

It will be noted that the age of John Page, son of Robert, bapt. 25 Sept. 1586, corresponds with that of the New England settler and there would seem to be no reason to doubt but that they were identical, were it not for the will of John Page of Boxted in 1636. However, it must be noted that the testator of 1636 had a daughter Katherine, bapt. 10 June 1604, and a son Edward, bapt. 7 April 1607, when the John, bapt. 25 Sept. 1586, would have been only seventeen and twenty years of age respectively. Marriages at such an early age among the yeomanry at this period are extremely rare, so it would seem that, in spite of the similarity of names in the families of Robert and John Page, that the testator of 1636 is not identical with the John, bapt. in 1586, but was an older man. If this is so there can be little doubt but that the John Page, bapt. in 1586, is identical with our Watertown settler.

1. ROBERT PAGE, of Boxted, co. Essex, born about 1558-60, buried 13 Nov. 1605. He married, 30 Sept. 1583, SUSANNA SYCKERLING, bapt. 25 April 1566, daughter of William Syckerling the elder, yeoman, of Boxted, the testator of 6 April 1598, who was buried in Boxted 27 April 1599, "aged about 100 years."

The will of Robert Page, dated 4 Nov. 1605, was proved 17 Dec. 1605.

Children, baptized in Boxted:

2. i. JOHN, bapt. 25 Sept. 1586.  
ii. HANNAH, bapt. 29 March 1590.  
iii. SUSAN, bapt. 25 Jan. 1592/3.  
iv. ANNE, bapt. 17 Jan. 1596/7.  
v. CHRISTOPHER, bapt. 17 June 1599.  
vi. JOAN, bapt. 18 Oct. 1601.
2. JOHN PAGE (? Robert), of Boxted and Dedham, baptized 25 Sept. 1586, died in Watertown, Mass., 18 Dec. 1676, "aged about 90 years". He married in Lavenham, co. Suffolk, 5 June 1621, PHOEBE PAINE, died in Watertown 25 Sept. 1677, "in her 87th. year", daughter of William Paine of Lavenham. Probably the John Page who emigrated to New England and settled in Watertown.

Children, order of births uncertain:

- i. DANIEL, bur. in Watertown 10 (6) 1634.
- ii. JOHN, of Watertown and Groton, Mass., b. about 1630; d. before 20 Jan. 1713/14; m. (1) 12 May 1664 FAITH DUNSTER, daughter of Robert Dunster of Bury, co. Lancaster (THE REGISTER, vol. LXXX, p. 94); m. (2) 5 Sept. 1699 EMORY LAMB of Boston. He was the ancestor of the Danvers Pages.
- iii. SAMUEL, of Concord, Mass., b. 20 (6) 1633; m. HANNAH ———.
- iv. ELIZABETH, living in 1660.
- v. MARY, living in 1660.
- vi. PHOEBE, m. as his third wife, about 1662, JAMES CUTLER of Watertown.

[It is to be noted that the name Page, which was quite widely spread in co. Suffolk in the sixteenth century, is found in and about Lavenham, the home of John Page's wife, as early as 1540 and it seems not unlikely that the Pages of Boxted, co. Essex, originated in or about Lavenham.]