

16. **Jonah** (*Joseph*<sup>\*</sup>), born March 3, 1701; died August 18, 1759; married ———, Elizabeth Hamon. He removed to Great Barrington and had there one proprietary right of 400 acres. In December, 1743, Jonah and his brother, John (20), James Sexton, Ashael King and Jonathan Nash became the charter members of the second church in Sheffield (Great Barrington), the Rev. Samuel Hopkins, pastor. Jonah is named as one of the most active members during the earliest years of this church. He was the first deacon of the church, chosen probably at its formation. In April, 1744, Sheffield granted £30, old tenor, for a school in the North Parish (Sheffield), and appointed Moses Ingersoll, Jonah Pixley and Isaac Van Deusen a committee "to see that there is a school-master or school-mistress or dame provided, and also to see it be kept in such places as shall be thought necessary and convenient in said Parish." Jonah was given one proprietary right of 400 acres in the settlement of Great Barrington.

17. **Joseph** (*Joseph*<sup>\*</sup>), born May 4, 1703; married Sarah Smith. He was one of the committee of Great Barrington, chosen at the first town meeting of the proprietors assembled in the Upper Township, March 8, 1742, at the house of Daniel Nash, to determine upon the site and take charge of the building of "a meeting house for the public worship of God, and to erect said house on the east side of the river," and "to agree with some proper person or persons that shall appear to undertake the building of said house and to find all materials and finish said house within and without." This meeting of the proprietors was held under the authority granted by the House of Representatives, January 13, 1742, empowering the inhabitants "by a major vote, at a meeting or meetings properly called for that purpose, to raise money for the building of a con-