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1676, and representative from York in 1668. Owing to the prominent part taken by him in bringing about a satisfactory ending of the opposition to the claims of Massachusetts, he is characterized by Savage as a leader in that contest.

Besides his home farm he owned several other farms, and the Registry of Deeds contains many records of the transfers of property to and by him. In 1683 he bought of John Cross, one of the wealthiest men in the town, his house and one hundred and fifty acres of land. This house contained the only looking-glass and carpet in the town.

He died in 1712, aged ninety-three, and from the inventory of his estate we find that he possessed many of what at that time were considered the luxuries of life, viz., bedstead, chairs, looking-glass, candlesticks, chests, tables, and two books.

FRANCIS LITTLEFIELD, JR.

Francis Littlefield, Jr., born in 1631, came to New England with his mother in 1638. Proceeding first to Exeter, and then to Wells, he there received what education it was possible to obtain at that early period, and in 1653 signed the Act of Submission acknowledging himself subject to the government of Massachusetts. He, however, stood by his father and brothers in the subsequent opposition to the claims of Massachusetts, and finally joined with them in the petition of 1668.

In 1668 he was appointed ensign in the military company of which his brother John was lieutenant, and took a prominent part in the Indian wars.

He married, about 1658, Meribah Wardell, daughter of William and Alice Wardell, of Wells, who was baptized at the First Church in Boston, 25th day, 4th month, 1637.

He was a large land-owner, was prominent in civil and church affairs, and respected by the community. He died Feb. 6, 1675, leaving his property to be divided by will among his ten children.

