

THE HAYNES BLUE BOOK.

"An Account as near as I can collect of our Fathers coming from Old to New England." So begins the Chronicle, written by John⁴ Haynes (No. 28), a great-grandson of Walter.¹ He then tells of the coming of his grandfather John² Haynes the year before the rest of the family, as quoted in the record of Dea. John² (No. 6). "The next year 1638 came over our great-grandfather Walter Haynes and Peter Noyes." Then follows the record in full of Peter Noyes' children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. "And nextly as to our Great Grandfather Walter Haynes, with others, their removal from Watertown, the place they first came to in the year 1638, as above and, so from thence the same year or the next year, having obtained a grant from the General Court of land for a township now called Sudbury, removed and settled there." John⁴ now goes on to give the Haynes family for four generations, the latest date being the death of Phineas,⁴ which he gives as June 1772, but which probably was 1771. See Phineas⁴ Haynes (No. 43). John⁴ gives the date of his own birth, 14 Aug. 1684, but no one added, later, the date of his death, and it is not recorded on the Sudbury Records. From the letter given below we see that his later years were spent away from Sudbury, which accounts for that omission. His son John⁵ (No. 65) had moved to Nova Scotia, and John⁴ may have joined him there.

The Walter Haynes Family are all indebted to William Francis⁸ Haynes, a lineal descendant of John⁴, and his son Frederic Marshall⁹ Haynes (No. 1035), the present owner, for the care with which they have preserved this valuable document. It came into the possession of William F.⁸ Haynes, (b. 1810) who wrote: "When my grandfather Samuel⁶ Haynes of Sudbury, died, in the year 1825, there was found among his papers an old manuscript written by Walter's great grandson, John⁴." Since the death of William F.⁸ Haynes, this record has been owned by his son Frederic Marshall⁹ H., of Milton, who has placed it in the keeping of the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston (1927). The names and dates have been carefully compared with those of the Sudbury Town Records, by the editor, and found correct, the slight variations, such as the one regarding the death of Phineas,⁴ being unimportant. It seems most probable that John⁴ spent a good many years compiling his Chronicle, and as we find him in the following letter in feeble health in 1769, and away from Sudbury, that accounts for the error in that date.

The following letter was found among Sudbury documents, secured by David Francis⁸ Haynes (No. 668), about fifty years ago. The letter was addressed on the back, as was the custom before envelopes were used, "for L't Elisha Wheeler In Sudbury." There is no postmark to show where it was mailed, nor did the writer give the place.

Elisha Wheeler married Mary Loring (daughter of Minister Loring) born Sept. 14—1716—died Jan. 22—1801

Cousin Wheeler after my Hearty Love & Humble Service: &c I