searching writings in Mr. Greenwood's hand.

Charges to York to Mr. Stopey to see if he would divide for Mr. Simon's children.

April 29, 1675.

John Dickinson's letter, says he can do nothing about dividing the land, as Mr. Symonds' children are so young. Mentions aunt Willett. "Your cousin Robinson I was with; he will not write to you; you should have done something for him and have not. He gets no account of his letter from you [more] than from Mr. Rock.

July 26th, 1675.

An agreement between Edward Kidder of Wrixham in Derbyshire, shoemaker, and Theophilus Yale of the City of Chester in England, by which Kidder is to serve Yale for four years after arrival in Boston, his passage being paid, &c.

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LANE FAMILY PAPERS.

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May 17, 1676.

A letter, though the signature is lacking, is undoubtedly from Marmaduke Reyner, saying he paid money to Mr. Harwood for Job Lane; is now penniless, &c.

"I am sorry to hear of your war with the Indiyans the Lord give you a blessed issue, and be with you under all, and cease his anger, and give you to sit under your vines in peace; which is the prayer of many of his people with us."

A fragment no doubt from Marmaduke Reyner confessing his "great trespass in receiving your money instead of returning it to you." Desires to hear from him, "being aged."

A fragment of a letter to Job Lane from Samuel Boys, mentions some canvas sent to Mr. Reyner, minister at Dover, by Mr. Timothy Marshall of Wakefield.

"I can get no account or receipt of Mr. Harwood, but shall by next ship send you an exact account of what money I have paid him. If you intend me receive your rent still, you must by first ship send me a letter of attorney, &c."

Sam^l Boys

Feb. 6th, 1677.

John Dickinson's letter. Concerning Job Lane's land, "it lies on the outside of the town, not an acre of good land; in it all, there's 22 acres." "It might give about £150," if sold. "Mr. Reyner was stalled in it, but he had her lifestall in it, and it fell to him at her death; only two closes that's in Mr. Reyner's deed of gift from his father was sold by Mr. Reyner and his father to John Scott that was half brother to old Mr. John Reyner's mother; and that money Mr. Reyner had to fit him for his journey to New England." * * * "This land lies 150 miles north from London on the road to Lendill; your land lies 170 miles N. E. from London, 20 miles N. E. from York; your land is 38 miles N. E. from this Place. Old Mr. Boys is alive; his wife he had in New England dead, and he married again two years ago. His oldest son Samuel, Boys that you know, hath had three wives. He had about £140 with his first, three children by her; she died, he married a gentlewoman, a maid, had £400 by her, had one child by her. She died; since he married a widow with £80 per annum for her life; he drove a good trade of merchandize in Cloth to Holland and Flanders; but lighting with bad debtors and bad markets, about five months since he was forced [to] leave the country, all that he hath seized on, and owes seven thousand pounds." * * * "His next son is a minister, but gives not the old man content, being a Conformist. His third son lived with Sam. &c." A fourth son at College, [is] like [to] make a hopeful man."

"If Mr. Reyner made not a will to dispossess it, then left heirs, it (the land) must fall on Jachin Reyner; I would it might go in the right race, and hope in the name it hath been in long."

May 6, 1677. John Harwood, Sen, to Job Lane.

March 3, 1678.

Cousin Job,

I have been mindful of your business ; I have been several times with the lord of the manor to search the court rolls, and he promised me he would see it himself. I preferred him to pay for the searching of them, but he would not admit of any to search the court rolls but himself. About a week, since I was with him and he told me that he cannot find the surrender that my uncle George Lane made to my uncle John Lane. I received a letter from you about a month since, by which I understand that you desire to know how my cousin Baker has disposed of the estate, and I so understand she did surrender it into the hands of the Lord of the manor, and then did take it up for her own life to one Mathew Baker, kinsman of William Baker, and I think the land is past recovery. Mrs. Mary Gould (?) is yet living and remains single still. Henry Gould is dead, almost a year since. Strange you write so short giving no account whether the heathen be yet subdued or not, neither anything concerning your own family nor my sisters. I should have writ more at length, but that you write so short. Not else at present but my love to you and your wife and the rest of our friends. I remain your loving cousin until death,

John Lane

I Jachin Reyner do testifie that he heard his father often say and affirm that the land that came in by my mother's right, I was heir to the whole of it after his decease ; and so apprehending, I sold it to my brother Job Lane.

Witness my hand this 26th September, 1678.

JACHIN REYNER.

Gildersome, ye 1st April, 1679.

Coz. Job Layne,

Yours dated the 23rd Oct. 1678 came to my hands two months since. Math. Boyes and our uncle hath been for three months since. Our uncle Marmaduke can ride abroad ; Math. so ill and weak in his knees, he goes on crutches ; hopes he may come to his strength again. I got our uncle to Leeds, he, Math. and I, was together to understand the payment of the £30 paid to Mr. Harwood. Mr. Boyes gave a bill for it to be paid to Mr. John Harwood, but does not know for whose account, farther than from Marmad. to Mr. Harwood. Marmad. Reyner, our uncle does affirm it was paid to Mr. Harwood on your account, and not on Mr. John Reyner's, and saith he hath writ so to you formerly ; it is not usual in this country to take any cash in such cases. He affirmed before Mathew Boyes and myself. That is all I can say in it ; I do believe what he saith is true. Your uncle Boyes was slain in the war at a fight between the Lord Fairfax and the King's forces called Seacroft Fight, or Club Fight. It was called so because many of the countrymen went with the Lord Fairfax with clubs, and no other weapons. [The] Parliament-party your uncle was in, and they was put to the run, and he slain, between Seacroft and Leeds, within 2 miles of Leeds, in April, 1643, now 36 years since. He sent that quarter part of the land yearly to Mr. Reyner, till it was ordered to you. I cannot conceive any of the land could have fallen to your second wife, but to her brother, that came by his mother, that your father could not

dispose from him, without a fine confessed by his mother; but that is decided. I have no account how John Reyner's land at Gildersome is disposed on; I presume by one hint of your letter he is dead; had no advice of his death but concluded he is, because have not had a line from him these eighteen months. Am heartily sorry for his death; pray let me know who is the right heir; whether his mother is also; if so I perceive it is her's [for] her life; whether he left an heir of his own child or it be disposed on, I would know that I might know to pay rightly to. My hearty respects to all with you; pray acquaint Mrs. Willett hers dated as yours I received; shall observe her orders; it is a mistake, the tenants on her and your land, they would have abatement; taxes are great. I gave you account of goods you, received, came to £10 15s. 8d.; there were charges in London in Customs and shipping, and given tenants again and spent with them £3 2s; so am indebted to you £8 06s 01d. I have given my son John, that lives in London order to bestow the said sum of £6 6d 1d in Dowlas and Canvass, and send it you, if he perceive ships may pass without danger of the French and Argeron (*Algerine*) men of war: If there be any danger apprehended that way to forbear till probability of a safe conveyance. I have received your rents six years, that is '73-4-5-6-7-8, and £20 that was gotten of our uncle Marmaduke Reyner, being your proportion. He is very low in the world, lives on benevolence of friends, and his children. Samuel Boyes as I once hinted drove a Holland and Flanders, grew high, had a third wife that is yet living, that he had £80 per annum by but breaking in £8000 debt, £1200 of it being the King's money, seared (*seized*?) his personal estate and £80 pr annum of his wife; that he is now in Jamaica, and by the General, Lord Howard, preferred to be a preacher in the country.

Two more of his brothers, scholars; one, apprentice in London; one daughter in London, one in Ireland, and one at home, in ordinary condition all of them; one son in New England. You have below your account £63 07s, which sum as I wrote you, ordered my son John to send you in goods as you order, and give you account from London.

He lives with Mr. Fran. Chamberlayne in Lawrence Pountney lane, near Thames street, London.

Our dear love to all our friends with you; pray let us know how it fares with you.

I am, sir, your assured loving cousin

JOHN DICKINSON.

With this last is one dated London, May 1, 1679, from John Dickinson, jr.—“My father now writes to Mrs Reyner and Mrs Willet under cover to Mr. Joseph Walker of Boston.”

John Dickinson

May 11, 1688.

Job Lane and Jamue Wayte, both of Malden sign an agreement by which the former lets to the latter his lands in Malden where John Scolly and John Ross lived, and at Rumney Marsh.

May 19, 1688.

Job Lane make his will, mentioning wife Anna, son John,
daughter Sarah and son Samuel Fitch,

" Jemima " " Mathew Whipple,

" Mary Avery and children,

" Elizabeth " "

" Anna Foster " "

William Every, Robert Every, and Samuel Foster,
daughter Dorothy.

John Sprague, Senr, and Henry Green, Executors.

Edward Sprague

W^m Avery

James Foster

Witnesses,

John Sprague, Senr,

Samuel Sprague,

Edward Sprague.

Samuell Fitch

Gildersome, 9th Feb'y, 1694.

John Dickinson writes Mrs. Frances Thompson declining to pay a bill presented by her, drawn by Job Lane, as the handwriting is different from J. L's usual hand.

Boston, N. E., June 19th, 1695.

Job Lane writes John Dickinson, "by reason of my weakness and other infirmity of old age attending me for the space of these six years past, I have wholly been incapacitated to do anything for you about that business which is above hundred miles distant from me. But as touching Longfellow's business (who whilst alive lived about 30 miles distant from me,) your letter to me about it came to my hand after his decease, and have done therein the utmost of my endeavors for obtainment of your right. But nothing like to come to you therefrom by reason he died a poor man, and left a widow with many children. I have received the last ten pound you paid Mrs. Ardell's sister, viz, Frances Thompson; and as touching the last letters and bills I sent you for payment of more money to her, against which you advised you questioned, they were mine, and drawn by my order whilst I was at home. * * * By reason that I am lame in my right hand and have almost lost the use thereof, you may only expect my mark to my letters and bills for the future. * * * Direct your letters to me living at Malden in New England, to be left for me at Mrs. Mary Ardell's at her house in the Town Dock, over against Mr. Thomas Clark, brazier, in Boston.

the mark J. L. of Job Laine.

In presence of "Mr. Joseph Davis the bearer hereof"
the subscribers attested the mark.

Mary Ardell,
Eliezer Moody, scrivener in Boston.

Seal,—a bend between three crescents.

Gildersome, April 7th, 1695.

John Dickinson to Mrs. Thompson declining to pay Job Lane's draft as before.

Gildersome, April 16, 1695.

John Dickinson to Job Lane to the same effect.

June 3, 1695.

A letter from Mrs. Thompson to dear sister and brother, Ardell no doubt, mentions Cousin Beard and wife, says Dickinson will not pay, and says the writing of the draft was very different.

Endorsed "Cousin Lane's writings."

Gildersome, Nov. 3, 1696.

John Dickinson to Job Lane; refers to these drafts.

"My wife is weak, I question whether she may recover; I have by her 5 sons, 3 daughters, youngest 22 years. 2 sons married; oldest, that's John, at London, got £2500 in hand, £500 more at birth of first child, [which] is like to be in [a] few weeks. [His?] mother has seen him but once in 12 years." * * * "I have had great loss of pirates from London to Hull; they are on our coast." * * *

I send your letter to Mr. Modey in Portsmouth."

Inventory of Job Lane who deceased Aug. 24, 1697, amounting to £2036 11s. Appraised by James Converse, Sept. 22, 1697.

Wearing apparel and books	£10
Arms &c	2 10
Plate	5

July 1, 1685. Job Lane takes Robert Stuke as an apprentice for three years.

The issue of John Lane and Susanna Whipple, was:—

Martha Lane,	born	June 22, 1716.
Job	"	Sept. 27, 1718.
John	"	Oct. 2, 1720.
Timothy	"	July 10, 1722.
Mary	"	Feb. 24, 1725; m. John Whirmore.
Whipple	"	Sept. 15, 1727; d. Oct. 4, 1728.
Benj.	"	Aug. 29, 1729.

Jan. 17, 1714-15. Major John Lane died, and his sons, John and Job, succeeded to his English property, the descent of which is given below. He was a prominent man in Bedford, then Billerica, and many letters are preserved referring to the Indian War.

March 23, 1697-8. John Lane writes loving kinsman, that his father d. Aug. 23 last. The bills favor of Mrs. Francis Thompson were right; mentions my Uncle Fox.

March 14, 1708. Joseph D. writes from Gildersome, that one Simp-

son, an Attorney and Improprator of Tithes, has claimed them on J. Lane's estate, and he and Mr. John Robinson stood suit but lost. The tenant is owner of $\frac{1}{4}$ the estate.

Dec. 17, 1713. Job Lane m. Martha Ruggles.

Sept. 29, 1714. John Lane bond to cousin Mathew Whipple of Ipswich.

Feb. 17, 1717. John Love and Metcalfe to John and Job Lane: "Mr. Love is about leaving business, owing to age."

May 15, 1718. Stephen Stephens and Wm. Ellis succeed, "as Mr. Love has left business, and Mr. Metcalfe is dead."

May 2, 1721. St. Stephens writes alone; sends 6 large quarto bibles. He seals with a chevron between three lions' heads crased.

Oct. 12, 1723. From same.

March 26, 1726. From Francis Wilks; mentions Mr. S. Stephens' death some time before. Seals on a chief three muscles, paly of six.

May 6, 1726. From Francis Wilks, sending Inv. of 2 bibles, &c.

July 17, 1736. From same.

Sept. 2, 1740. Same: "Mr. John Dickinson died some time since, and his son Joseph takes his place."

Feb. 16, 1742-3. From Bourryan and Schaffer noticing the death of Mr. Wilks. Rec'd rent of Mr. John Dickinson of Warter.

July 26, 1748. From Zach. Bourryan; sends Mathew Henry's Exposition on y^e Bible, 5 and 6 vols.

Aug. 31, 1750. From Bourryan & Spooner.

May 10, 1750. From Z. Bourryan noticing his partnership with Mr. Hungerford Spooner.

April 8, 1752. From Hungerford Spooner announcing death of his brother and partner the 24th ult.

Oct. 25, 1755. Thos. Lane, F. Hooker, and John Finch, announce Mr. Spooner's failure on 18th June preceding, and that they are assignees with John Irish, John Spooner, Jr., Wm. Mills and Joseph Wright.

June 6, 1761. From Lane & Booth, acknowledging rent rec'd of John Dickinson of Beverly.

July 21, 1765. John Dickinson's letter shows the rent of the 4th share of an estate at Edstone in Yorkshire, occupied by John Fisher, to be £20 for 2 years, less collecting, £1—£19.

Aug. 17, 1765. From Lane & Boott. "Will try to negociate with Mr. Thompson to exchange his estate at your place for yours in Yorkshire." Seal, a stag trippant—courant rather.

Sept. 17, 1767. From Lane, Son & Fraser.

July 21, 1773. From same.

Sept. 9, 1783. From same. We have never received a line from Mr. John Dickinson of Beverly, or any remittances from him on account of your estate in Yorkshire, since the beginning of this unhappy war.

Nov. 19, 1783. From same, sending Inv. of merchandize.

April 8, 1786. From same, mentions your little estate at Beverly.

July 21, 1789. From same, acknowledging rent rec'd of Wm. Dickinson.

Sept. 12, 1790. I. Garbett, Phila., offers to buy the estate.

March 9, 1791. From same: offers £400 stg. for the estate.

26, 3 mo., 1792. Joseph Dickinson writes from Beverly to Lane, Son & Fraser, that Charles Fisher, the tenant at Edstone, informs him of the burning of his house and barns.

8, 4 mo., 1792. Same to same; the power of attorney should be for Joseph Dickinson of Beverly Park, in the East Riding of the county of York. Mr. Fisher will build on his own estate and remain tenant as now.

Nov. 25, 1795. From same, saying he has partly agreed for the other shares; the housing is burnt down.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS.

Robert Miriam, of Concord; will proved April 4, 1682; dated Dec. 10, 1681.

Mentions wife Mary.

Cousin Isaac Day in Old England, son to my sister, Joan Day.

Cousin Jonathan Hubbard who lives with me.

Brothers Joseph and George, and their children, viz., three sons and five daughters. Wm. Miriam and John Miriam, Eliz. West, Anna Taylor and Abigail Bateman, cousin John Buss, Sarah Wheeler, who formerly lived with him.

Feb. 15, 1753. Job Lane. Will:—

Wife Mary,

Son Job,

“ John,

“ Timothy,

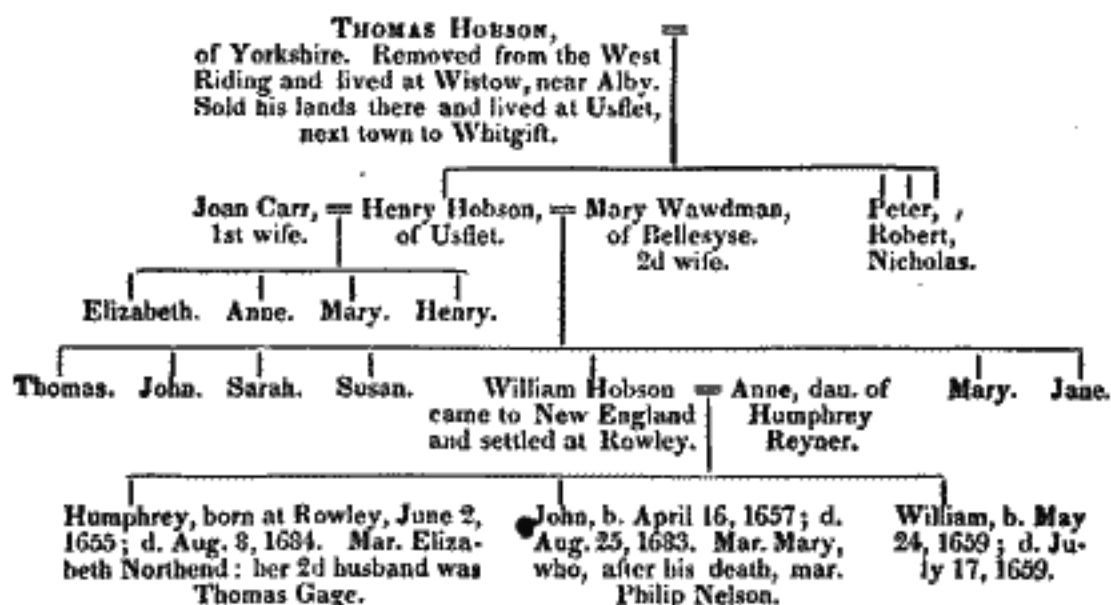
“ Benjamin,

Daughters, Martha Adams, Mary Hill and Lucy Lane.

NOTES.

I regret to state that owing to the defective condition of the records at Gildersome, Mr. Somerby was unable to obtain those parish records which would have supplied many valuable dates.

The kindness of Mr. Somerby has furnished me with the following pedigree of a son-in-law of Humphrey Reyner:—

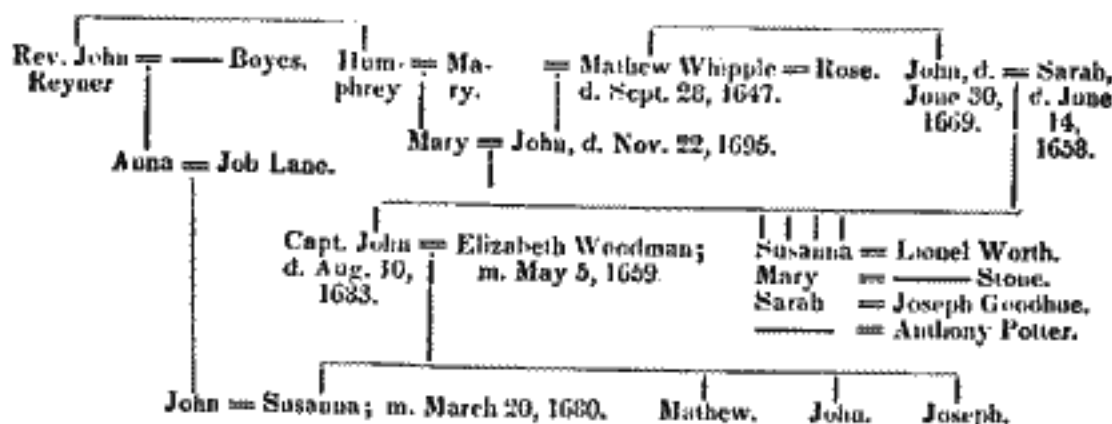


The Rev. John Reyner made his will, April 19, 1669, which was proved at Exeter, Jan. 30, 1669. Speaks of his lands in Gildersome, in the parish of Batley, co. York. His second wife was Frances.

Children by his first wife :—Jachin ; Hannah married Job Lane, of Bil-
lerica.

By second wife :—John, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Abigail, Judith.

The accompanying pedigree will show the connection between the Rey-
ners, Lanes and Whipples.



Much confusion has arisen about the last named family, since there were three Johns living in Ipswich at the same time, viz. : John, senr., his son, and his nephew. I believe the following abstracts found among the Lane papers will harmonize all differences.

7th, 10th mo., 1652. John Whipple writes to son Lyonwell Worth at Salisbury, mentioning "your brother John, your daughter Susan, your wife and daughter Mary who should be weaned."

April 3, 1682. John Whipple writes son John Lane, and the postscript is written by E. Whipple. "Son Joseph unwell, &c."

May 29, 1682. E. Whipple writes to loving son John Lane and wife.

Date unknown, (1690?). John Lane writes brother John Lane and wife announcing death of brother Joseph on the eleventh May. "Uncle and aunt Stone are with us, &c."

Mary Belcher writes her loving cousin Susanna Whipple.

Rev. John Reyner's will, dated April 19, 1669, was proved June 30, 1669. His second wife was Frances Clarke (see Felt's Ecc. Hist. of New Eng. p. 497), by whom he had John, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Abigail and Judith. This Judith no doubt married Rev. Jabez Fox of Woburn, Mass., for John Lane mentions uncle Fox as acting as amanuensis for Job Lane, and there is a deed already given in this publication, witnessed by Jabez and Judith Fox.

Gov. Bradford in his History (p. 351) gives the following sketch of Reyner :—"And it pleased the Lord to send them an able and a godly man, (Mr. John Reinor,) and of a meeke and humble spirite, sound in y^e truth, and every way unprovable in his life and conversation; whom, after some time of triall, they chose for their teacher, the fruits of whose labours they enjoyed many years with much comforte, in peace and good agreemente." By his first wife, —Boys, he had issue, Jachin, and Hannah wife of Job Lane; by his second, Frances Clark, he had John, who m. Judith, dau. of Edmund Quincy, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Abigail and Judith. Judith no doubt married Rev. Jabez Fox, of Woburn, and 2d, Col. Jona Tyng, and d. June 5, 1736, aged 98. Elizabeth married Thomas Southworth, (son of Edward S., by Alice Carpenter, who m. secondly, Gov. Bradford,) and had an only child, Elizabeth, wife of

Joseph Howland. Thomas Southworth died Dec. 8, 1669. The connection between the Reyners and Southworths has caused much controversy. Bayley's Plymouth says that Elizabeth Reyner married her cousin. Davis' edition of Morton's Memorial states on the authority of tradition, that Mrs. Alice Southworth was sister to John Reyner. Mr. Hunter's very valuable work on the Founders of New Plymouth notices this story, but agrees with Dr. Young that it is almost certain, her maiden name was Carpenter. Nothing has been discovered in the preceding papers to sanction a belief that she was thus related, farther than the fact that men sometimes called each other brothers because their children intermarried, as did the Governors Winthrop and Dudley.

[Jachin Reyner m. Elizabeth Dennison, Nov. 22, 1662, who perhaps d. May 7, 1672. His daughter Ann was born at Rowley, July 23, 1678.] He d. July 8, 1708, and his wife or aunt d. —, 1698.

Sarah, dau. of Edward and Mary Rainer, d. Feb. 12, 1675-6, at Rowley.

Humphrey Reyner of Rowley, died Sept., 1660. His will mentions daughters, Whipple and Hobson, son Wigglesworth, son John Whipple, grand-children, Humphrey, John and William Hobson, and Mary Wigglesworth. It is stated in the Bi-centennial Book of Malden, the town where Wigglesworth preached, that his first wife died Dec. 21, 1659, and was probably a Hobson. Both statements are no doubt erroneous. She was the above mentioned daughter of Humphrey Reyner, and did not die before 1660; perhaps the mistake is just one year. His second wife, Martha, died Sept. 11, 1690, aged 28. His third wife was Sybil Sparhawk. He was born Oct. 28, 1631.

Rev. Peter Prudden was a brother-in-law of John Reyner, having married Joanna Boys.

Cotton Mather says of him, "God had marvellously blessed his ministry in England, unto many about Herefordshire and near Wales; from whence, when he came to New England, there came therefore many considerable persons with him." "He continued an able and faithful servant of the churches, until about the fifty-sixth year of his own age." From the Glastonbury Centennial, p. 30, I learn that he was born at Edgton, Yorkshire, in 1601; arrived at Boston, July 26, 1637, and sailed for New Haven, March 30, 1638. He resided and preached for a little time at Wethersfield, Conn.; and then, with several families, removed and founded the town of Milford in the same state. He died July 1656, leaving two sons, John and Peter, the former of whom, a graduate of Harvard in 1668, was minister at Newark, N. J., and left issue. J. Dickinson, in a letter to John Lane, April 22, 1706, says, "I could wish that John and Peter Prudden who are joynt heirs in the same estate with you," &c. "John Prudden lives in New Jersey, at a towne called Newark, near New Yorke."

The following extracts from the collections of J. W. Thornton, Esq., will show some further facts relative to Mrs. Prudden. Mention has been made in J. Dickinson's letters of Mrs. Willett. Rev. John Bishop writes from Stamford to Increase Mather, "My wife that was Mrs. Willett, desires kind salutations, &c." Mrs. Bishop's will, made Nov. 8, 1681, (see New Haven Probate Rec. Vol. II., p. 103-5) reads, "Mrs. Joanna Bishop, sometime Prudden, late of Milford, now of Stamford," and men-

tions "eldest son Samuel Prudden," "second son John Prudden," "my five daughters, and my late daughter Mary Walker's two children." She speaks "concerning the revenue that I shall die possess'd of in Yorkshire, in housing and lands in Old England, comonly called by the name of Edgton, Kerbye-Moreside, and Southfields; now, in my behalf, one Mr. John Dickson looks after it for me; my share and proportion of which revennew or annuity is ten pounds by the yeare." Mentions "my deare husband, Mr. John Bishop," &c. Her children were Joanna, Mary, Elizabeth, Samuel, John, Abigail, Sarah, Peter, and Mildred. It is supposed that her second husband was Thomas Willett, the first English mayor of New York.

At my request researches were made by H. G. Somerby, Esq., at Batley, Co. York, which parish includes Gildersome, for Reynor records. He informs me that the register is very imperfect, but I have arranged from his notes the following families:—

Wilfred Reynor had Alice, bap. Jan. 13, 1560, and Agnes, bap. Jan. 29, 1564.

John Rainor had John, bap. July 15, 1560, and Wilfred, bap. Nov. 29, 1563. These two may have been brothers therefore.

Nicholas Rainor had Grace, bap. Jan. 23, 1561, and perhaps Nicholas, bap. Dec. 21, 1564. Perhaps he was buried Dec. 16, 1566.

George Rainor had Joan, bap. Nov. 6, 1563.

Humphrey Rainor had Humphrey, bap. Sept. 12, 1573, perhaps buried Dec. 3, 1574, and Alice, bap. Feb. 25, 1576.

Aug. 14, 1586. Bernard Reynor married Dorothy Kitson. No doubt the man whose will of Nov. 22, 1606, mentions wife Dorothy; children, Humphrey, Agnes, Isabel, Dorothy, Alice, and Susan. Humphrey was perhaps bap. Dec. 26, 1587.

Humphrey Rainor had Elizabeth, bap. Aug. 27, 1605; Grace, bapt. Jan. 29, 1616; Humphrey, Feb. 20, 1625; Alice, Dec. 10, 1626; Samuel, Feb. 24, 1628; Elizabeth, Feb. 26, 1631; Sybil, Oct. 5, 1634; Thomas, April 23, 1637.

John Rainor had John, bap. Aug. 10, 1619; Mary, bap. Nov. 15, 1635.

Robert Reyner, "aged and sicklie," made his will Feb. 15, 1619-20, proved June 5, same year. Mentions son Marmaduke, and his three children by his first wife, son Thomas, and his son Robert and two other children, son Edward and his children, Grace, Catherine and Dorothy. Perhaps these three children were recorded, March 16, 1569, Marmaduke, (the only one of the name on record); Sept. 19, 1571, Thomas, and Nov. 14, 1513, Edward.

March 18, 1563, Joan, wife of Edward Rainor, was buried; July 8, 1570, Edward was buried, and April 26, 1577, another Edward.

Margaret Rainor bap. Oct. 5, 1566, perhaps buried Dec. 10, 1567.

I have used the word "perhaps" in all cases where I find identical names without any authority to justify the assertion that the same persons were intended.

No doubt a farther search will give Rev. John Reyner's father's name. We know when his mother died, and the register or tombstone should tell who was her husband. May 16, 1592, a John Reyner was baptized, but I think the date rather too early for our John. There is a chasm in the records from 1593 to 1605, and from 1608 to 1614; the register commences in 1560.

In relation to the Boyes family, I learn that Samuel Boyes of Leeds, merchant, married in or about 1674, Mary, daughter of John Mauleverer, Esq., of Letwell. She was first cousin, once removed, to Gen. Oglethorpe, the founder of Georgia. J. Dickinson's letter of Feb. 6, 1677, makes it possible that this was the second wife of our Samuel Boys. Thomas Boyes, of Edston, had a daughter Anne, born about 1685. William Boyes of Great Edston, made his will in 1640. Emmot, daughter of John Boyse of Egton, married Robert Ripley of Hull, who died about 1624. There was a family of the name at Whitby.

NOTE.—It may not be inappropriate to add that the following settlers here were connected with Yorkshire. Rev. John Reyner, Rev. Peter Prudden, Rev. Michael Wigglesworth, Rev. Richard Denton, (who was curate of Coley Chapel, Halifax, in 1631, and of a good family,) Rev. Jonathan Mitchell, (of Halifax in that county, the son of Mathew Mitchel), Rev. Richard Mather, and the hundred passengers by the ship James of Bristol, who arrived here in 1635. Will not some antiquary in England try to trace them out.

Job Lane was born about 1620, m. Sarah ———, who d. May 19, 1659, and secondly Hannah Reyner, July, 1660. The names of his children have already been given; it appears that his only child by his first wife died in infancy. He resided at Malden, where he was selectman 1683, 1686-7, and representative in 1686. We have already seen that he purchased the Coytmore Mill in Malden of Mrs. Cogan, and this property, inherited by his son-in-law Edward Sprague, long remained in the possession of his descendants.

There was a Thurston Reynor at Watertown, who removed with his son Thurston to Wethersfield.

Samuel Boyes, of Saybrook, m. Lidia Bemond, dau. of Wm. Beament, Feb. 3, 1667, and had Joseph, b. in Barbadoes, and d. at Saybrook, March 22, 1682-3; Michael, b. May 26, 1683, d. same year. He d. Oct. 4, 1683, aged 48. [Hinman, 2d ed., p. 305.]

HUNTINGTON FAMILY.—Several gentlemen, members of the Huntington family, met at Norwich city, Ct., on the 30th of December, 1856, for the purpose of making arrangements for a general meeting at a future day. At this primary meeting, it was "*Resolved*, That the third day of Sept., 1857, be set apart by us for that purpose." Circulars were accordingly issued, to notify the race generally of the time and place of meeting.

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF NEW ORLEANS.—We have received no document respecting this society, but incidentally learn that Thomas A. Adams, Esq., is its President; George Levett and Thomas Allen Clark, Esqs., Vice Presidents; H. G. Stetson, Treasurer, and W. O. Butler, Secretary.

BOOK NOTICES.

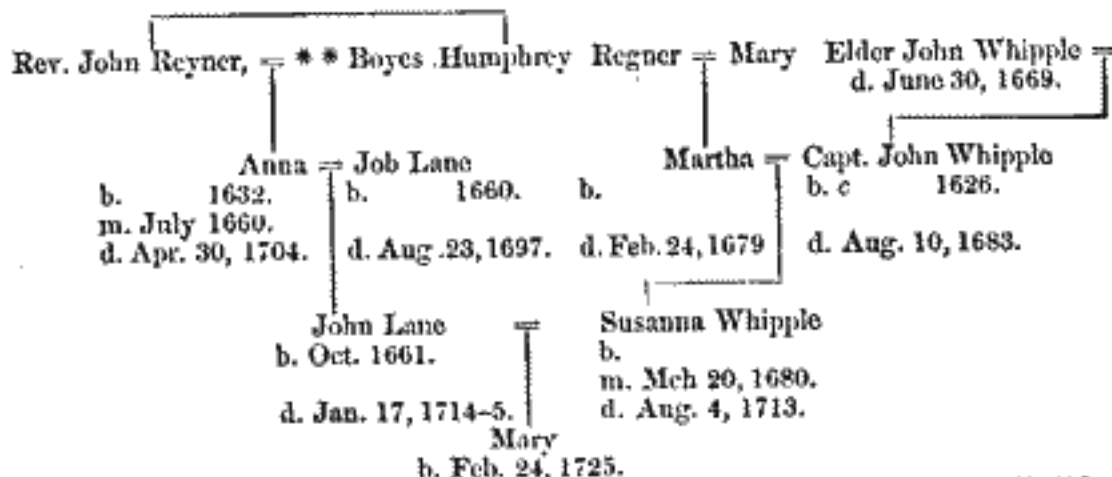
A Brief Genealogy of the Whipple family: Compiled for Oliver Mayhew Whipple, Esq., of Lowell, 1857. Compiled by JOHN A. BOUTELLE, of Woburn. Printed by E. D. Green & Co., of Lowell.

We are not disposed to dwell on the lack of arrangement in this volume, (which we are assured is not Mr. B.'s fault) as it was compiled apparently with reference to the branch from which Mr. O. M. Whipple is descended; and we cheerfully acknowledge the care and research displayed throughout. The earlier generation especially have been traced through, and several important points, hitherto wrongly printed, are now satisfactorily investigated.

Matthew Whipple and his brother Elder John Whipple, had each a son John. The son of Matthew was a lieutenant, and the son of Elder John was called Jr., Colonel, and Captain. These three Johns are grievously confounded by most writers who have noticed them, and following such authority, the error was reasserted in the Register for July, 1857, p. 238. We will briefly copy Dr. Felt's statement, and give the correction. He (p. 167,) says John son of Matthew W. d. Aug. 10, 1683, leaving wife Elizabeth (Woodman) and children Susan Lane, etc. Again (p. 170) he says John Whipple son of Matthew, d. Nov. 22, 1695, having m. a daughter of Humphrey Reyner, and had children, John, Cyprian, etc.

In preparing the Lane Family Papers we, of course, noticed this discrepancy. Matthew Whipple of course had not two sons named John, living at the same time, and as the first account of Felt's seemed to agree best with the known facts, we gave, as before cited, John, son of Matthew, married Elizabeth Woodman, and had issue Susan, wife of John Lane. Mr. Boutelle however shows clearly that our authority was wrong; that John Jr., son of Elder John Whipple married first Martha Reyner, and had children Susan etc., and secondly married Elizabeth Paine, who is the Mrs. E. Whipple who writes her loving daughter Susan Lane in the "Papers." In short, Felt should be amended by calling John on p. 167, son of John and husband of Martha Reyner and Elizabeth Paine, and calling John on p. 170, husband of Elizabeth Woodman, the children being then rightly assigned as they stand.

Our tabular pedigree would then be,



John Lane thus married his second cousin.

W. H. W.

History of South Boston; formerly Dorchester Neck, now Ward XII of the City of Boston: By THOMAS C. SIMONDS. Boston: 1857. 12mo., pp. 331.

In the Preface to this volume we are told that, "Much of the work was written for the columns of the 'South Boston Gazette and Dorchester Chronicle,' and was printed in that paper, at irregular intervals, during the years 1850 and 1851. The writer, since deceased, was peculiarly well qualified for this species of authorship; it was a work in which he took great delight." Mr. Simonds died March 2d, 1857, "but little over 24 years of age." He had in the beginning of this year, arranged with the Publisher, Mr. David Clapp, for the publication of the work. This was a fortunate arrangement, for Mr. Clapp's well known taste and judgment in matters of this nature have long been established; indeed, his name, as publisher to a historical work is no light guarantee that the work is intrinsically good.

appearance of war between our two neighbors, Spain and England, would render a longer adjournment inexpedient.

I have the honor to be with great esteem, Dear Sir, your most obedient and most humble servant,

M. Dumas.

TH. JEFFERSON.

LANE FAMILY PAPERS.

[Communicated by WILLIAM H. WHITMORE, Esq., of Boston.]

Continued from vol. xi, p. 241.

Loving freind Job Lane my best respects saluteth yourself and wife. I have formerly written to you what an agreement I made with your brother James, and that John is dead: and since

I writ, your uncle Henry Lane is dead, there is 19 acres of poor land fallen unto his heir and there is a scruple made whether you be he or no, because you have an elder brother and not known to be dead. The lord will admit me unto it for you, and I must pay the fine which is at his will, and he will bate nothing of £9, 10s, and the land will not yield by the year but five pounds, and the owner must pay the p'lamt. taxes out of it. The lord is one Mr. Fotherlie, a miserable hard man. I have made journey after journey unto him, but he will have his will. Now there will be a court about a month hence, and then I will take it up on your behalf; and I would have sold it, but buyers say I can make no good estate unto them, by that authority which I have of you. Therefore if you would have it sold, I therefore think it your way to make as large a power unto one that you will employ so to do, as by your best advice you may be informed, and to have it exemplified under the testimony of the Governor and some other magistrate and this if you do before I come away, if you think good of, you may make use of me. I think I shall be in England until this time twelve month, at my son Simon Gould's at the Raven in new Fish-street. I shall be extremely troubled to get money to pay this fine for I can get none of your brother James. He is very poor and I hope very honest. I have made an agreement with him for you for £30, and after I have gotten his bond for this money he had counsell to [hold off?] and not to give you anything, for he showed me a copy of the surrender which your father and mother did jointly surrender it unto him and your brother John and their heirs; for so it is; for I was at the charges to get a copy before he did or had agreed with me, and had I not gotten the agreement as I did, I should have had nothing [thence?] for their estate. Afterwards was by learned counsel to be good enough, yet I stand engaged to him upon my agreement to take up the land at the next court and to surrender it to him and his heirs; and this I must attend on this 16 or 17 weeks. I am in conscience bound to give him the best assurance that I can, seeing that I have thus engaged him: he was fearful of me before I had ended with him, and was fearful of going to law with me, which I threatened him to do, but indeed I durst not after I saw the surrender which

your father and mother had made, other ways than you were informed. I found those tenants which took the surrender and desired others of them against your right.

Your brother hath writ unto you to (abate?) him, and telleth you what it hath cost him; much of it I believe is true, for the house is repaired by him, which I think cost.....made a year..... that your father and mother died in debt (a good sum) and that he paid it; he gave me the particulars under the j'tis hands that he paid it unto. I have had a great deal of trouble about it and the other occasions, and chargeable journeys; horse hire was never so dear, 3s. 6d. a day besides his meat,—and now many hackinge coaches go into the country but very dear too,—which hath cost much money. I made a journey unto your uncle John Lane within this 8 days, and must meet him on Saturday at Rickmansworth to speak with the steward and with your uncle's tenant, to see if he will take your land for three years, and pay this fine; but before this ship is to set sail, I shall not give you farther account of the issue of this,—but be you assured that I shall do as well for you as I would for my self; both in this and other affairs of yours here. And now I will acquaint you with another business which hath already been some travail and charge to me on your score. I have learned that another uncle of yours which did long
an annuity unto your father
and his heirs of £15.

Notes.

Though this letter is imperfect it is extremely valuable. The handwriting shows it to be written by Jere. Gould, and a reference to his letter (printed in the *Reg.*, xi, 104) shows that its date was no doubt in 1653.

Rickmansworth, where the land in question seems to have been located, is in Hertfordshire, 18 miles from London, 8 miles from Watford on the Nor. West. R. R., and is a town of about 6000 inhabitants.

BLAEU'S BELGIAN CITIES.—S. Alosen, Esq., of Jersey City, in a letter to a friend in Boston, writes thus:—"From the notice of the meeting of our N. Eng. Hist. Gen. Society of Nov. 1, 1862 [*ante*, p. 85], I see that Dr. Lewis, the president, donated some costly books in French to the Society. Allow me to suggest the propriety of giving the titles of foreign books in their original language, for certainly you must have found it frequently very difficult to recognize the books from the short and imperfect English translations of the titles under which the works are mentioned.

The *Belgian Cities*, by Blaeu, comprise the cities of both the United Provinces of the Netherlands (Dutch) and the Spanish Netherlands (Belgian), and is a standard work of high authority as well as beauty. I am well aware that under the word Belgian both the Netherlands were frequently designated in former days, but that time has passed long ago and the distinction is now generally recognized."

LANE FAMILY PAPERS.

[Communicated by WM. H. WHITMORE, Esq., of Boston.]

Continued from page 267.

A list of the names of the troop which served under my command to the relief of Dunstable, July 4, 1706. [John Lane.]

Thomas Ross, Thomas Richardson,* Andrew Richardson, Jonathan Richardson,* John Farmer, Oliver Farmer,* Thomas Pollard, Samuel Hill, Daniel Hill,* Ralph Hill, John Stearns, Samuel Fitch, Mathew Whipel, Josiah Bacon, Josiah Fasset,* Nathaniel Page, Nathaniel Bucken, Henry Tuffs,* Benjamin Bacon,* Samuel Gadey, John Hill, Edward Spoldin,* Samuel Chamberlin,* Benoni Periham,* John Colborn, James Dalton, Quar^t Joseph Foster, Corp. Samuel Hill.

* These also went to Groton Dunstable and Dracut, 11 August; with Isaac Stearns, Nathaniel Hill, Thomas Dalton, Jonathan Hill, Simon Crosby, Corp.^l Thomas Tarball, Samuel Barren, and Henry Spolden.

22 April, 1691. Nathaniel Tay of Billerica sells his negro, Tony.

Benjamin Ruggles of New Braintree, writes 25 May, 1754, to Job Lane, his brother-in-law, "I was installed here into office the 17 day of April, past." Job L., m. Martha Ruggles, 17 Dec., 1713.

July 1, 1685. Robert Stoke bound himself as apprentice to John Lane for three years.

1674. Lawrence Clinton engages to pay 52s 6d to Francis Woolf, witnesses Samuel Taylor and Daniel Warner; and 30 Nov., 1674, Woolfe assigns the bill to Job Lane of Billerica, witnesses William Greane and Elizabeth Greane.

Capt. Lane,

Dunstable, Aug. 14, 1696.

I have just now advice from the Lt. Governour that some party of the Indian enemy were discovered yesterday by their track above Pick Pocket Mills at Exeter, bending their course westward. From Andover, I have advice also of two men being murdered and scalped by y^e Indian enemy, living in a forsaken house half a mile from a garrison, whereof Peters his son was one. You are therefore required to order y^e one half of your troop to be in a readiness always, and at a minute's warning, if possible with three days provision, to go and give relief to any place that may be attacked.

Hereof you may not fail,

JONATHAN TYNG, Major.

Sir—

Cambridge, 5 November, 1702.

I desire you attended with two of your troops to repair to the towns of Marlborough, Lancaster, Groton, Chelmsford and Dunstable, and

there deliver severally the letters given you, and encourage the officers in their duty agreeable to the several directions.

You are also to labor by all means to speak with Wotanummun and the Penocook men, and to assure them of friendship with the Governour and all the English, but that we are fearful the French Indians will be amongst them soon and do mischief to the English, and that therefore we must have our scouts out, and if they will come and reside in any proper place near the English they shall be welcome; if their hunting will not allow that, they must keep a good distance from the English towns and send one man to Col. Tyng, when they would speak with us, and they shall be welcome, and I will never depart from my friendship to them if they will continue friends. Let the officers in the several towns use all prudence not to make the first breach, and let me hear from *me* (you?) in every occasion.

Your humble servant,

J. DUDLEY.

To Captain Lane.

Oct. 13, 1698. Certificate of Jonathan Prescott, sen.^r and Jonathan Prescott, chirurgeons, that John Fassit of Concord is incapable of service from lameness.

A letter before referred to from John Lane. *Reg. p.* , lines, .

Woburn, New England, March 23, 1697-8.

Loving Kinsman,

It is my great unhappiness that it so soon falls to my lot to be concerned in the affair concerning the rents of the land in Old England, which you have been for some time betruſted with the management of, for my honored father Job Lane, who deceased on the 23d day of August last (God's will be done). He desired me before his death to get my uncle Fox to write for me to England after his decease, because his hand was known to you. Perceiving by your last letters, bearing date April 16, 1695, and November 3, 1696, that his bearing date November 30, —'94, so far differed from the hand that used to write, that you did not see reason to pay the last bills of 20 pound which was order to Mrs. Frances Thompson, in case there were so much due; the hand did indeed something differ and there was a reason for it; but you may be assured hereby that they were really his bills, drawn by his order in Boston whilst he was at home. But she hath been in this country and things are ordered otherwise now, and therefore nothing to be paid to her henceforward. I humbly thank you for your care and faithfulness in that matter. The 10 pounds which you paid to Mrs. Thompson was the last that my father received. Now, Sir, forasmuch as by my father's will (which is proved and enrolled in the records of Middlesex, whereof I am executor being the only male heir of his body) and made therein the sole heir of his lands in England, I humbly crave you would please to send me account of what is due, in rents belonging to me. I do heartily desire you to manage that affair for me as you did for my father, and do hereby empower you, as amply, as he did; always

allowing you all reasonable satisfaction for all your care and trouble, from time to time.

In one of your letters to Frances Thompson, February 9, 1694, you inserted that there was something over £10 due, and that the rent day is march 25th. I desire you would send what is due in Alamode 20 ells, Kentish 4 pieces, good fine Holland 6 ells, of new fashion stuffs 5 pieces, two of which I would have of a solid colour, very good and fine for my mother's and wife's own wear; a large Bible of a very good and large print in quarto; a piece of coarse holland, a piece of good Devonshire carsey, for my own wear, 2 pieces of other carseys fit for service, and half a dozen yards of good broadcloth, if there be so much due. Please to understand my father sent two letters which were taken by the French. Another since was written but prevented by Mrs Thompson's coming over. My father's long illness did much indispose him for this business for some time considerable before his death. I have through God's goodness (besides 2 that I buried) 6 children, Susanna, Mary, Job, John, Martha, James.

My honored mother with my wife and self, give our service to you and yours; committing you all to the protection of God, I subscribe myself with my own hand

Your loving Kinsman to command
JOHN LANE.

THE DARK DAY OF 1780.—We reprint from the *Taunton Republican*, Jan., 1862, the following account of the famous dark day in 1780, written by one who witnessed it, supposed to be Mr. Apollos Leonard of Norton. The account was furnished to the *Republican* by Mrs. W. A. West of Norton.

"May 19th, 1780, on Friday, Thunder in the morning after break of the Day, the Forenoon very dark, and some rain, the appearance of the Clouds very yellow,—about 12 o'clock at noon Lighted a Candle to get Dinner and dine: by about one the Darkness Increased greatly —continued to grow Darker until half-past one o'clock. In the greatest darkness could scarcely see R. Leonard's house or barn, and the shadows of persons in the room was as perceptible on the wall by Reason of the light of the Candle or fire as at any time In the night, and about that time the darkness abated, and 10 minutes after 2 o'clock there was a sprinkle of rain; half after 3 o'clock the Darkness entirely dispelled. And from various Observations made by several Objects at a Distance and near by, the darkness was as great when at the height as it was the evening of the same day at 40 minutes after 7 o'clock if not Exceeding it.

N. B. The yellow appearance after the light ushered In left the horizon very soon.

Saturday, 20, Cold, Cloudy morning, wind at N. East; about 11 o'clock the same night the darkness was Exceeding that of any Ever known in this generation and continued 3 Hours, although at the same time there was a full moon."