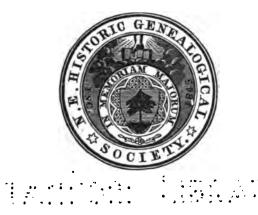
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FRANCIS BUSHNELL OF GUILFORD, CONN. AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

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Francis¹ Bushnell, "the elder," and Francis Bushnell, "junior," most undoubtedly father and son, were among the first settlers of Guilford. One of them signed the Plantation Covenant. Probably this was the elder. He died in 1646, and his will was proved on October 13. Rev. John Hoadley, who signed the same covenant, came over in the same ship. the voyage, his grandson, the famous Bishop Benjamin Hoadley, says he "accidentally met with" Sarah Bushnell, a daughter of Francis, whom he afterwards married. Francis Bushnell, Jr., probably came over in April, 1635, in the "Planter," with his wife and infant daughter. John Bushnell, the glazier, another son, came over in another vessel, the "Hopewell," in the same year. Both brothers were at Salem in 1637. Another Bushnell, who may have been a relative, was in the employ of John Winthrop, the younger, in Boston, and died in March, 1636. The elder, 1. Francis Bushnell, married Rebecca ----. He had a home lot of three acres in Guilford, having John Hoadley, William Dudley and Thomas Jordan as neighbors. Among his descendants are David Bushnell, who invented the first torpedo, the American turtle, and Cornelius Bushnell, who advanced Ericsson the funds with which the "Monitor" was built.

The children of Francis and Rebecca Bushnell were:

i. Francis, 2 b. 1609; d. Dec. 4, 1681.

- ii. Rebecca, m. 1646, at Guilford, John Lord. She seems to have been residing with her father at Guilford at his death and, with her husband, to have presented an inventory, on Feb. 11, 1646-7, of her father's estate, of all his goods, houses and lands, in her possession at the time of his decease. Francis Bushnell's will was witnessed by Rev. Henry Whitfield and William Leete. John Lord sold the lands to John Fowler, after the death of his wife, Rebecca Bushnell.

- iii. WILLIAM, d. Nov. 12, 1683.
 vi. John, b. 1614; d. 1667.
 v. Sarah, bapt. Nov. 26, 1625. at Horsfield, Sussex; m. July 14, 1642, Rev. John Hoadley, of Guilford. He afterwards returned to England, and d. at Halsted, Kent, July 1, 1693. She d. at Rolvenden, Kent, July 28, 1668. The Bishops John and Benjamin Hoadley were their grandsons.
- 5. vl. RICHARD, d. 1657.
- DEA. FRANCIS² BUSHNELL, JR. (Francis¹) was a carpenter and millwright and had charge of the Town mill at Guilford, after the death of Thomas Norton in 1648. About the same time, his name appears among those who took their lands at Oyster River quarter in Saybrook. He remained, however, at Guilford some time longer, making arrangements meanwhile for the transfer of his family to Saybrook. In 1662, he was at Saybrook, where he continued to reside until his death. He built the corn mill at Oyster River, the first erected in Saybrook. The town of Saybrook gave him a farm, on condition of keeping up the mill for the benefit of the town. After his death, the farm went to his son-in-law Samuel Jones. It remained a long time after in his family. His home lot in Guilford contained about five acres and was near his father's. He also owned land at the

Point of Rocks, and conveyed all his real estate property in Guilford to his son-in-law, William Johnson, when he left Guilford. Francis Bushnell died at Saybrook, aged 72, Dec. 9, 1681. He married, in England, Marie or Mary -

Their children were (the order is uncertain):

i. Martha,3 b. 1634; m. Jonathan Smith, of Glastonbury, Conn., Nov. 1, 1663. She was probably the eldest daughter.

 ELIZABETH, m. Dea. William Johnson, of Guilford, July 2, 1651;
 d. April 26, 1672. He d. Oct. 27, 1702. They were grandparents of Rev. Samuel Johnson, first President of King's College, now Columbia University.

iii. Sarah, m. Joseph Ingham of Saybrook, June 20, 1655.

iv. Mary, m. Samuel Jones (son of Thomas) of Guilford, Jan. 1, 1666; d. 1727. He d. November, 1704. v. Hannah, m. Stephen Hosmer of Hartford.

6. vi. John, b. 1632; d. 1686.

- vii. Samuel, m. Ruth Sanford, dau. of Zachary of Saybrook, April 17, 1684; and d. Dec. 16, 1689. They had no children.
- LIEUTENANT WILLIAM² BUSHNELL (Francis¹), of Saybrook, married Rebecca Chapman, a sister of Robert Chapman of Saybrook. Their children were:
 - i. Joshua, b. May 6, 1644; d. March, 1710.
 - ii. SAMUEL, b. middle of September, 1645; d. 172-.

 - REBECCA, b. Oct. 5, 1646; m. John Hand.
 iv. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 15, 1648-9; d. Dec. 9, 1711.
 v. FRANCIS, b. Jan. 6, 1649-50; d. young.

vi. Stephen, b. Jan. 4, 1653-4; d. August, 1727. vii. Thomas, b. Jan. 4, 1653-4.

- viii. Judith, b. beginning of January, 1655-6; d. Nov. 17, 1740; m. Dr. Joseph Seward, of Guilford and Durham, on Feb. 5, 1681-2. He d. Feb. 14, 1732, aged 77.
 - ix. ABIGAIL, b. middle of February, 1659-60; d. Jan. 80, 1750; m. Capt. John Seward, of Guilford and Durham (brother of Dr. Joseph, see "Seward Genealogy," N.-E. Hist. Gen. REG., July, 1898), June 25, 1678. He d. Dec. 6, 1748. R. D. Smyth m. a
 - x. Lydia, b. 1661; d. Aug. 24, 1753; m. Caleb Seward, of Guilford and Durham (brother of Joseph and John), July 14, 1686. He d. Aug. 2, 1728.
 - xi. DANIEL, b. 1683; d. February, 1727-8.
- JOHN² BUSHNELL (Francis¹), of Salem and Boston, died probably in 1667. His inventory is dated Aug. 5, 1667. He m. Jane -Their children were:
 - i. MARY,3 m. George Robinson, Oct. 3, 1657.

 - ii. WILLIAM, d. at Saybrook, Aug. 31, 1684. iii. Dorothy, b. Feb. 15, 1651-2, at Boston. iv. Sarah, b. March 24, 1654-5, at Boston.

 - v. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 30, 1657.
 - vi. John, b. Jan. 19, 1659.
 - vii. Jane, b. Dec. 18, 1662; m. John Hill, April 14, 1670.
- 5. RICHARD² BUSHNELL (Francis¹), of Saybrook and Norwalk, Conn. He is said to have lived in Norwich for a time, at the close of his life. He married, Oct. 11, 1648, Mary Marvin, daughter of Matthew Marvin of Norwalk. She was born 1629, and came to New England with her father in 1635. She married second, Dea. Thomas Adgate in 1660, and died March 29, 1713. Her second husband died in July 1707. Matthew Marvin in his will, in 1673, gives £10 each to his grandsons, Richard and Francis Bushnell.



The children of Richard and Mary (Marvin) Bushnell were:

- JOSEPH,² b. May, 1651; d. Dec. 23, 1748.
 RICHARD, b. September, 1652; d. Feb. 27, 1727.
- 12. iii. Francis, b. January. 1654. iv. MARY, b. January, 1654; m. Thomas Leffingwell, Jr., of Norwich, September, 1672.
 - v. MARCIE, b. 1657. (N.-E. Hist. Gen. REG., XVI. p. 251, calls her Maria).
- 6. JOHN² BUSHNELL (Francis,² Francis¹), of Saybrook, married May 15, 1665, Sarah, daughter of John Scranton.

Their children were:

- i. John, b. March 28, 1665-6; d. March 10, 1729; m. May 10, 1692, Rebecca Cole of Hartford, and lived in Saybrook. Their children were:
 - John, b. 1693; d. 1695.
 John, b. Nov. 2, 1695.

 - 8. Francis, b. Nov. 17, 1697.
 - 4. Samuel, b. March 12, 1699-1700.
 - 5. Amos, b. Jan. 18, 1701-2; d. single, 1733.
 - 6. Rebecca, b. Sept. 16, 1704; m. John Mather, son of the Rev. Azariah, and had no children.
 - 7. Sarah, b. Dec. 9, 1706; and was an imbecile.
 - 8. Benjamin, b. 1709.
 - 9. Lemuel, b. 1712.
- SARAH, b. Sept. 17, 1668; d. Feb. 4, 1691; m. Thomas Stevens, Jr. of Killingworth, Nov. 9, 1688. He d. 1703.
- iii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 10, 1670; d. Sept. 22, 1756; m. 1st, -
- m. 2d, James Benton, Aug. 2, 1694. He d. Nov. 7, 1733. iv. Mary, b. Feb. 20, 1672-3; m. April 16, 1693, William Miller of Glastonbury.
 - v. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 23, 1674.
- DEA. JOSHUA² BUSHNELL (William, Francis¹), of Saybrook, married May, 1682, Mary Seymour, daughter of Richard of Hartford, and Mary his wife.

Their children were:

- 1. THANKFUL, 4 b. Jan. 8, 1686.
- ii. Joshua, b. Nov. 8, 1690; d. 1767.
 - iii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 16, 1693; m. Joseph Nettleton of Killingworth, Feb. 18, 1712-13.
- 8. Samuel^a Bushnell (William, Francis¹), of Saybrook, married first, Oct. 7, 1675, Patience Rudd, daughter of Jonathan. He married second, April 17, 1700, Priscilla Pratt.

The children of Samuel and Patience (Rudd) Bushnell were:

- i. Abigail, b. July 27, 1677; d. Feb. 20, 1708; m. Eliphalet Hall, May 80, 1705. He lived at Guilford, and d. 1725.

 ii. Judith, b. Sept. 14, 1679; d. at Durham, March 11, 1715-16; m.
- James Wright, Jr., Dec. 14, 1707.

 iii. Samuel, b. Aug. 21, 1682, of Saybrook; m. March 31, 1710, Hannah Hill, who d. 1776. Their children were:
 - 1. Jeremiah, b. Sept. 27, 1710.
 - 2. Jemima, b. Feb. 29, 1713; m. Feb. 22, 1738, Ezra Parmelee.
 - 3. Hannah, b. Dec. 8, 1719; m. Isaac Kelsey.
- iv. Jonathan, b. April 10, 1685.
- v. Daniel, b. Feb. 20, 1687-8.
- vi. Nathaniel, b. Feb. 18, 1690-1, of Saybrook; d. January, 1755; m. April 8, 1725, Temperance Seward. (The attraction the Sewards had for the Bushnells is very noticeable). Their children were: 1. Nathaniel, b. June 27, 1727.

- 2. Temperance, b. 1782; m. Gideon Chalker.
- 8. Abigail, b. 1785.
- 4. Deborah, b. April 20, 1787.

The children of Samuel and Priscilla (Pratt) Richardson were:

vii. Hepzibah, b. Aug. 19, 1701.

- ix. Priscilla, b. Dec. 19, 1708. x. Josian, b. June 9, 1706.
- WILLIAM⁸ BUSHNELL (William, Francis¹), of Saybrook, married first, Oct. 7, 1675, Rebecca —, who died May 14, 1703; married second, June 9, 1705, widow Sarah Bull. By his second wife, he had no children.

The children of William and Rebecca Bushnell were:

i. SARAH,4 b. March 1, 1693-4; d. young.

- ii. EPHRAIM, b. Feb. 14, 1695-6; of Saybrook; m. 1st, Nov. 9, 1697, Mary Lay or Long; m. 2d, Oct. 16, 1712, Sarah Hill. By his first wife, his children were:
 - Mary, b. Aug. 8, 1698.
 Daniel, b. Nov. 8, 1699.
 - Martha, b. May 16, 1701; d. young.
 Ephraim, b. Sept. 27, 1702.

- Sarah, b. April 21, 1704; d. young.
 Jedidiah, b. May 5, 1706; d. young. By his second wife, his children were:
- 7. Sarah, b. July 26, 1713.
- 8. Jedidiah, b. May 23, 1714.

- 9. James, b. March 12, 1716. 10. Martha, b. Aug. 12, 1718. 11. Anne, b. Oct. 24, 1720; m. Moses Dudley, Dec. 22, 1748.
- 12. Thomas, b. Aug. 24, 1722. 13. Rebecca, b. June 22, 1728.
- WILLIAM, b. April 3, 1683; d. May 30, 1733; m. April 10, 1701, Catharine Jordan, who d. October, 1751. Their children were:
 - 1. William, b. Oct. 26, 1703.
 - 2. Stephen, b. April 29, 1708; d. young.
 - 8. Nehemiah, b. April 22, 1710.
 - 4. Lydia, b. July 6, 1712.

 - Stephen, b. 1714.
 Hezekiah, b. 1717.
 - 7. Gideon, b. 1720.
- iv. Esther, b. Nov. 2, 1683; m. Samuel Wilcox, May 14, 1707.
- JOSEPH⁸ BUSHNELL (Richard, Francis¹), of Norwich, married Nov. 10. 28, 1673, Mary Leffingwell, daughter of Thomas.

Their children were:

- 1. MARY, 4 b. March 10, 1675.
- ii. Joseph, b. June 27, 1677.
- iii. Jonathan, b. Oct. 7, 1679; m. 1st, Mary Calkinson, March 2. 1709-10; m. 2d, in 1781, Mary Bliss. iv. Daniel, b. 1681; d. 1681.
- v. DEBORAH, b. Sept. 21, 1682.
- vi. HANNAH, b. Dec. 8, 1684.
- vii. Nathan, b. Feb. 12, 1686; m. 1st, Anne Carey, who d. 1714; m. 2d, Mehitabel Allyn, and had six children.
- viil. REBECCA, b. March 7, 1688.
- ix. ABIGAIL, b. July 21, 1690.
- x. RACHEL, b. Oct. 27, 1692.
- XI. JERUSHA, b. Nov. 27, 1695.
- 11. RICHARD⁸ BUSHNELL (Richard, Francis¹), of Norwich, married Dec. 7, 1672, Elizabeth, daughter of Dea. Thomas Adgate.

Their children were:

- i. Anne, b. Dec. 4, 1674; m. William Hyde.
- CALEB, b. May 26, 1679; m. Jan. 9, 1700, Ann Leffingwell; and d. Feb. 18, 1724-5. He lived at Norwich. Their children were:

 - 2. Mary, m. Dr. Joseph Perkins, July, 1730.
 - 3. Elizabeth.
 - 4. Richard, b. July 26, 1710.
 - Abigail.
 Zipporah.
- iii. Benajar, b. May 4, 1681, of Norwich; m. 1709, Zerviah Leffing-well. Their children were:
 - Zerviah.
 - 2. Benajah, b. March 11, 1715.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 31, 1685; m. Jabez Hyde.
- Francis⁸ Bushnell (Richard, Francis¹), of Norwalk and Danbury, married Oct. 12, 1675, Hannah Seamour, daughter of Thomas of Norwalk.

Their children were:

- i. Hannah, b. Aug. 27, 1676; m. Rev. Seth Shove of Danbury.
- ii. MARY, b. Dec. 21, 1679.
- iii. ABIGAIL. iv. Lydia, b. 1681,
- v. MERCY, b. 1687; d. Nov. 9, 1767; m. 1st, Jan. 8, 1712, Major John Bostwick of New Milford; m. 2d, Capt. James Lockwood of Norwalk.
- vi. REBECCA.
- vii. JUDITH.
- 13. CAPTAIN JOSHUA BUSHNELL (Joshua, William, Francis), of Saybrook, married first, Jan. 21, 1711-12, Margaret Chapman, who died Feb. 14, 1716; married second, Feb. 23, 1717-18, Elizabeth Hawley; married third, Lydia Lynde.

The child of Joshua and Margaret (Chapman) Bushnell was:

i. MARY, b. Aug. 27, 1714.

The children of Joshua and Elizabeth (Hawley) Bushnell were:

- ii. PHINRAS, b. Aug. 23, 1718.
- iii. HAWLEY, b. 1720.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. June 24, 1724; m. May 2, 1747, David Seward of Guilford. Their descendant, Rachel Stone Seward, m. R. D. Smyth. (See N.-E. Hist. Gen. Reg. for July, 1898).

The child of Joshua and Lydia (Lynde) Bushnell was:

v. Lucy, d. Oct. 8, 1743; m. Feb. 20, 1770, Samuel Hart.

BUSHNELL FAMILY.

To the Editor of the Register:

I thank you for the opportunity to examine the very complete notes on the Bushnell Family, which reply to the Queries submitted by me in the October REGISTER. They are much more full than anything hitherto printed, but I regret that the authority for the statements made is not cited, since they differ so widely from the data given by Savage, Hinman, Miss Caulkins and others, that it would be more satisfactory to know their foundation, especially as they probably contain the matured opinions of the author—his latest conclusions.

It is admitted by most, I think, that Dea. Francis Bushnell was the son of the first Francis, of Guilford, Ct.; but in following the statements as to his age at death (4 Dec., 1681), given by Savage as 81, and Chesebrough (Anniversary of the First Church, Old Saybrook, p. 75) as 82, it would seem that all have been led astray. They would make the second Francis born in 1600, whereas Mr. Smyth says he was born in 1609, agreeing with Hinman. If this be true, Savage's second and third Francis are the same person. The six named Francis, whom, from the various statements, we seem to find, as my query showed, are thus disposed of:—1 is the original settler; 2, 3 and 4 are identical, the son of 1; 5 was not the son of John, as Chesebrough (p. 74) says, but his nephew, and 6 was not the son of William, as stated by Hinman and others, but of Richard, who married Mary Marvin, and was a twin brother of their daughter Mary—and hence a Francis hitherto unknown to Savage, Walworth (in Hyde), Miss Caulkins, who quotes the record (Hist. Norwich, p. 214). Hinman, or any other writer to my knowledge. The Francis son of William (b. 6 Jan., 1649-50 according to Hinman, who assigns him to Lieut. William, and Savage, who however assigns him to another William), Mr. Smyth not only says died young, but further tells us it was not this Francis but a Francis, son of Richard, who married Hannah, daughter of Thomas [and Hannah Marvin] Seymour [see Hinman, p. 446, and Chapman, p. 30].

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Mr. Smyth says that Joshua, son of William, married Mary, daughter of Richard and Mary Seymour; Chapman, p. 29, says it was Mary, not identifying her further; I have found it stated that Joshua's wife was Hannah's sister Mary, considering Joshua and William to be not cousins but brothers, and sons of William—two brothers marrying two sisters,—but I cannot now recall

my authority.

Lieut. William, according to Chesebrough, p. 75, d. 11 August, 1684, but Smyth says this was another William, viz. the son of John, who died at that time, and gives Lieut. William's death as 12 Nov., 1683, as does Savage: and he further gives to Lieut. William not only the four children, William, Ablgail, Judith and Lydia, who are assigned him by Savage, but also the nine children, some of them bearing the same names [ten in all], given by Savage to his first

William, son of John.

Mr. Smyth makes "John the glazier, of Boston," a son of the first Francis, hence a brother of Dea. Francis, William, etc. He calls Lieut. William "of Saybrook," but does not give the date of his appearance there, which is probably unknown. John of Saybrook was there early; it is needless to say that he could not have been the glazier of Boston, who is too closely connected with Boston by record to be confused with the Saybrook John, neither could he have been the son of the glazier, for he was not born until 1660. Mr. Smyth makes the first Saybrook John the son of Dea. Francis, while others have claimed, and cited Saybrook Records to prove it, that the father of the first John of Saybrook was a John of Boston. I content myself with stating the disagreements, and Ira Bushnell's story in Hinman increases the confusion. I only say further that if we accept Mr. Smyth's version, it follows that William and Richard were not the brothers but the uncles of the first Saybrook John, which contradicts Chesebrough, and if true, overthrows the theory suggested by me, based on Chesebrough's statement. I have no objection to this, having distinctly stated that I only offered a conjecture to reconcile conflicting statements, and was seeking light. But as no authorities are cited by either party, in view of these various contradictions, we may be justified in suspending judgment as to which is to be finally accepted until we know the evidence. might point out several other discrepancies, as, for example, the date of death of Marcie, daughter of Francis of Danbury, given by Hinman, p. 446, as 5 November, 1767, and by Smyth as 9 November, 1767, but I forbear. Others still may be discovered by comparing Smyth with Selleck's lively history of Norwalk, a portion of which has recently been published, and also by a reference to my previous paper.

If the tombstone date of 1600 for Dea. Francis's birth is to be rejected, and he was born in 1609, as Mr. Smyth and Hinman agree, the case is simplified, for the Deacon seems to have been the eldest son; and a reduction of his age by nine years brings forward the dates of birth of his younger brothers, none of

which, except John's, if he be a brother, are certainly known.

My object is not to contest Mr. Smyth's statements, but merely to point out the wide differences between them and those previously printed, confessing my inability to decide which to accept without further evidence. It would be difficult to find a family in which the dates, etc., assigned, are more conflicting, but it is evident that the remarkable discrepancies are largely due to the identity of names and the close correspondence of ages in the different branches.



Passing from these, I will make one or two corrections and supply some additional facts, for which I will give my authority. Mr. Smyth says: "Matthew Marvin in his Will in 1673, gives £10 each to his grandsons Richard and Francis Bushnell." This is an error. By a copy of this Will in my possession, attested by the late Judge Blakeman as taken from the original record at Fairfield, Matthew gives £10 "to my grand-childe, Richard Bushnell"; but he bequeaths to "Francis Bushnell of Norwalk, four acres of land"; no money and no relationship is mentioned. One of Matthew's grand-daughters had married a Francis Bushnell, but whether Francis was Matthew's grandson through his daughter Mary remains to be proved; the Will does not enlighten us.

He gives the birth of Mary Marvin, wife of Richard Bushnell, as 1629; I have lately found by the Parish Register of the church in England where she was baptized, that she was christened 16 December, 1628. Mr. Smyth remarks that Mary's daughter was called Maria instead of Marcie, in my father's article in the Register, vol. xvi; which is true, but Savage, who I am told obtained a great part of his Bushnell notes from Mr. Smyth himself, and Walworth (in Hyde, p. 7) call her Maria also. Miss Caulkins, History of Norwich, p. 214, has Marcie, and that is very probably the true reading. It looks like

Nancie on Fairfield Probate Records.

Whether Richard was contemplating a removal to Norwalk just before he died, we do not certainly know; probably he was, for he had a £200 lot granted him there—date not given by Hall—but Miss Caulkins, p. 213, would make the date about 1656. This lot was near that of his father-in-law, Matthew Marvin, as described in Hall's Norwalk, p. 27. Richard's son Richard was at Lebanon, Ct., 2 June, 1699, where he received 100 acres of land "on the hill above Edward Culver's house," because "he had been at considerable charge with the four proprietors, in setting up of the said place." This was not a home lot. See "Early Lebanon," p. 149.

The younger Francis moved from Norwalk to Danbury soon after the birth of his second daughter; Dr. Thomas Robbins, in his Centennial Sermon, 1801, says that of the houses erected by the original settlers, Francis lived in the second house on the west side, beginning at the south. Mr. Smyth does not give the date of his death, but his Will is on record at Fairfield, where I saw the Inventory, which is dated October, 1697, and amounts to £248, 7. 6, and after the debts were paid, to £223. 16. 0. I have notes concerning his family, but will only mention further that several of the daughters attained a great age—in 1764, Marcie, then 77, had four sisters living, aged respectively, 81, 84, 86 and 87.

ADAMS PEDIGREE.

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ROGER¹ ADAMS married Mary Baker, daughter of Thomas Baker of Roxbury, Mass., and Elizabeth his first wife. She was baptized 11 September, 1653, at Roxbury, and died 28 June, 1710 (Brookline, Mass., parish record). He died 2 March, 1714 (Boston record). His will made 14 December, 1713, proved 10 March, 1714. Inventory of estate was 686£.

Roger Adams removed to Brookline, Mass., where he was surveyor 8 March, 1685-6, tithingman 29 March, 1686, constable 24 June, 1689, fence-viewer 4 March, 1694-5, selectman 1697, and assessor 4 March, 1705.

Children, born in Roxbury:

i. THOMAS, 2 b. 19 Oct., 1675; d. soon.

ii. Joseph, b. 13 Oct., 1676; m. Ruth Whitney.
iii. Marya (Mary), b. 22 May, 1678; m. 12 June, 1712-3 by Judge Sewall to James Shedd of Brookline.