

## SPRAGUE GENEALOGY

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277. NEHEMIAH<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (William<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), of Smithfield and Providence, farmer, b. Jan. 5, 1717, Smithfield, R. I.; m. there Apr. 16, 1738, Mary Brown (Smithfield Rec. 1-12).

1738, Aug. 12. Nehemiah Sprague, of Smithfield, for £800, deeded land and house given him by his honored father, William Sprague, 100 acres, to Thomas Walling.

1748, July 25. While living in Providence, he bought of Roger Williams, for £ 330, a lot in Providence, being a part of the lot on which the great Roger Williams had dwelt. Nehemiah deeded the same lot to Simson Hunt, Dec. 28, 1748.

## CHILDREN.

329. I. Elias<sup>5</sup>, b. June 16, 1744.

330. II. Nehemiah, b. Jan. 20, 1750.

278. MAJ. JOSHUA<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (William<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), b. July 3, 1729, Smithfield, R. I.; d. Oct. 1, 1816, Coal Run, Washington Co., O.; m. (1) Jan. 2, 1748, Cumberland, R. I., Amey Darling, b. May, 1729, d. May, 1749, at Smithfield. He m. (2) Apr. 22, 1750, Abigail<sup>4</sup> Wilbur (Note 1), b. Nov. 17, 1731, d. Dec. 6, 1825, dau. of Jeremiah<sup>3</sup> and Mary.

Note 1. William Wilbur<sup>1</sup>, immigrant, was a weaver by trade. He settled in Taunton, Mass., where he bought land, June 10, 1654. He served as juryman in 1671 and as Deputy to the General Court in 1678. He owned land also in Little Compton, R. I., and in Swanzey, Mass. He removed to Portsmouth, R. I., and Feb. 23, 1705, deeded to his son Benjamin all his dwelling house, lands and orchard there. His will was dated Meh. 1, 1710, and proved Aug. 15 following. His wife was not living at the time of his death. One of his children was:

William Wilbur<sup>2</sup>, who resided in Portsmouth and later in Little Compton, R. I. He was admitted a freeman in 1678. On Oct. 31, 1677, he was one of the forty eight to whom five thousand acres of land was granted in East Greenwich. His will was dated Dec. 30, 1732, and proved June 20, 1738. He m. a dau. of Peter Tallman and she died before her husband's will was made. He d. 1738. One of his children was:

Jeremiah Wilbur<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 17, 1706; d. about 1773. Resided at Smithfield, R. I. He m. Mary ——— who was living June 7, 1773. His son Jeremiah<sup>4</sup> was living on his homestead in 1773, but about 1775 settled in East Hoosick (Now Adams), Mass. Another of Jeremiah Sr.'s children was: