

Reprint of William Barry's account
of the Mellen family in
A History of Framingham, 1847.

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MELLEN, variously written MELLENS, MILLENS, MALING,
MELLING, MELEN and MELES.

1. RICHARD, had at Charlestown, (the f.'s name on Boston Rec., written Mellers*), JAMES, b. June 3, 1642; and at Weymouth, SARAH, b. Ap. 4, 1643. (MARY, m. at Charlestown, Daniel Whittemore 1662.) Richard took the freeman's oath, Sep. 7, 1639. The Hon. Christopher Webb writes that Richard Maling had land granted him at Weymouth, on the back side of Kingoak Hill, &c., between 1642 end '44 but his name disappears after from the Records of that town. (Ms. letter). He doubtless left that town, and probably removed to Charlestown or its vicinity.

2. JAMES, m. Elizabeth, dr. of Richard and Bridget Dexter and had in Charles'n, 1. ELIZABETH, b. Sep. 4, 1659 m. Tho. Barlow, 1681; 2. MARY, b. July 8, 1661; 3. JAMES, b. Ap. 14, '63; 4. MARY, b. 1664 m. Phinehas Upham; 5. RICHARD, b. Ap. 24, '65; 6. JOHN, b. Sep. 17, '66, m. Elizabeth —, and in 1695, was Master of the

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Brigantine Sarah, (Mid. Co. Rec.) and d. ab. that time, leaving a daughter; 7. SARAH, b. Nov. 27, '68; 8. THOMAS, b. May 11, '70, m. Mary (prob. dr. of Bartholomew) Threadneedle of Boston, 1693, and was f. in Boston of *James*, b. 1694; *Thomas*, '98; *Elizabeth*, 1700; *Benjamin*, '02; *Susanna*, '04; *William*, '07; *Ruth*, '09; *Ruth*, '13; *Deborah*, '17. The descendants in Boston, of the next generation, wrote "Melling;" 9. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 22, 1671, m. and was f. of Deborah, who m. in Malden, John Brintal, 1712. James, the f. d. at Malden or Charlestown, and his wid. Eliz. had the administration of her husband's est. granted her, June 15, 1680. She m. 2d, Stephen Barrett, 1680.

3. SIMON, had by w. Mary, 1. SIMON⁴, b. at Winesimit, Sep. 25, 1665; and at Malden, 2. THOMAS¹¹, b. Aug., 1668; 3. RICHARD, b. Jan. 2, 1671-2; 4. MARY, m. Thomas Gleason, of Fram. Dec. 6, 1695; 5. JAMES, (æ. 15, 1696, and chose br. Tho. as

* The name "Mellers" does not appear in the Hist., or Rec. of Charlestown; and of the family of Mellowses, we fail of finding a Richard.

Guardian); 6. JOHN, b. at Watertown, Jan. 29, 1685-6. Simon the f., settled in the S. part of Fram., ab. 1687, and enjoyed civil privileges at Sherb. He d. Dec. 19, 1694, and in the settlement of his est., 1695, all the above chil. are named. His wid. Mary d. in Fram., June 1, 1709, æ. 70.

4. ¹SIMON, s. of Simon (3), m. Elizab. Fisk, of Sherb., Dec. 27, 1688; and had 1. SIMON⁵, b. May 16, 1690; 2. MARY, b. June 4, '95, d. Ap. 30, 1711; 3. JAMES⁷, b. Mar. 8, '98. Simon the f., was Constable, 1700; Tythingman, 1703, and Selectman 1704. He d. Aug. 30, 1717, æ. 52, (T. Rec.) and a funeral discourse was preached by Mr. Swift, Sep. 1. His Inventory amounted to £629. See Will — Mid. Prob.

5. ¹SIMON, Jun., s. of Simon (4), m. Esther Town, Ap. 23, 1711, and was with w. adm. to the ch., Ap. 23, 1721. Their chil. Were 1. MARY, b. Mar. 28, 1712, m. Jonathan Mores, Sep. 30, 1731; 2. JOHN, b. May 13, '14 — (prob. the John, after called Dr. Mellen, who in 1748, received a Town grant, for doctoring John Provender); 3. SIMON, b. June 10, 1716, m. Abigail Ball, Ap. 27, 1742, and f. at Hop. (where he d. 1795), of *Jonathan*, bap. 1745; *Susannah*, '55; *Abigail*, '57; *Edward* '61; 4. JONATHAN, b. Nov. 25, 1718; 5. DAVID, b. Mar. 10 1721-2; 6. ESTHER, 7. ISRAEL, twins, b. Mar. 22, 1724-5. Simon, the f., was Selectman, 1741. [Simon m. in Fram., *Susannah Haven*, Oct. 11, 1744. She was prob. a 2d wife.]

6. ¹DAVID, s. of Simon (5), m. Mary Maveric, of Sud. June 20, 1744; and had in Fram., ANN, b. Feb. 8, 1744; and in Oxford, JOHN, b. 1750; MARY, '53; LUCY, '56; DAVID, '59.

7. ¹JAMES, s. of Simon (4), m. Abigail Sanderson, of Wat. Sep. 29, 1720, with w. cov'd Aug. 14, 1721, and had in Fram. 1. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 21, '21, m. in Holl., Elias Whitney, 1746; 2. ABIGAIL, b. Ap. 18, d. Ap. 24, 1723; 3. JAMES, b. Ap. 6, '24, d. Ap. 26, 1732; 4. ABIGAIL,

b. Feb. 21, '26-7; 5. ABNER, b. Oct. 25, '29, d. Ap. 28, 1732; 6. JAMES⁸, b. Mar. 10, '32-3; 7. ANNE, b. June 28, '35, d. Oct. 15, 1736; 8. JOSHUA, b. Jan 16, 1737-8. [A Joshua m. Rebeckah Mellen, at Hop., 1771 and d. at Oxford, Jan. 30, 1828]; 9. ABNER, b. Aug. 17, 1740, prob. d. young. James, the f., was Selectman, 1740, and d. prob. in Fram. His w. d. ab. 1771.

8. ¹JAMES, s. of James (7), m. Martha Battle, of Dedham,

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Nov. 28, 1754, and had 1. JAMES⁹, b. Dec. 1, '55; 2. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 21, 1758, m. Anne Nutt, of Hop., f. in Fram., of *Anna* and *Patty*, and at Upton of *Nathaniel*, *Nancy*, &c., moved to Vt., and d. æ. 72; his s. Nathaniel was a Rep. in Vt.; 3. ABNER¹⁰, b. Mar. 25, '60; 4. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 14, '62, m. Capt. William Nutt, of Hop.; 5. JOSHUA, b. Sep. 14, '65, had by 1st w. Elizabeth Valentine, *Joshua*, *John*, *Clarissa*; and by 2d w. Elizabeth Comey, *Elizabeth*, *Emily*, *Edward*, B. Un., 1823, lawyer at Wayland, *Harriet* and *Abigail*. Joshua was Rep. from Hop. 4 years, and lives in Westboro'. James, the f., lived on the Silk Farm; was a Baptist preacher, ord. at Brimfield, and d. at Dover, 1769. His wid. Martha, of Fram., m. Michael Homer, of Hop., Nov. 5, 1777.

9. ¹JAMES, s. of James (8), m. Lydia Marshall, and had in Fram., 1. JAMES, b. Oct. 28, 1776, m. Susanna Gould, Jan. 16, 1800, lives in Vt. (1844); 2. MOSES, b. May 19, '78, d. ab. 1798; 3. LYDIA, b. Jan. 20, '80, m. John Golden, of Hop.; 4. AARON, b. Ap. 24, '82, m. — Newton, of Southb., and d. ab. 1838; 5. NATHANIEL, b.

Sep. 17, '84, m. — Brown, and d. in Wrentham; 6. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 30, '88, m. in Vt., Dr. — Mathews, 2d, Daniel Fay; 7. PATTY, b. Nov. 2, '89, d. young. Capt. James, the f., d. in Fram.

10. ¹ABNER, s. of James (8), m. Deborah Homer, of Hop., Nov. 11, 1784, and had in Fram., 1. BETSEY, b. Aug. 27, 1786, m. John Dadmun, lives in Fram.; 2. MICHAEL, b. Sep. 20, '88, m. Sarah Holden, of Dorch., lives in Brookline, a merchant in Boston; 3. JOHN, b. July 16, '90, m. Harriet Homer, of Boston, lives in Madison, Indiana; 4. ABIGAIL, b. Sep. 6, 1792 (twin to the next), m. Samuel Murdock, d. in Fram., young; 5. DEBORAH, b. Sep. 6, '92, m. John Hopkins, lives in Boston; 6. MARTHA, b. Ap. 17, '95, m. Ebenezer Tombs, lives in Hop.; 7. MOSES, b. Sep. 2, '97, m. Mary Brett, of Bridgewater, lives, a merchant, in Boston; 8. NANCY, b. Feb. 13, '99, m. Josiah Norcross, of Hop., lives in Fram.; 9. ABNER, m. Helen Cadwell, of N.Y.; 10. MARIA, m. Wm. Banks, of N.Y. Abner, the f., lived in the house now of Rev. Elbridge Gale, and d. 1831, æ. 71. His w. Deborah, d. Dec. 23, 1820, æ. 55.

11. ²THOMAS, s. of Simon, had by w. Elizabeth, 1. HENRY¹², b. Aug. 12, 1691; 2. THOMAS, b. Aug. 12, 1693, d. Feb. 4,

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1711-2; 3. LYDIA, b. Ap. 12, '95; 4. SARAH, b. Mar. 22, '97 m. Ephraim Twitchell, of Sherb., Sep. 28, 1721; 5. MARY, b. Oct. 16, '99; 6. RICHARD¹⁵, b. Nov. 10, 1701; 7. TABITHA, b. Jan. 4, 1703-4, m. Mark Whitney, of Hop., Jan. 4, 1726-7. Thomas, the f., was Tythingman, 1704.

12. ²HENRY, s. of Thomas (11), m. Abigail Pratt, Mar. 24, 1711-2, and had in Fram., 1. THOMAS¹³, b. May 15, 1713; 2. DANIEL¹⁴, b. Mar. 6, 1714-5; 3. SYBILLA, b. July 20, 1717; 4. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 20, '19; 5. JOHN, bap. June 3, 1722, H. Coll. 1741, taught school same year at Sud., for £85, ord. at Sterling, Dec. 19, 1744, where he continued, "probably at the head of the clergy of the county," until Nov. 14, 1774. He was installed at Hanover, Feb. 11, 1784, and retired Feb. 1805 (See Worc. Mag., II. 213.) He m. Rebeckah, dr. of Rev. John Prentice, of Lanc., and was f. of *John*, b. 1752, H. Coll., 1770; *Henry*, b. 1757, Harvard College, 1784; *Prentice*, b. 1764, Harvard Coll., 1784, and Chief Justice in Me. John, the f., d in Reading, July 4, 1807, the author of many printed discourses. His w. Rebeckah d. at Hanover, Jan. 11, 1802;* 6. MARY, bap. June 28, 1724, m. John Jones, Jun., of Hop., 1749; and in Hop., 7. LYDIA, b. Ap. 20, 1726, m. Jacob Chamberlin, of Hop., 1747; 8. JOSEPH, b. May 20, 1728, m. Ruhamah Butler, and d. 1772; 9. ELIZABETH, b. July 1, 1730, m. James Nutt, of Hop., 1747; 10. MARTHA, (twin), b. July 1, 1730, m. Samuel Chamberlin, 1749; 11. JAMES, bap. 1732. Henry, the f., was adm. with his w. to the ch., Mar. 11, 1720, dismissed to Hop. Ch., Dec. 27, 1724, and rec'd there, Jan. 3. He was chosen Deac. at Hop., 1732, and d. May 13, 1767, æ. 75. His wid. Abigail, d. July 30, 1781, æ. 88.

13. ²THOMAS, s. of Henry (12), had in Hop., by w. Elizab., 1. HENRY, bap. 1735, d. 1813. a tanner, f. at Hop., by w. Sarah, of *Susanna*, bap. 1757; *Elizabeth*, '60, m. Winsor Stone; *Sarah*. '62, m. Phinehas Graves,

of Fram., 1782; *Ruhamah*, '65; *Mary*, '67; *Abigail*, '71; *Henry*, '73; and

* Rev. John Mellen, according to the inscription on his monument, was born Mar. 14, 1722. He and the next child, were bap. in Fram. and the birth of neither is recorded in Fram. or Hop. His f. was received to the Hop. ch, Jan., 1724-5. The presumption that he was born in Fram., may be removed by the tradition, (if true), that the Trustees of the Hopkins' Fund having offered to educate, gratuitously, at Harv. Coll., the first male child born in Hop., the father of John removed his family to Hop., soon before the birth of the latter, who accordingly received the promised gratuity.

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by 2d w. (wid. — Abbe), *Rhoda* and *Thomas*, b. '75; *Lydia*, '78; *Anne*, '81; 2. ELIZABETH, b. 1737, m. — Torrey; 3. Col. JAMES, b. 1739, m. — Russell, lived in Milford; 4. MARY, bap. 1742; 5. SARAH, bap. 1744, d. young; 6. LUCY, bap. 1746, m. Abner Stone, 1763, d. at Fitzwilliam, Jan. 27, 1824, æ. 77; 7. SARAH, bap. 1749, m. Ephraim Richardson, of Lancaster, 1766, and 2d, W. McFarland. Esq.; 8. MEHETABEL, bap. 1751, m. Dr. Freeland; 9. Maj. THOMAS, bap. 1754, of Hop. and Wat., f. of *Leonard*, *Lovet*, and *Alanson*, and d. 1805. Capt. Thomas, the f. m. 2d, wid. — Wilson, and had, 10. JOSEPH, lives at Milford. Capt. Thomas d. in Hop., 1782.

14. ²DANIEL, s. of Henry (12), m. in Fram., Hannah Adams, Feb. 3, 1735-6, and had 1. ROBERT, b. Nov. 5, 1736, m. Sarah Holbrook, and f. at Holl., of *Joel*, b. 1764, lived in Swanzey, N. H.; Col. *John*, b. 1766, m. Mary Bullard, and d. 1837; *Sarah*, b. 1768, m. — Holbrook, of Grafton, and 2d, Joel Brooks, of Petersham, and d. July, 1846. Robert, the f., d. June 17, 1803, æ. 67, his w. Sarah d. Nov. 10, 1799, æ. 65; 2. JOSEPH, b. Mar. 17, 1737-8, m. Mary Parker, and f. at Holl. of *Hannah*, b. 1764, m. Joseph Forrestall, lived in Troy, N. Y.; *William*, b. 1766, m. Lydia Underwood, and d. Sep. 4, 1807, æ. 41; *Henry*, b. 1769, m. Abigail Day, lived in Belchertown; *Mary*, b. 1774, m. Joseph Messenger; *Sophia*, b. 1779, m. Eliel Littlefield; *Joseph*, (who d. young), and *Joanna*, (twins), who m. — Town, of Charlton. Lt. Joseph, the f., d. in Holl., Nov. 12, 1787, æ. 49 y., 8 m.; 3. JOHN, bap. in Hop., 1744, m. Sarah Fisher, of Medway, went to Fitzwilliam, ab. 1769, and f. of *John*, m. Ursula Cutter, and Olive Chamberlain, (and f. of John and William); *Elihu* (twin to John), d. without issue; *Ruth*, m. David Stone, and d. 1808; *Puah*, m. Sam. Stevens, of Vt., and d. 1845; *Lois*, m. Isaac Bullard, of Medway; *Julia*, m. Eben. Pierce, of N. Y.; and *Lucretia*. John, the f., d. July 25, 1784, æ. 40; his wid. m. Rev. Benj. Brigham, of Fitzw., and d. Feb. 4, 1821, æ. 75; 4. ELIZABETH, bap. July 5, 1747, m. John Reed, of Dedham; 5. DANIEL, bap. Ap. 6, 1749, lives (1846), at Fitzwilliam, m. 1st, — Farwell, 2d, — Goodrich, and f. of 5 daughters; and at Holl., 6. HANNAH, b. 1751, m. Asa Johnson, of Attica, N. Y.; 7. JAMES, b. 1753, m. Deborah Rockwood, and f. at Holl., of *James*, d. young; *Deborah*, d. æ. 2; *Timothy*, b. 1780, m. Betsey

Underwood, and d. 1845, leaving daughters, and no sons; *Elizabeth*, (twin to Timothy), m. Martin Cutler, and d. young; 8. ZERVIAH, (date of birth unknown), m. Josiah Hemenway, of Holl., 1761.

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Daniel, the father, moved from Fram., to Holl., ab. 1750, and d. there, Jan. 17, 1784, æ. 68; his w. Hannah, d. May 27, 1794, æ. 83.

15. ²RICHARD, s. of Thomas (11), and w. Abigail, cov'd June 20, 1725, and his w. adm. to the ch., June 8, 1728. Their chil. were 1. JOSIAH, b. Aug. 24, 1725, unm., mentally deranged; 2. WILLIAM¹⁶, b. Sep. 14, 1728; 3. RICHARD, b. Aug. 30, 1730; 4. SAMUEL¹⁷, b. Oct. 15, 1732; 5. MARY, b. June 23, 1739. Richard, the f., prob. lived at Mr. Davis', where his house was destroyed by fire.

16. ²WILLIAM, s. of Richard, (15), m. Abigail Mellen, Oct. 18, 1750, and 2d, Abigail Hemenway, Nov. 7, 1751, and had 1. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 10, 1752, m. Darius Monger, Esq., Rep. from S. Brimfield; 2. LUCY, b. June 15, '55, prob. d. young; 3. RICHARD, b. Feb. 20, '58; 4. NATHAN, b. June 4, '51; 5. WILLIAM, b. June 3, '55. (These 2 as recorded; perhaps an error of 10 years); 6. ANNA, b. —4, 1767. William, the f., moved to Draper, Vt., ab. 1777.

17. ²SAMUEL, s. of Richard (15), m. Submit Stone, and had in Fram., 1. MARTHA, b. June 5, 1760; 2. EZRA, b. May 7, 1762; 3. GILBERT, b. Aug. 15, 1764.

18. ABIGAIL, of Fram., m. Moses Haven, of Hop., Nov. 1, 1750. ABIGAIL, m. William Mellen, both of F., Oct. 18, '50.

SARAH, m. in Hop., Nathaniel Pike, 1765. MARY, m. in Hop., Phinehas Gibbs, 1757. THOMAS, of Petersham, m. wid. Catharine Dyer, and was f. of *Nancy*, b. Mar. 13, 1783, and a son; both d. young. JOHN, of Hop., had a s. *Samuel*, bap. 1762. Some of the early Mellen families in Fram., lived on the fields to the E. of Mr. Joseph Merriam's.