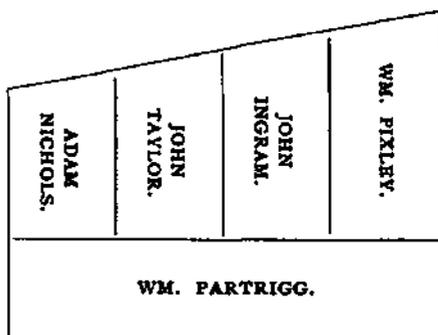


William Pixley

OF

Hadley, Massachusetts and Some of His Descendants

Beyond all doubt, the first of the name Pixley in America—variously spelled in the earliest records of the Colonies as Pixley, Pixly, Pixlee—was William Pixley, one of the earliest settlers of Hadley, Massachusetts. Hadley was first settled in 1661. Old Hadley street, twenty rods wide, extended north and south across the neck of a peninsula formed by a bend in the Connecticut river. There, in the northeastern part of the old town, as shown here in diagram, according to an old map of Hadley as it appeared in 1663, but two years after its early settlement, we find the name of “William Pixley” as proprietor of land in the far corner of the township. The waters of the Connecticut long ago washed away the land embraced in the little plot of but two acres.



Of William Pixley's birth we have no record, nor do we know of his life and history until we find him in Hadley, in 1663. In that year he married Sarah Lawrence, of whose birth and parentage we have no record. In