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BRADFORD FAMILIES.

Governor William Bradford of Plymouth, who came over in the Mayflower, was the eldest son of William Bradford, commander-in-chief of the Plymouth forces in King Philip's War, and deputy governor of the colony, and married Alice Hanson, probably daughter of John Hanson of Austerfield, England, and Grandson of William Bradford, who lived at Austerfield, in or about 1575, whose record of burial is noted as happening on the 10th of Jan., 1595-6.

William, the Pilgrim, baptized March, 1589, was the ancestor of the American Bradfords, and married 1st, Dorothy May, of whose parentage nothing has been discovered; 2d, Alice, widow of Constant Southworth, 14 Aug., 1623; he lived to have been a daughter of "Mr. Carpenter." She died 26 March, 1670.

Children by Dorothy.

2. John, probably born before the emigration; was of Duxberry in 1645, and in 1652 he was a deputy to the general court, and lieutenant. He married Martha, daughter of Thomas and Martha Bourne, of Mansfield, Mass. In 1653 he removed to Norwich, Conn., where he died in 1678.

Children by Alice.

3. William, b. 17 June, 1624; m. 1st, Alice Richards; 2d, Widow Wiswall; 3d, Mrs. Mary (Wood) Holmes.
4. Mercy, b. before 1627; m. Benjamin Vernages.
5. Joseph, b. 1630; m. Joel Hober of Hingham, daughter of Rev. Peter Hober, the first minister of Hingham.

Wood?

II WILLIAM (3), b. 17 June, 1624, son of William Bradford and Alice Southworth; married 1st, Alice Richards, daughter of Thomas Richards of Weymouth. She died 12 Dec., 1671, aged 44 years. He married 2d, a Widow Wiswall; 3d, Mrs. Mary, widow of Rev. John Holmes, and daughter of John Wood of Plymouth. She died 6 Jan., 1714-5.

His biographer says, "He was next to Miles Standish a chief military man of the colony. In Philip's War, he was commander-in-chief of the Plymouth forces, and often exposed himself to all its perils. At the Narragansett fort fight, he received a musket ball in his flesh, which he carried the remainder of his life. In that desperate mid-winter encounter, when both parties fought for their very existence, nearly a thousand Indians fell a sacrifice, and about one hundred fifty of the English were killed or wounded." In the war with the Indians he held the rank of major, and was assistant treasurer and deputy governor of Plymouth from 1682 to 1686, and from 1689 to 1691, and in the latter year he was one of the council of Massachusetts. His residence was in what is now Kingston, R. I., on the north side of Jones' River. He died 20 Feb., 1703-4.

Children by Alice.

6. John, b. 20 Feb., 1651-2; m. Mercy Warren.
7. William, b. 11 March, 1654; m. Rebecca Bartlett.
8. Thomas, b. ; m.
9. Samuel, b. 1668; m. Hannah Rogers.
10. Alice, b. ; m. 1st, Rev. William Adams; 2d, Major James Fitch.
11. Hannah, b. ; m. Joshua Ripley, 1682.
12. Mercy, b. ; m. Samuel Steel.
13. Melatiah, b. ; m. John Steel.
14. Mary, b. ; m. William Hunt.
15. Sarah, b. ; m. Kenelm Baker.

Children by Widow Wiswall.

16. Joseph, b. about 1674; m. Anna Fitch.
17. Israel, b. ; m. Sarah Bartlett.

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