



Landing Place of James and Nicholas Noyes, 1635. View to the North of Parker River Bridge.

CHAPTER II.

NICHOLAS NOYES AND HIS SON REV. NICHOLAS NOYES.

NOYES PEDIGREE.

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Rev. William Noyes, born in 1568, died in Cholderton, county Wilts, England, before the 30th of April, 1622. His brother, Richard Noyes, of Cholderton, yeoman, made his will 25 August, 1639, in which he mentions widow Sara. Another brother, Robert Noyes, yeoman, born in 1570, died 20 January, 1659, and was buried at Cholderton.

The will of Richard Noyes of Manningford Bruce, in the diocese of Sarum, 2 February, 1590, mentions "the sons of Robert Noyes of Cholderton." This Robert may have been the father of William, Richard, and Robert Noyes. Richard Noyes of Manningford Bruce was son of William Noyes of Urchfont, yeoman (will 1557), who purchased the prebend of Urchfont in 1540, from the Earl of Hertford, afterwards Protector Somerset. The Noyes family of Urchfont was of the same stock as that of Cholderton.

Cholderton is about eleven miles from Salisbury, and near by is Wilton House, the seat of the Earl of Pembroke. James Frazier, in 1847, was rector of Cholderton, and in 1870 Bishop of Manchester. William Stubbs, in 1875, was rector of Cholderton, Bishop of Chester in 1884, and Bishop

of Oxford in 1888. The advowson of the rectory of Cholderton now belongs to the Provost and Fellows of Oriel College, Oxford, having come into their possession in 1698.

William Noyes was born in England, and matriculated at University College, Oxford, 15 November, 1588, being admitted to the B. A. degree 31 May, 1592. He was instituted rector of Cholderton in 1602, and married Anne Parker about 1595. The inventory of his estate was made 30 April, 1622, and his widow Anne appointed administratrix, 28 May, 1622. His wife was born 1575, and buried at Cholderton, 7 March, 1657. Her will mentions "sons James and Nicholas, now in New England, and son-in-law Thomas Kent, of Upper Wallup, England." (References omitted.)

Children, born in England :—

- I. EPHRAIM, b. in 1596; was styled "Mr.," and lived at Orcheston, St. Mary. He married a Parnell, and was buried at Cholderton, 28 October, 1659, having made his will 5 Oct., 1659, proved 24 July, 1660.
- II. NATHAN, b. in 1597; was matriculated at Lincoln College, Oxford, 19 May, 1615, and admitted B. A. 26 Oct., 1616. During the civil war he lived at Sarum. In 1622 he succeeded his father as rector of Cholderton, and died 6 Sept., 1651, at Cholderton, and was buried at Salisbury. His will, made 28 Aug., 1651, was proved 18 Nov., 1651.
- III. JAMES, b. 1608; m., 1633, in England, Sarah Brown of Southampton, county Hants, England. He was matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxford, 22 August, 1627, but was not graduated. In March, 1633, he and his wife Sarah, brother Nicholas, and cousin Thomas Parker, with others, took the oath of supremacy and allegiance, to pass for New England, in the "Mary and John," of London, Robert Sayres, master. In 1633-4 he preached in Mystic, now Medford, Mass., and was made freeman 3 Sept., 1634, and with his brother Nicholas and cousin Thomas Parker, was among the first settlers of Newbury, Mass., in May, 1634-5. He died 22 Oct., 1656. . . .
- IV. NICHOLAS, b. 1615-6; m. Mary Cutting.
- V. A daughter; m. Thomas Kent of Upper Wallop.
- VI. JOHN, was married, and lived in Newton, Wilts. . . .

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The statement by some writers that Rev. William Noyes married Anne Stephens, daughter of Nicholas Stephens, Esq., of Burdrop Manor, Wilts, England, and that she was the mother of James and Nicholas Noyes, has been admitted to be undoubtedly incorrect.

COPY OF THE WILL OF ANNE (PARKER) NOYES,

WIDOW OF REV. WILLIAM NOYES, OF
CHOLDERTON, ENG.

In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

In the name of GOD, amen. I Anne Noyes of Cholderton, in the County Wilts, widdow, the eighteenth day of March in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred fiftie & five being in perfect health and memorie (thanks bee to Almighty God) and taking to remembrance the uncertaine estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call doe make and ordayne this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say—Imprimis I give and bequeath to James Noyes and Nicholas Noyes my two sonnes now in New England twelve pence a piece and to such children as they have liveing twelve pence a piece—Item I give and bequeath to my sonne in law Thomas Kent of Upper Wallop twelve pence Item I give and bequeath to his wife five shillings and to their children twelve pence a piece Item I give and bequeath unto Robert Read of East Cholderton in the County of Southton Gent' all the rest and residue of my goods and chattels moveable and immoveable utensils and implements of household stuffe whatsoever And lastly I make and ordayne the s'd Robert Read Gent' full whole and sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have here unto sett my hand and seale the day and yeere above written

Anne Noyes her marke sealed and delivered in presence of us John Tisdale T. Tisdale"

1. Nicholas¹ was born in England, 1615-6. He came to this country, as narrated in the introductory chapter, in 1633. He walked forty miles to Cambridge to qualify as a voter when he was made a freeman, 17 May, 1637; about 1640 married Mary Cutting, daughter of Captain John Cutting (a shipmaster, formerly of London), and Mary, his wife. John Cutting in his will mentions Mary, wife of Nicholas Noyes. Nicholas Noyes was a deputy to the General Court at Boston, from Newbury, 19 Dec., 1660, 28 May, 1679, 19 May, 1680, and 4 Jan., 1680-1. He was chosen deacon of the First Parish, 20 March, 1633-4, and died 23 Nov., 1701, at Newbury. His will was made 4 July, 1700, and proved 29 Dec., 1701; in it he mentions sons John, late of Newbury, deceased; Nicholas, of Salem; Cutting; Timothy; Thomas, deceased; and daughters Mary, wife of John French of Salisbury; Hannah, wife of John Atkinson, Sr., of Newbury; Sarah, wife of Mathew Pettingill of Newbury; Rachel, wife of James Jackman of Newbury; and Abigail, unmarried; also Mary, the widow of his son John. His son James was made executor. The personal estate was £1531, and the real estate was £1160 (307, 233, and 307: 236, at Salem). In deed 15: 41, at Salem, he conveys property to his grandson Nicholas, son of his son John, 19 April, 1698; and deed 27: 8, at Salem, 1 April, 1673, is an agreement between Nicholas Noyes, his wife Mary, and their son Cutting. The homestead of Nicholas Noyes is owned and occupied by the heirs of Nathaniel Little (1903).

“In 1652 many were brought before the court for not observing the Sumptuary laws of 1651. The records say, “Nicholas Noyes’ wife, Hugh March’s wife, and William Chandler’s wife were each presented for wearing a silk hood and scarf; but were discharged on proof that their husbands were worth two hundred pounds each. John Hutchins’ wife was also discharged upon testifying that she was brought up above the ordinary rank.”

Children, born in Newbury :—

2. Mary,² b. 15 Oct., 1641; m. John French.
3. Hannah, b. 13 Oct., 1643; m., first, Peter Cheney, 1663; m., second, John Atkinson, 1700.
- *4. John, b. 20 Jan., 1645; m. Mary Poore, 1668.
Rev. Nicholas, b. 22 Dec., 1647; d. 13 Dec., 1717.
- *5. Cutting, b. 23 Sept., 1649; m. Elizabeth Knight, 1675.
6. Sarah, b. 22 Aug., 1653; m. Mathew Pettingill, 1674.
- *7. Timothy, b. 23 June, 1655; m. Mary Knight, 1680.
- *8. James, b. 16 May, 1657; m. Hannah Knight, 1684.
9. Abigail, b. 11 April, 1659; m. Simeon French, 1707.
10. Rachel, b. 20 March, 1661; m. James Jackman, 1682.
- *11. Thomas, b. 20 June, 1663; m. Sarah Knight, 1685.
Three d. y.

CHILDREN AND NOYES GRANDCHILDREN OF 1 NICHOLAS.

2 Mary, m. John French.	}	12 Nicholas, m. Sarah Lunt.
3 Hannah, m. Peter Cheney.		13 Daniel, m. Judith Knight.
4 JOHN, m. Mary Poor.		14 Mary, m. John Noyes.
		15 John, m. Mary Thurlo.
		16 Martha, m. Joseph Lunt.
		17 Nathaniel, m. Priscilla Merrill.
		18 Elizabeth, m. John Adams.
		19 Samuel, m. Hannah Poor.
		Two d. y.
Rev. Nicholas,	}	20 John, m. Mary Noyes.
		21 Cutting, m. Elizabeth Toppan.
5 CUTTING, m. Eliz'h Knight.		22 Elizabeth, m. M. Sam'l Pettengill.
		23 Joseph, m. Jane Dole.
		24 Bathsheba, m. Cutting Pettengill.
	25 Mary, m. James Moulton.	
	Two d. y.	
6 Sarah, m. Mathew Pettengill.	}	26 James, m. Sarah Coffin.
		27 Abigail, m. Simon French.
		Mary.
		28 Sarah, m. John French.
7 TIMOTHY, m. Mary Knight.		29 Timo'y, 1st m. Lydia Plummer.
		2d, m. Sarah Richards.
		30 Rachel, m. Joseph Martin.
		31 Martha, m. Thomas Smith.
		32 Isaac, m. Jane Somerby.
		33 Nicholas, m. Sarah Ward.
	Two d. y.	
	34 Rebecca, m. Joseph Knight.	
	35 Joseph, 1st m. Joanna Hale.	
	2d m. Martha Clark.	
	36 Hannah, m. Benjamin Lunt.	
	37 Nicholas, m. Judith Pike.	
8 JAMES, m. Hannah Knight.	38 Nathan, 1st m. Sarah Clark.	
	2d, m. Mary Greenleaf.	
9 Abigail, m. Simeon French.	39 Lydia, m. Joseph Dole.	
	40 Ephraim, 1stm. Prudence Stickney.	
	2d, m. Mrs. Abigail Platts	
	41 Benj'n, 1st m. Mary Poore.	
	2d, m. Sarah Ring.	
	42 Mary, m. Abial Somerby.	
10 Rachel, m. James Jackman.	43 James, m. Sarah Little.	
	Two d. y.	
	44 Sarah, m. Peter Mors.	
11 THOMAS, m. Sarah Knight.	45 Bethia, m. Joseph Danforth.	
Three d. y.	46 Thomas, m. Judith March.	
	Two d. y.	

Rev. Nicholas, son of Nicholas and Mary Cutting, was born in Newbury, 22 Dec., 1647. Graduated at Harvard, 1667 (A. B.). Was made freeman 13 May, 1669. Chaplain of Connecticut regiment at Great Swamp fight, 19 Dec., 1675. He preached thirteen years at Haddam, Conn., and was given a unanimous call to become the seventh minister or church officer in Salem, Mass., 23 Oct., 1682-3, with a salary of £80 and 20 cords of wood annually, and was ordained over the First Church 14 Nov., 1683, and admitted to the church by recommendation from the church in Newbury.

"Nov., 1685, Messrs. Higginson and Noyes advise that parents who have not been baptized may have their children baptized if they will consent to be examined."

"25 May, 1693, the Rev. Nicholas Noyes preached the Election Sermon, which is prefaced by his senior colleague, John Higginson, and published."

"15 Dec., 1698, Messrs. Higginson and Noyes sent a long letter to the authors of the Declaration who call themselves undertakers of the New Church erected in Boston (Brattle Street Church), and complain of the Declaration because they consider it too lax in doctrine, in the ordinance of baptism, and also in admission to communion. They desire the authors of the Declaration not to be the beginners of schism." (*Annals of Salem*).

"Rev. Nicholas Noyes was among the clergymen who congratulated the Governor on the choice of John Leverett President of Harvard College, Nov., 1703."

About 1702 he wrote the Memoir of his uncle, Rev. James Noyes, in Mather's *Magnalia*. He officiated as clergyman at the hanging of the witches, Sept. 22, 1692, and after they were dead, said, "What a sad sight it is to see those eight firebrands of hell hanging there" (see Calef, p. 256). Later in life he repented of his part in the witchcraft persecutions, and did what he could to assist the dependent families. He died unmarried, in Salem, 13 Dec., 1717.

John Dutton, having visited him in 1686, writes, "He is all that is delightful in conversation; it is no lessening to his brother Higginson to say that he is in no ways inferior to him for good preaching or primitive living." Brattle says of him, "His talents were good, his literature general, his acquaintance with theology extensive, his attachment to the ministry strong, and his life both useful and desired. A learned, a charitable, and a good man." He has been described as being "extremely fat."

Referring to the celebacy of Mr. Parker and Rev. Nicholas Noyes, a local poet (?) said:—

"Though Rome blaspheme the marriage bed,
And vows of single life has bred,
Chaste Parker, Stoughton, Brinsmade, Noyes,
Show us the odds 'twixt force and choice.
These undefiled contracted HERE
Are gone to Heaven and married THERE."

Rev. Nicholas wrote several poems and elegies, one on the death of his colleague, Mr. Higginson, in 1708, which was bound with the sermon preached by Cotton Mather on the same occasion; and another on the death of Rev. Joseph Green, pastor of the church at Salem village, 1715 in which he says:—

"In God's house we of late did see
A Green and growing Olive tree.
'Twas planted by a living spring
That always made it flourishing."

He also wrote an epitaph upon the death of Mr. Green:—

"Under this Sorry Heap of Stones
Rich Treasure Lyes, dear Joseph's Bones.
From Salem village Christ will move
Them to his Salem, that's above.
When the last Trumpet Gives its Sound,
The Saints will Start from Under Ground,
Be changed and Mount, with one accord,
To meet with their Descending Lord."

"July 29, 1697, John Davis of Gloucester, for 15 pounds, conveyed to Rev. Nicholas Noyes, Thatcher's Island, containing about 40 or 50 acres, lying off Cape Ann."

"Rev. Nicholas Noyes sold to John Levett, for £36 current and lawful silver money of N. E., viz: good civil pillar and Mexico pieces at 17 dwt to me in hand paid, by John Levett of Beverly, Fisherman.—5 lots of land containing in all 35 acres, commonly called Kettle Cove lots."

Rev. Nicholas Noyes of Salem settled on the easterly part of a tract of about one acre and twenty poles previous to January 31, 1687, "bounded on ye south with ye land of Mr. Norrice, northerly by ye land formerly Mr. Sharp's, easterly upon ye broad street where ye school house standeth, and westwardly with ye street where Dr. Weld liveth." (Recorded February 9th, 1687.)