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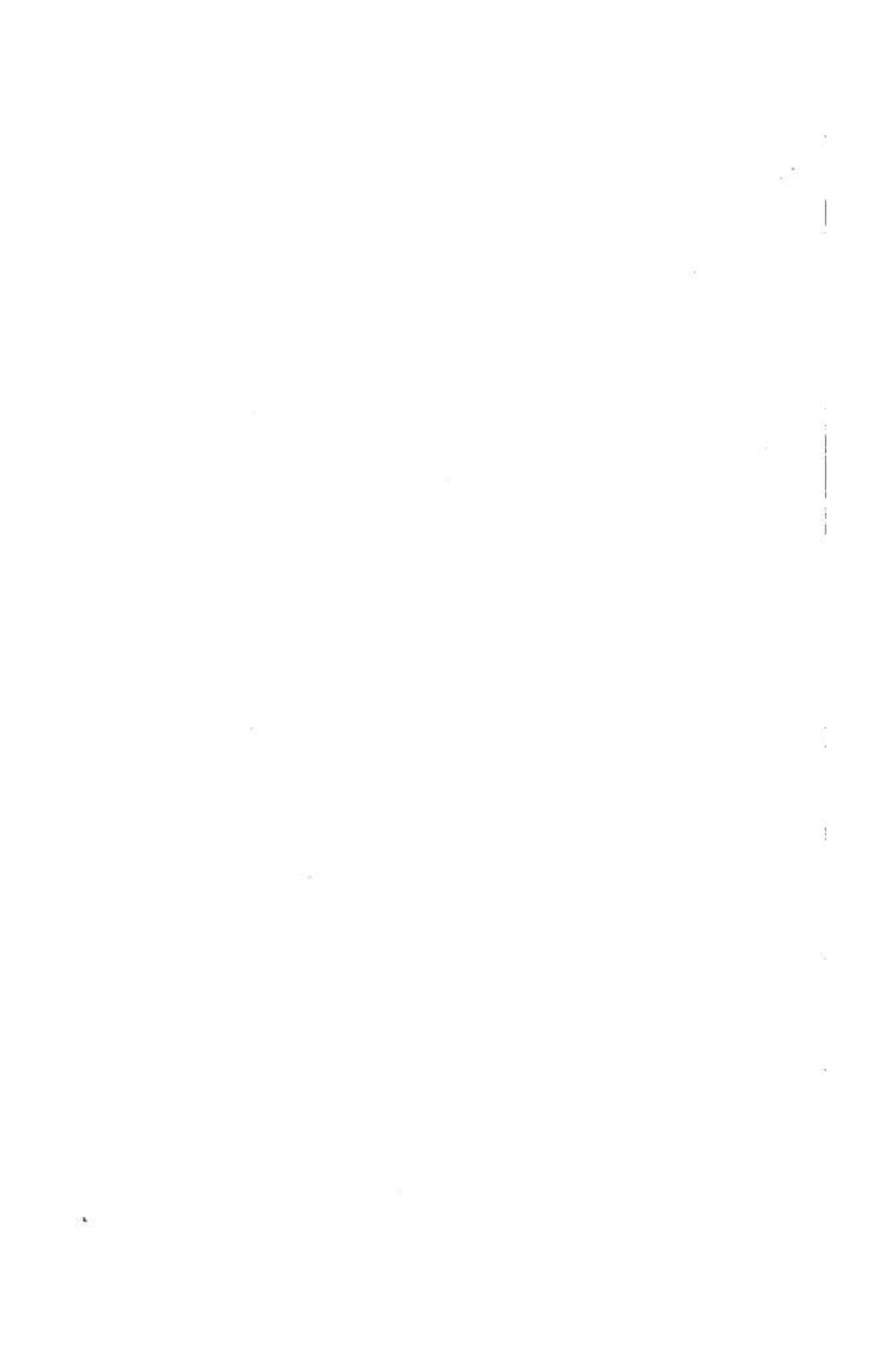
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To
The Memory of My Mother



INTRODUCTION

IN response to a desire to learn more about this branch of the Brewer family, researches were begun in 1894, and, gradually collecting material as leisure afforded, quite a quantity of manuscript was collected. The aim has been to make as correct a genealogy as possible, as far as has been attempted, but not to assume that *all* the Brewers are represented, for several are not mentioned, because they did not seem to be in this line. For instance, in Essex Co., England, was found a John Brewer, citizen and grocer of London, who died 4 Sept., 1631, will proved 13 May, 1636. He was the son of Thomas. His wife was Mary Butler, their children John, Roger and Margaret. He wills a large quantity of land in Virginia to his wife and children. This may possibly be the much-sought-for ancestor of our first John, who has not as yet been certainly found. The time, etc., would make it likely, but not sure. The name of Brewer comes from the same origin as Brewster, and is sometimes in the same document spelled differently, often Bruer, and found in Essex and Suffolk Counties in England.

In this country the family seem to be in Worcester, Weston, Watertown, Cambridge, Sudbury and vicinity, later in Maine. Sudbury was settled in 1639; was colonized as Marlborough. Incorporated as Sudbury in 1660.

Worcester was laid out "eight miles square." In 1778 the General Court committee for Worcester "thought possibly, with proper industry and effort, Worcester offered support for sixty families." The census for 1900 gives the population as 118,421 on less than half of the "eight miles square."

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The work has been compiled from the records from family Bibles, deeds, commissions, etc., with the help obtained from town records and libraries, also by correspondence with those interested in this genealogy. If errors are found, the information will be gratefully received.

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BREWER GENEALOGY

The earliest ancestor of this branch of the Brewer family seems to be Corporal John¹ Brewer, who married Anne of Cambridge. Where he came from originally has not been learned. We find him in Sudbury, Massachusetts, early, for on the Sudbury records the birth of the oldest child John² is recorded as born 10 Oct., 1642. There are four other children, but as they have no further interest for us we do not trace their history.

This John (1) seems to have been an early and influential resident, active in military service, intrusted with the care of wills and other legal documents, etc. He appears at the General Court 11 Oct., 1676, as a petitioner in behalf of himself and other residents of Sudbury for redress on account of losses sustained by Indians on 21 April, 1676. He received £200 as his share.

SECOND GENERATION

2. John², son of John (1) and Anne, was born in Sudbury 10 Oct., 1642, died 1 Jan., 1690¹³, married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry² Rice, eldest son of Deacon Edmund¹ Rice, who was one of the earliest proprietors of Marlboro, and owned land in the eastern part of Sudbury; probably settled there about 1691. The son Henry married in Sudbury 1 Nov., 1643, Elizabeth Moore, daughter of John Moore and Elizabeth (Whale) Moore of Sudbury. The Brewer family seem to have been interested in churches, for Corporal John Brewer is mentioned as making propositions for a new church in Sudbury, 10 Jan., 1688, and they were accepted.