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1. WILLIAM¹ ARMS was probably born about 1654, but we know nothing of his birthplace or parentage. He died at Deerfield, Massachusetts 25 August 1731.

He married at Hatfield, Massachusetts 21 November 1677 Joanna Hawks, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hawks, who was born 8 February 1653/4 at Windsor, Connecticut and who died at Deerfield 22 November 1729.

William is first heard of during King Philip's War, when he is listed as a soldier serving under Capt. William Turner in the "Falls Fight" 19 May 1676. He first settled in Hatfield, where he took the oath of allegiance 23 February 1678. He was one of eight proprietors at West Farms (the present village of Bradstreet), and was one of five "sheepmasters" appointed 18 December 1693. He apparently speculated largely in real estate. Removing to Deerfield about 1697/8, he settled on the south end on "Arms Corner," for which he exchanged a house and land in Hartford. Sometime between 1713 and 1717 he moved to Sunderland, Massachusetts, where he had home lot No. 19 on the west side of town. He returned to Deerfield about 1722 and remained there until his death.

Children (all born at Hatfield):

- i. William, b. 14 February 1678/9; d. 18 September 1690
- ii. John, b. 25 December 1679; m. Hannah Nash
- iii. Sarah, b. 21 November 1681; m. Zebediah Williams
- iv. MARGARET, b. 6 October 1683; m. William Belding (q.v.)
- v. Hannah, b. 1685; m. Joseph Clesson
- vi. Daniel, b. 11 September 1687; m. (1) Esther Smead, (2) Mary Hitchcock
- vii. Ebenezer, b. 26 August 1689; d. 25 September 1690
- viii. William, b. 26 October 1692; m. Rebecca Nash
- ix. Elizabeth, b. 1695; m. Ebenezer Field

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B A B B I T

1. EDWARD¹ BABBIT, whose name was most commonly spelled Bobet, was at Plymouth in 1643, when he is listed as between 16 and 64 years of age, but his birthplace and the exact date of his birth are unknown. He was killed by the Indians at Taunton, Massachusetts during King Philip's War on 25 June 1675, and his gravestone is now in the museum of the Old Colony Historical Society at Taunton.

He was married 7 July 1654 at Taunton to Sarah Tarne, daughter of Myles and Sarah Tarne of Boston, who was probably born in England. The dates of her birth and death have not been found.