

second, widow Hannah (Warner) Starwood Jan. 20, 1729; he died Dec. 30, 1778, aged eighty-six. He had eight children, one of whom was Col. Joseph Hodgkins of the army of the Revolution, and another, Abigail, married, first, Thomas Ross, and, second, Andrew Burley, and lived to be ninety-nine years old. 3. *Hezekiah*<sup>1</sup>, living in 1737. 4. *Esther*<sup>1</sup>, living in 1737. 5. *Ezekiel*<sup>1</sup>, lived in Ipswich; married, first, Margaret Lakeman Jan. 20, 1731; she died March 1, 1744; he married, second, Deborah (Heard), widow of John Hovey (72) in 1740; and he died Sept. 13, 1777, having had eight children. 6. *Hannah*<sup>1</sup>, married John Lakeman in 1735. 7. *John*<sup>1</sup>, baptized Aug. 16, 1713; lived in Ipswich; married Elizabeth Hovey (73) Oct. —, 1738. (See No. 73).

12—19. *THOMAS*<sup>1</sup>, born May 28, 1673. See family numbered "12."

13—7. *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>, born Aug. 13, 1675. See family numbered "13."

14—VI. *MARK*<sup>1</sup>, born June 27, 1678; was unmarried in 1697.

15—VII. *EBENEZER*<sup>1</sup>, born Jan. 11, 1680. See family numbered "15."

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*SERG. JOHN HOVEY*<sup>1</sup>, born in Ipswich, Mass., in 1644. He lived in Ipswich until after 1667, and subsequently in Topsfield, on the farm which his father conveyed to him by deed June 13, 1671.\* The house was probably built before 1663, and was gone in 1709. He built a new house near the old site before the latter date, and lived in it. The new house measured forty feet long and twenty-six feet wide. Before 1789, the place had come into the ownership of Thomas Emerson, and while he owned it the house was burned on the night of Jan. 2, 1821, having caught fire from an oven.†

Mr. Hovey was a yeoman, and attained the rank of sergeant in the militia. He was prominent in town affairs, being tithing man in 1682; pounder, 1694; assessor, 1694; constable, 1672; treasurer, 1672; selectman, 1678, 1680, 1684, 1686, 1689 and 1692. He was a grandjuror in 1690, and representative to the general court in 1704. March 2, 1676-7, he was one of two chosen by the town to see to the mending of fences; in January, 1680, he was one of a committee chosen to treat with a new minister; March 1, 1680-1, he was chosen to view some land; March 10, 1680-1, he was chosen to erect a gallery in the meeting house; July 15, 1681, he was chosen one of two to inform Rev. Mr. Danforth of the invitation of the town to settle in the ministry in Topsfield; Sept. 1, 1681, he was chosen to view some land for the town; March 4, 1683-4, he was chosen one of a committee to lay out a highway from Rowley to Topsfield; April 22, 1684, he was chosen one of a committee to settle the town line with Ipswich; May 16, 1684, he was chosen one of a committee to provide for the ordination of

\* Ipswich Registry of Deeds, book 4, page 114.

† For a full and interesting account of the fire see *Salem Gazette*, Jan. 9, 1821.

Rev. Joseph Capen; March 3, 1684-5, he was chosen with others to run the Salem line; March 2, 1685-6, he was chosen to lay out some land to Mr. Capen, and to renew the parsonage bounds; April 16, 1686, he was chosen to perambulate the Salem line; Jan. 25, 1686-7, he was chosen to repair the gallery in the meeting house; April 6, 1687, and Jan. 14, 1689-90, he was chosen to "scat" the meeting house; March 4, 1689-90, he was chosen one of a committee to settle the town line with Boxford; and March 7, 1692-3, he was chosen to view a highway, to lay out a highway, some land, etc.\*

Mr. Hovey was a man of property, being the sixth on the list of those assessed for the minister's rate in 1681, that is, there were only five men that paid a larger tax. There are a number of transactions in real estate on record, in which Mr. Hovey appears as a party. He bought, with several other men, Mr. Nelson's farm in Rowley Village (Boxford), containing two thousand acres, July 17, 1683.† Of this large tract of land which was situated in the northwestern corner of Boxford, being bounded by the Andover and Bradford lines, various divisions were made, Jan. 1, 1701-2,‡ Jan. 13, 1709-10,§ Feb. 13, 1709-10.¶ One of the division deeds, dated Jan. 1, 1701-2, released to Mr. Hovey a lot on Rush pond, another on Walnut tree hill and on Maiden hill, on the Andover line and one on Philistine hill on the Bradford line; also, a part of rough meadow.¶ The deed dated Jan. 13, 1709-10, released to Mr. Hovey a part of maple meadow on the Andover line and a part of long meadow.¶ All the other deeds were releases in which Mr. Hovey joined as grantor.

Mr. Hovey bought four acres of meadow in Rowley great meadow Sept. 26, 1684.\*\* March 3, 1692-3, he conveyed twenty acres called the sticky meadow on the south side of Ipswich river, which his father had conveyed to him.†† Feb. 10, 1702-3, he conveyed seventeen acres of upland on the south side of the river between Smith's hill and round hill, and two and one-half acres on the same side of the river.‡‡ Feb. 19, 1702-3, he bought ninety-one acres of land in Boxford.§§ Jan. 24, 1703-4, he conveyed three and one-half acres in Fries' meadow in Boxford.¶¶

\* Topsfield town records.

† Essex Registry of Deeds, book 7, leaf 142.

‡ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 22, leaf 26; book 33, leaf 16; book 33, leaf 186; book 38, leaf 146.

§ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 24, leaf 209.

¶ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 35, leaf 72.

¶ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 38, leaf 146.

\*\* Essex Registry of Deeds, book 9, leaf 263.

†† Essex Registry of Deeds, book 9, leaf 129.

‡‡ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 15, leaf 120; book 19, leaf 9.

§§ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 15, leaf 157.

¶¶ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 16, leaf 163.

Aug. 28, 1706, he conveyed to his son Luke Hovey forty-three acres of upland and meadow in Boxford, on which Luke "has built and now dwells."\* March 7, 1706-7, he conveyed to his son John Hovey forty-nine acres in Boxford on the Andover line adjoining Philistine hill, and a part of maple meadow.† He also conveyed to his son John five acres of meadow and upland at rough meadow in Boxford Nov. 22, 1708.‡ He conveyed to his sons John and Luke part of maple meadow in Boxford on Andover line and Wade's neck, Jan. 13, 1709-10.§ On the same day, he conveyed to his son Ivory thirty-two acres of upland and meadow in Topsfield, near his house, on Pye brook.|| March 26, 1715, for twenty pounds, he conveyed to his son Luke twenty-five acres in Boxford, known as the bush hill lot.¶ March 14, 1717-8, fifteen days before his death, Mr. Hovey divided the remainder of his real estate among his sons John, Luke and Ivory. To his son Ivory he conveyed one hundred acres being the remaining part of his homestead farm in Topsfield with dwelling house, barn, etc.; also, one half of his common rights; land bought of Col. John Wainwright in Boxford (except fifteen acres he gave to his son John); one-half of his part of Rowley great meadow; and two-thirds of his marsh in Ipswich.\*\* He conveyed to his son Luke one hundred acres of upland and meadow in Boxford, being the remainder of the farm on which Luke then lived; also, part of long meadow; part of little rock meadow; and one-half of his remaining interest in the Nelson farm in Boxford.†† To his son John, "for y<sup>e</sup> Severall Duties that he Shall doe towards my maintainance if need Shall hereafter require & y<sup>e</sup> payment of his part of Severall portions to his Sisters & Cousens as he is bound as he is with his brethren to me s<sup>d</sup> John Hovey Sen<sup>r</sup> as appeareth more at large in a bond from him & his bretheren to me," he conveyed fifty acres of land lying between Andover line and Philistine hill and Walker's hill; also, twenty acres lying between Bradford line and Philistine hill to Walker's hill; "my share" in ash swamp; fifteen acres "I bought" of Col. John Wainwright lying on the road from Rowley to Boxford; one-half of "my part" of Rowley great meadow; one-half of "my interest" in the Nelson farm in Boxford; one-third of "my marsh" at Hovey's island in Ipswich; and "my land" in Topsfield next Baker's pond.‡‡

\* Essex Registry of Deeds, book 18, leaf 201.

† Essex Registry of Deeds, book 20, leaf 115.

‡ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 21, leaf 150.

§ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 22, leaf 33.

|| Essex Registry of Deeds, book 22, leaf 117.

¶ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 31, leaf 1.

\*\* Essex Registry of Deeds, book 33, leaf 299.

†† Essex Registry of Deeds, book 37, leaf 44.

‡‡ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 38, leaf 10.

Mr. Hovey was administrator of the estate of his brother Joseph Hovey in 1693, and the following is a copy of his signature on his official bond:

*John Hovey*

March 18, 1717-8, Mr. Hovey, then called seventy years of age, testified relative to a certain salt house in Ipswich. This was only eleven days before his death, and his signature to the deposition is signed by mark: "Boo."<sup>\*</sup>

A week before his death, Mr. Hovey made his will, which was proved in the probate court April 7, 1718. The following is a copy of the will as it is recorded in the probate records,<sup>†</sup> the original not having been found:—

In The Name of God Amen The Twenty Second of March 1717/18/ I John Hovey of Topsfeild in y<sup>e</sup> County of Essex in New England being Weak of Body but of p<sup>er</sup>fect Mind & Memory Thanks be given To God Therefor I Calling To Mind The Mortality of my Body & knowing It Is Appointed for Man To Dye Doe make & Ordaine This my Last Will & Testam<sup>en</sup>t That Is To Say principally & first of all I Give & recomend my Soul In to y<sup>e</sup> hand of God y<sup>e</sup> Gave It mee hoping Thro<sup>ugh</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Meritt of Jesus Christ To have full & free pardon of all my Sins & Inheritt Eternaall Life; and my Body To be Decently bury<sup>d</sup> In y<sup>e</sup> Earth att y<sup>e</sup> Discretion of my Executo<sup>r</sup>'s afternamed

Item I Doe give To my Dear & Lovcing Wife If Shee goe off & acquitt my Estate within Two months after my Decease five pounds a year To be payed her by my Three Sons John Luke & Ivory according as They are bound To pay it In a bond bareing Date y<sup>e</sup> 14 of March 1717/8 as Shee & I have Agreed To be payd att Three Entire payments Annually att y<sup>e</sup> End of Every fourth Month as appears by our hands & Seals y<sup>e</sup> Sixth of March Aforesaid and I Doe give To My Wife one Cow & Two pair of Sheets & six pounds of flax Teers & three buih<sup>sh</sup> of In<sup>ter</sup> Corn & halfe a buih<sup>sh</sup> of Rye halfe buih<sup>sh</sup> Wheat & 70<sup>lb</sup> of pork.

Item I Doe give To my son John all y<sup>e</sup> Land I have made over To him by Deeds formerly & my brafs Watch & abreaking up Share & Coult & halfe y<sup>e</sup> Iron bars & half y<sup>e</sup> Timber Chaine & The Book of Lives.

Item I Give To my Son Luke all his Land y<sup>e</sup> I have made Over To him by Deeds formerly & a Chaine & affroo y<sup>e</sup> he hath of mine and my Great Bel Bible

Item I Doe Give To my Son Ivory all y<sup>e</sup> Land & Buildings mention<sup>d</sup> In a Deed to him bareing Date y<sup>e</sup> 14 Day of March 1717/8 and I Doe give To my Son Ivory my Great new Bible & my braf Scales & Wheights my Gum & Sword & half my Iron Barr & halfe my Timber Chaine & all y<sup>e</sup> Rest of my Tools not before mentioned for y<sup>e</sup> Carrying on of hulbandry Together with my Stillyards & And Irons & all That Is Due from him To me upon Book.

Item I Doe give To my Daugh<sup>r</sup> Dorcas Jewett & my Dafter Eliz<sup>ab</sup> Uphams Children & my Dafter Abigaile Upham all my household Goods proper for Womens Improvement not before mentioned The y<sup>e</sup> one Third part y<sup>e</sup> of To Dorcas & another Third part To Elizabeths Children & y<sup>e</sup> other Third part To Abigail. I Doe Give To my Daughter Abigaile Upham my Cambridge Bible. and all y<sup>e</sup> Rest of my Books not above men-

<sup>\*</sup> Essex Registry of Deeds, book 34, leaf 162.

<sup>†</sup> Essex Probate records, book 312, page 267.

tioned my Will Is y<sup>e</sup> They shall be Equally Divided among my Three Sons & Two Daughters to my Dafter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Children one sixt part of Said Booke

Item My Will Is y<sup>e</sup> my Exe[c]utors pay To my Granson Luke Averhill y<sup>e</sup> Sum of Thirteen pounds If he Live To y<sup>e</sup> Age of Twenty one years which was Due To his Mother att her Decease by her Grandfather Ivorys Will

Item I Doe Give all my Moveable Estate not above mentioned To my Three Sons abovesaid They paying my funerall Charges & all my Debts

Item I Doe Constitute & appoint my Two Sons John & Ivory Hovey To be Exe[c]utors To This my Last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> & In Confirmation of what Is above written I y<sup>e</sup> aboves<sup>d</sup> John Hovey have Sett To my hand & Seale This Twenty second Day of March In y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & seventeen & Eighteen

Signed Sealed  
publish<sup>d</sup> & Declared  
In y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>esence of us  
BENJ<sup>n</sup> HOW  
JACOB DORMAN  
JOSEPH DORMAN

JOHN HOVEY (SEAL)

Mr. Hovey married, first, Dorcas Ivory Aug. 13, 1665; and she died there Nov. 5, 1711. He married, second, Mercy, widow of Dea. Joseph Goodhue of Ipswich (published in Ipswich, Nov. 30, 1712). Mrs. Goodhue was daughter of John and Ellinor (Pell) Boynton of Rowley, where she was born 5: 10 mo: 1651, and married, first, Josiah Clarke of Ipswich Dec. 14, 1670. Mr. Clark died, and she married Deacon Goodhue July 4, 1692. He died in Ipswich Sept. 2, 1697; and she next married Mr. Hovey, as above stated. Mr. Hovey died March 29, 1718, aged about seventy-four. His wife Mercy survived him, and died in Rowley, his widow, Dec. 22, 1730, at the age of seventy-nine.

Children, born in Topsfield:—

- 16—I. JOHN<sup>s</sup>, born Dec. —, 1666. *See family numbered "16."*  
 17—II. DORCAS<sup>s</sup>, born Jan. 16, 1668-9; married Isaac, son of John and Elizabeth (Cummings) Jewett of Ipswich June 12, 1695. They removed from Ipswich to Killingly, Conn., about 1714, and were living there in 1715. Children, born in Ipswich: 1. Isaac<sup>s</sup>, baptized Feb. 5, 1698-9. 2. Abigail<sup>s</sup>, born Sept. 22, 1705. 3. David<sup>s</sup>, baptized Jan. 25, 1707-8. 4. ———<sup>s</sup> (da.), baptized July 2, 1710.  
 18—III. ———<sup>s</sup> (da.), born Feb. 29, 1670-1; died March 2, 1670-1.  
 19—IV. ELIZABETH<sup>s</sup>, born Jan. 18, 1671-2; married Thomas, son of Lt. Phineas and Ruth Upham of Malden April 21, 1693. Thomas Upham was born in 1668, in Malden, where he lived. His wife Elizabeth died Feb. 16, 1703-4, at the age of thirty-two; and he married, secondly, Mary Brown of Reading Oct. 2, 1704. His wife Mary died in 1707; and he married, thirdly, Ruth (Cutler), widow of John Smith of Charlestown. Mr. Upham died Nov. 26, 1735, at the age of sixty-six, in Reading (in that part now Wakefield), his farm having been annexed to Reading. Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hovey) Upham, born in Malden, except the first, which was probably born at Topsfield: 1. Thomas<sup>s</sup>, born in 1694;

baptized in Topsfield Nov. 18, 1694; lived in Malden; married, first, Ruth Smith; she died in Weston in 1722, aged twenty-eight; he married, second, Elizabeth, widow of John Bullard, in 1723; he died Sept. 25, 1729-30; she died in 1753. He had four children. 2. *Elizabeth*<sup>s</sup>, born in 1695; married Joseph Woolson in 1726. 3. *Abijah*<sup>s</sup>, born in 1698; lived in Weston, Mass.; deacon nearly thirty years; representative to the general court several terms; married Elizabeth Spring in 1725; he died Dec. 3, 1775, at the age of seventy-seven; and she died, his widow, Feb. 18, 1794, aged ninety. They had six children; and among their descendants are Rev. Albert George Upham of Southbridge, Mass., and Montreal, Canada, and Hon. William E. Chandler, United States senator, secretary of the navy, etc. 4. *Nathan*<sup>s</sup>, born in 1701; married first, Sarah Wesson of Reading June 5, 1728; she died in 1729; he married, second, Mary Brown of Weston in 1730; he died Sept. —, 1754. He had five children.

20—V. SUSANNAH<sup>s</sup>, born in 1674; married Ebenezer, son of William and Hannah (Jackson) Averill of Topsfield Nov. 30, 1697. Ebenezer Averill was born in Topsfield Oct. 14, 1669; was a husbandman; and lived in his native town. His wife Susannah died Nov. 11, 1699, at the age of twenty-five; and he married, secondly, Mehitable Foster of Ipswich Dec. 31, 1700. He died Dec. 22, 1717; and his wife Mehitable survived him, dying Nov. 19, 1740. The inventory of his estate says that some of the things were reserved for "Luke the sonn of Susannah his first wife that came from Engl<sup>s</sup>." The only child of Ebenezer and Susannah (Hovey) Averill was born in Topsfield, as follows: 1. *Luke*<sup>s</sup>, born Aug. 2, 1699; yeoman; lived in Topsfield; married Sarah Peabody; and died April 16, 1776. They had eight children.

21—VI. LUKE<sup>s</sup>, born May 3, 1676. See family numbered "21."

22—VII. ASAHAIL<sup>s</sup>, born April 28, 1680; married Richard, son of Lt. Phineas and Ruth Upham of Malden May 19, 1698. He was born in Malden in 1675; and lived in Reading after 1727, when the neighborhood in which he lived in Malden was annexed to that part of Reading which is now Wakefield. He was a farmer; and died, of strangury, May 18, 1734, aged fifty-eight. His wife survived him, and died, his widow, Sept. 1, 1764, at the age of eighty-four. Their children were born in Malden as follows: 1. *Richard*<sup>s</sup>, died Sept. 4, 1700. 2. *J Ivory*<sup>s</sup>, born June 16, 1701; settled in Killingly, Conn.; married, first, Tabitha ———, who died March 13, 1744; he married, second, Jane ———, probably from Sutton, Mass.; she died in Killingly, Conn., Jan. 23, 1750-1; he married, third, Mary Haskol of Beverly, Mass., July 2, 1752; he died about 1796, having had nine children. 3. *Abigail*<sup>s</sup>, born April 19, 1703; died Jan. 7, 1715-6. 4. *Dorcas*<sup>s</sup>, born May 19, 1707; died Jan. 22, 1715-6. 5. *Hepzibah*<sup>s</sup>, born Feb. 29, 1711-2; married Nathaniel Longley of Derchester Jan. 29, 1756. 6. *Mary*<sup>s</sup>, spinster, lived in Malden. 7. *Ruth*<sup>s</sup>, born Dec. 3, 1714; died July 7, 1769. 8. *Richard*<sup>s</sup>, born Dec. 3, 1716; lived in Onslow, N. S.; mariner; married, first, Elizabeth Hovey ( ); she died June 7, 1756, at the age of thirty-four; he married, second, widow Elizabeth Putnam of Danvers, Mass.; he died at Onslow about 1780, having had a large family. 9. *Luke*<sup>s</sup>, born March 28, 1719; died May 6,

1719. 10. *Luke*<sup>a</sup> (twin), born July 10, 1721; died April 23,  
 1731. 11. *Abigail*<sup>a</sup> (twin), born July 10, 1721; died Nov. —,  
 1738. 12. *Susanna*<sup>a</sup>, married Ephraim Weston Dec. 5, 1748.  
 23—VIII. *Ivory*<sup>a</sup>, born May 4, 1682. *See family numbered "23."*

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LT. THOMAS HOVEY<sup>2</sup> was born in Ipswich, Mass., in 1648. He was one of the grantees of Quabog (now Brookfield), but did not settle there. He lived in Hadley as early as 1672, and was a yeoman and a prominent man in the town. He served as representative to the general court in 1699 and 1703; and was a lieutenant in the militia.

Joseph Barnard brought a suit against Mr. Hovey in the court held at Northampton March 25, 1672-3, for "unjust molestation."<sup>\*</sup>

Mr. Hovey was bound over by the commissioners of Hadley for resisting the constable of Hadley and fined twenty shillings in 1676.<sup>†</sup>

Mr. Hovey was admitted freeman in the court at Springfield, Mass., Sept. 27, 1681.<sup>‡</sup> and was sworn in the court at Northampton March 28, 1682.<sup>§</sup>

Samuel Gardner, sr., brought a suit against Mr. Hovey about some pork in the court at Northampton March 27, 1683.<sup>||</sup>

Mr. Hovey was a party to several real estate transactions on record, and probably there are others that are not recorded. He bought of Thomas Dickinson of Hadley, for ninety pounds, Mr. Dickinson's homestead, of house and eight acre lot and other land April 22, 1679.<sup>¶</sup> He also, bought eight and one-half acres of land in Hoccanum meadow in Hadley of Caleb Watson of Hartford, Conn., Oct. 10, 1680.<sup>¶</sup>

March 23, 1694, he conveyed one and one-half acres of land in Labor-in-vain field on the south side of the river in Ipswich, bounded by land of his father, etc.,<sup>\*\*</sup> and on the same day he conveyed to his brother Daniel Hovey one acre of land in the Labor-in-vain field on the south side of the river in Ipswich, bounded by his father's estate, etc.<sup>††</sup> Oct. 18, 1697, with Daniel Hovey of Ipswich, carpenter, he conveyed Hovey's island of

<sup>\*</sup> Records in probate office at Northampton, Mass., volume I, page 144.

<sup>†</sup> Records in probate office at Northampton, Mass., volume I, page 179.

<sup>‡</sup> Records in probate office at Northampton, Mass., volume I, page 217.

<sup>§</sup> Records in probate office at Northampton, Mass., volume I, page 219.

<sup>||</sup> Records in probate office at Northampton, Mass., volume I, page 225.

<sup>¶</sup> Hampden Registry of Deeds, book A, page 106.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Essex Registry of Deeds, book 12, leaf 12.

<sup>††</sup> Essex Registry of Deeds, book 39, leaf 27.