

THE
PIONEERS OF MASSACHUSETTS,

A DESCRIPTIVE LIST,

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PUFFER, see *Poffer*.

**PURCHASE, PURCHAS, PURCHIS,
PURCHES,**

Oliver, of Dorchester, Eng., came in 1633 to our Dorchester. He died soon, as a grant of land was given to his widow in 1633. His son Oliver came with him; res. first at *Dorch.*, then rem. to *Taunton*; later to *Lynn*, and finally to *Concord*; was frm. Dec. 7, 1636; deposed at *Lynn* in 1665, ae. about 48 years. His dau. Joan, b. about 1578, m. in Eng., Whit Monday, 1696, Bernard Capen, and came with him to *Dorch.* in 1633. The widow seems to be the person who m. ruling elder Thomas Oliver, of *Boston*, as his second wife, about 1642; and his dau.-in-law Sarah Purchase, adm. chh. *Boston* 31 (3) 1646, her child.

Mr. Thomas, gent., came at an early day to *Maine*. He sold to Gov. John Winthrop and the *Mass. Bay Co.* 22 (5) 1639 a tract of land at *Pagiscot* 4 miles square, with provision for their jurisdiction. He sued certain men for taking from his premises at *P.* some moose skins that belonged to *Abacusset*, an Indian sagamore, May 31, 1641. [L.] He rem. to *Lynn*. Sold three-eighths of the *Blessing* to *Valentine Hill* 29 (8) 1644. [A.] His wife Mary d. at *Boston* 7 (11) 1655.

He d. May 11, 1678, ae. 101 years; will dated 2 May, 1677, prob. 25 (5) 1678. Widow Elizabeth and five children; had lost most of his est. at the *Eastward*. Widow and son Thomas execrs.. Friends Mr. Henry Jocelin, cousins Oliver Purchase of *Hammersmith*, and Edward Alline of *Boston* overseers.

William, a witness to deed of Wm. Potter of *Watertown* 8 (10) 1645.

PURRIER, see *Perry*,

William, *Ipswich*, propr. 1638; *Salisbury*, 1639.

PURTON,

Elizabeth, widow, adm. chh. *Boston* (9) 1633.

Will prob. 29 (2) 1650; son John, heir; feather bed to Mr. John Cotton in case son John should die; Bible to Robert Blott; rest to the church. [Reg. VII, 233.]

PUTNAM,

John, formerly of *Abbotsason* in *Buckinghamshire*, England, [town record,] came early to *Salem*. Planter, yeoman. Had grants of land in 1640 and onward; was adm. chh. 4 (2) 1647. His wife Priscilla was adm. chh. 21 (1) 1640-1. His sons John, Nathaniel and Thomas came also to *Salem*, and were enterprising citizens. John (who deposed March 30, 1685, ae. about 68 years,) m. 3 (7) 1652, Rebecca Prince; Nathaniel (who deposed 30 (1) 1685, ae. about 65 years, that he had lived 46 yrs. in *Salem*.) m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Hutchinson; Thomas m. 1, 17 (8) 1643, Ann, dau. of Mr. Edward and Prudence Holyoke, who d. 1 (7) 1665; he m. 2, 14 (9) 1666, Mary Wren, widow. [*Salem town rec.*] He deeded lands to his son John, referring to lands given to son Nathaniel, 3 (1) 1653, and to the bounds of his brothers. Other deeds in 1662.

He d. 30 (10) 1662.

PUTTELL,

PYCE,

Alice, maid servant to Judith Quinsey, adm. chh. *Boston* 4 (7) 1636.

PYFORD, see *Byford*.

**PYNCHON, PINCHON, PINCHIN, PYN-
SON**, see *Pinson*,

Mr. William, Esquire, came in the *Arbella* in 1630. Assistant. Settled first at *Dorchester*; sold house in 1634; res. at *Roxbury* till he had arranged for the beginning of the plantation at *Agawam*, (*Springfield*.) for which the Gen. Court made him chief commissioner 3 March, 1635-6. Bought lands of the Indians. See agreement of the first settlers in article on Mr. Pynchon in Reg. XIII, 289. Frm. Aug. 2, 1642. He was the leader in the new settlement. Wrote a book on *Justification*, printed in 1650, which recd. severe criticism from the most prominent ministers and statesmen of the Colony. He ret. to England in 1662, and died there. His wife d. soon after he landed, and he m. Mrs. Frances Sanford of *Dorchester*. His son John, b. in Eng., became a very influential man, whose stamp is left on the history of the *Conn. Valley* for the remainder of the century. Valuable papers of his in *Mass.* Hist. Coll. 2-S.