

THE STOW FAMILY.

Stow is a Saxon word meaning a "Place." John Stow, b. abt. 1525, a famous antiquary, wrote the "Chronicles of England and Survey of London," having devoted 45 years to this work. He was called "Honest John Stow." He also published the names on the "Roll of Battell Abbey." Tuttle Genealogy says it is thought that our John Stow was a grandson of the antiquary's brother Thomas, who was a tallow-chandler in London.

1 John¹ Stow, b. abt. 1595, came from Hawkhurst, Co. Kent, England, embarking on the ship Elizabeth, Apr. 9, 1634, and arriving in New England May 17. He brought his wife, Elizabeth Bigg, his six children, and her mother, Rachel Bigg. He settled in Roxbury, where he was made a freeman Sept. 3, 1634, was in 1638 a member of the Artillery Company of Boston, and in 1639 was twice elected to the General Court. Apostle Eliot wrote: "He was a Kentish man, . . . Elizabeth Stow, the wife of John Stow, she was a godly matron, a blessing note only her family but to all the church & when she had lead a Christian conversation a few years among us, she dyed & left a good savor behind her." She d. Aug., 1638. He died Oct. 26, 1643.

2 Thomas² Stow (John¹), b. abt. 1617, came with his father: m. Dec. 4, 1639, Mary Griggs, who d. Aug. 21, 1680, in Middletown, Conn. He rem., 1648, to Concord, Mass.; freeman 1653. Rem. 1669 to Middletown, his brother Samuel having come as early as 1652, preached for some years without a church being organized and gave lands for schools, dying in 1704. Thomas was received to the church by letter from Concord, Nov. 14, 1669. "Being the Lord's Day Mr. Thomas Stow & Mary his wife with all theirs being recommended to us by letter from ch. of X at Concord." He died Feb. 1684.

3 Thomas³ Stow, b. abt. 1650; m. Oct. 16, 1675, Bethiah³ Stocking (Samuel², George¹). "Mar. 17, 1678-9, there was granted to Thomas Stow, Jr., a piece of land," etc., now a part of the cemetery of 1713, which he did not "improve," but sold part to Samuel Gibson and part to Samuel Wilcox. Deacon Stocking

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