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INTRODUCTION.



TH**ERE** were but few among the early settlers of New England, whose names passed away for lack of heirs male so soon as that of John Oliver of Newbury; and whose genealogical history can therefore be embraced in so small compass. I know no good reason for believing him to have been a member of the family of the same name in Boston; on the contrary, it may be taken as certain, that there were five or six families of this surname in Massachusetts, no two of which have been shown to have a common origin in England. I have long wished to try to give a correct account of the life of my own ancestor, John Oliver of Newbury; and the number of documents illustrating his English pedigree has seemed to me such as to warrant their appearance in this shape.



SKETCH
OF THE
LIFE OF JOHN OLIVER.

JOHAN OLIVER was born at Bristol, England, in 1613.

In 1629 he was apprenticed for eight years to his uncle, Walter Stephens of Bristol, mercer. James Oliver, his father, died in 1629, and his mother, Frances, in 1635. He probably came to New England in 1639, in company with the Lowles, Richard Dole, and William Gerrish. I presume he brought with him his wife Joanna, whom I believe to have been daughter of Percival Lowle.* He settled at Newbury, Massachusetts, and was made Freeman of the Colony, 13 May, 1640. His business seems to have been that of a merchant and importer of English goods. On 2 June, 1641, he was appointed by the General Court, with Mr. Woodman and Mr. John Woodbridge, "to order small causes at Newberry." The day of his death is not known, but it was before June, 1642. He was

* See Appendix.

probably either dead or an invalid in October, 1641, when Mr. Edward Rauson was "appointed instead of M^r: Oliver, to end small causes at Newberry." John Oliver left in lands and goods an estate of about £420, and an only child, Mary, born 7 June, 1640. His widow married, 17 April, 1645, Capt. William Gerrish of Newbury, and died 14 June, 1677; and Mary, his daughter and heir, married 8 December, 1656, Samuel Appleton, jr., of Ipswich, and was mother of John, Isaac, Joanna, Joseph, Oliver and Mary Appleton. Through Isaac and Oliver she was ancestress of most of the name in the New-England States and New York. She died 15 February, 1698, and lies buried at Ipswich.

