

only a comfortable patrimony, but the record of a good and useful life, a life which left its characteristics deeply impressed upon the generations which followed. He had married at Dedham, Massachusetts, 19 September, 1638, Ann Ellis, the daughter of John Ellis, one of the signers of the Dedham Covenant. Their marriage is the second entered in the records of the First Church of Dedham,* which probably at that time consisted of a little congregation meeting in one of the houses of the settlers. The Rev. John Allyn was the pastor, having been ordained shortly before he performed the marriage between Edward Colver and Ann Ellis. Four children were born at Dedham to the young couple: John, Joshua, Samuel and Joseph, three more were born at Roxbury, Mass., while the two youngest were probably born after their parents' removal to Pequot, Conn. Ann Ellis Colver was admitted to membership in the First Church at Dedham, 17 September, 1641, her first child, John, being baptized two days after.† There is no record of the death of Ann Colver, but she lies buried beside her husband in the cemetery adjoining the site on which, in 1717, the First Baptist Church was built in Groton, Conn. A small headstone, bearing upon one face the roughly cut initials "E. C.," is supposed to be that of Edward Colver, who died in the village of Mystic, Groton township, New London, in the Colony of Connecticut.

Children:‡

- 2 i John, born 15 April, 1640; baptized 19 September, 1641, at Dedham, Massachusetts.
- 3 ii Joshua, born 12 January, 1642; baptized 29 January, 1642, at Dedham.
- iii Samuel, born 9 January, 1644; baptized 29 January, 1644, at Dedham. The record reads: "births: Samuel ye sonne of our sister Colver

*The Town of Dedham, 2 vols., by Don Gleason Hill, 1888.

†Dedham Records, Vol. 3, by Don Gleason Hill.

‡The records of the births and baptisms of the first four children of Edward and Ann Colver are taken from the Dedham Records, as quoted in "Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England Families," "Caulkins' New London," and "Don Gleason Hill's Vol. 3 of the Dedham Records." Of the three next, from the Roxbury Records, and the two youngest from evidences drawn from the date of their parents' removal to Pequot.