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METHODS OF RECKONING TIME.

The English statute, which took effect in 1752, established January 1st as the beginning of the year, and also cancelled the overplus of time accumulated by the reckoning under the Julian Calendar, which then amounted to 11 days, by making the 3d day of September, 1752, the 14th.

According to the Gregorian Calendar, the year began on March 25th. Boston Almanacs made the change from March to January in 1687. The change appears in our vital records about 1790.

To avoid confusion in consequence of the change, the practice of double-dating became customary, that is, of naming the years in both styles, in giving the dates of events between January 1st and March 25th; thus, Feb. 26, 1693-4, which means Feb. 26, 1693, old style, and Feb. 26, 1694, new style. In the old style February was the 12th month, and in the new, the 2nd. This practice continued till the new style was adopted, in 1752, by the Act of the British Parliament.

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON GENEALOGICAL TABLES.

The families are all numbered consecutively by common figures placed at the head of each, and are referred to by their numbers.

The names of sons and daughters who appear as the heads of families in the next generation are followed by their respective family numbers in parenthesis.

Roman numerals are used after the names of ancestors to designate the generations in which they were born.

After the name and residence of the head of each family,

follows the line of ancestors, beginning with the father or mother and running backward. The number in parenthesis before the name of the parent, is the family number in the preceding generation.

FAMILY RECORDS.

Widow Alice Pearle was living in Beverly Park, Yorkshire, Eng., in 1666, when her son John was apprenticed to John Gurwood, of Beverly, in the same county. The old parchment apprentice-paper is in the possession of John M. Pearl, West Boxford, Mass., and it reads as follows:

Nov 24 1666

Memorandum that I Covenanted and agreed upon between John Pearl son of Alice Pearle of Beverly pkes in the countye of yorke widow on the one pte And John Gurwood of Beverly in the same countye Miller. that whereas the said John Pearle hath served as an apprentice with Anthony Elvidge of Beverly in the Countye of yorke Miller deceased; and for the expiring of his said Apprenticeship he the said John Pearle hath hyred himself unto the said John Gurwood for the space of Two yeares from the Eleventh day of November last past before the date of these psents Commonly called Martiamasse day And is covenanted and agreed upon between the said pties that hee the said John Gurwood shall give to the said John Pearle, meats, drinke and lodging and in *me yard* (?) that the said John Pearle is to find himselfe all manner of Apparrell dureing the said tearme of Two yeares, he the said John Gurwood shall give to the said John Pearle his servant the yearely wages of Thirty and five Shillings dureing the said tearme of Two yeares, in the manner and forme following that is to say Eight shillings and nine pence upon the second day of ffebruary now next ensueing the date hereof and so Eight shillings and nine pence every quarter day successively

and following another dureing the said Two yeares And lastly it is Covenanted and agreed upon between the said pties that hee the said John Pearle shall bee a true & faithfull and obedient servant to the said John Gurwood his master and also that the said John Gurwood shall to the best of his knowledge show instruct and teach him the said John Pearle his servant the art mistery scyence or occupation of a Miller the which he now useth and exerciseth In Witness whereof the pties abovesaid to this psent agreement have Interchangeably sett to their handes and seales the day and yeare above written

his marke

JOHN (seal) PEARL

J. P.

Witnesses

Michael ffarley

Chr: Smith

Another old paper still in the family is a Power of Attorney to collect a debt due Widow Alice Pearl by Jane Jackson, wife of William Jackson, and dated May 1, 1662, at Beverly Park, Eng.

1. JOHN PEARL, of Bradford, Mass.

FIRST AMERICAN ANCESTOR.

He was born at Skidby, in said Beverly Park, about 1650; came to America before 1671 and pursued his calling as a miller first at Marblehead and then at Bradford near Boxford line.

An old paper in the trunk (which was brought across the ocean with John) is in regard to a waterwheel and is dated Jan. 31, 1671. Another relating to the same subject is dated 1683. Still another, which bears the date of 1699, grants him certain mill privileges. He was in Marblehead in 1685, when he acknowledged judgment in Salem Court in favor of Mr. Francis Wainwright and also his own father-in-law, Richard Holmes.

The name of John Pearl's father is not known. In the famous old trunk is another indenture paper binding Nicholas Pearl of

Beverly Park to John Pearl of Skidbie, England, for a term of seven years from Nov. 8, 1669. Who Nicholas and John are is not known.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard and Alice Holmes, of Rowley, where she was born July 15, 1662. She died Mar. 26, 1744, and it is presumed that he died about 1720. Richard Holmes' will, dated 1695, and also other papers of interest in regard to transactions between Richard Holmes and John Pearl, are in the trunk.

CHILDREN.

- 1 Alice, b. about 1683; was living in 1744; m. Jonathan Peabody of Boxford in 1710. He died Apr. 18, 1741. They had 9 children.
- 2 Mary, b. 1685; d. Nov. 5, 1754, unmarried.
- 3 John, b. Jan. 16, 1686-7; died young.
- 4 Eleanor, b. about 1690; was living in 1744; m. Jan. 18, 1715, John Stiles. They had 7 children.
- 5 John, b. Jan. 4, 1692-3; was apprentice to Thomas Perley, 3rd, of Boxford.
- 6 Timothy, b. Feb. 23, 1694-5; m. Mary — soon after 1716 and lived in Windham, Conn. They have many descendents.
- 7 Jane, b. Oct. 9, 1698; was living in 1744; m. Thomas Messer, of Haverhill.
- 8 Richard (2), b. May 20, 1702; d. Dec. 20, 1793.

SECOND GENERATION.

2. RICHARD PEARL.

W. Boxford, Mass.

(1) Son of John i.

Born May 20, 1702, in that part of Bradford which is now Groveland, and died Dec. 20, 1793, aged 91 years, in Boxford.