

EATON GENEALOGY.

John, Elijah, Nathaniel, Pamila¹, residents of Sutton, descendants of Nathaniel, of Haverhill.² We trace Nathaniel's ancestry to John Eaton, who with his wife, Anne, and six children—two sons and four daughters—is known to have been in Colchester, now Salisbury, Mass., as early as June 26, 1640. He moved to Haverhill, where he d. Oct. 29, 1668. Anne, his wife, d. Feb. 5, 1660. John Eaton was a cooper and farmer, and dealt considerably in real estate. He was a man of strong will-power, tempered by sound judgment, who believed in liberty of conscience and toleration of society. His son John settled in Salisbury; his son Thomas settled in Haverhill. Thomas, b. about 1631, twice m.,—1st Aug. 14, 1656, Martha Kent, who d. Mar. 9, 1657; 2d, Jan. 6, 1659, Eunice Singlety, who d. Oct. 5. 1715.

Ensign Thomas Eaton d. Dec. 15, 1708. He was the father of six sons and four daughters. His fifth child, Jonathan, was b. Apr. 23, 1668; m., 1st, Sarah Sanders, 2d, Ruth Page. Jonathan and Sarah Sanders were m. March 16, 1695. She d. Apr. 23, 1698, leaving one child, James, b. Mar. 9, 1697, who m. June 13, 1728, Mrs. Rachel Ayer, of Haverhill. He was very feeble for many years. He was the father of six sons and three daughters of more than ordinary ability.³ Nathaniel, his seventh child, b. May 5, 1743, m. May 8, 1766, Rebecca Dodge, of Lunenburg, Mass. They first settled on a farm in Concord, consisting of 154 acres, more or less, which was purchased of Ezra Tucker, Dec. 19, 1766. There it is said their first child was born. Soon, however, this farm was sold to Thomas Eaton, of Bow, viz., Oct. 6, 1768, and Nathaniel Eaton

¹ Pamila (Eaton) Messer, under James Messer.

² We are indebted to Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D., of Nashua, for data of Haverhill Eatons.

³ His oldest son, David, was a loyalist; moved to Nova Scotia and became noted for his wealth. His descendants are numerous: many of them reside in the United States. James was the ancestor of Rev. W. H. Eaton, of Nashua.