

themselves to the Government that is, or shall be, established according to the word of God therein, etc., etc."

SECOND GENERATION.

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RALPH EARLE (Ralph 3219), son of Ralph & Joan (——) Earle.

Died 1716

Mar. before Oct. 26, 1659

Dorcas Sprague, dau. of Francis & Lydia (——) Sprague. of Duxbury, Mass.

Their children:

EARLE—

3225 **John** b. 1660 m. Mary Wilcox.

3226 **Ralph** m. Dorcas Dillingham.

3227 **William** m. Hephzibah Butts.

3228 **Joseph** m. Elizabeth Slocum.

*1658—MAY 11. Portsmouth, R. I., Freeman.

1659—OCT. 26. Francis Sprague of Duxbury, conveyed to his "son-in-law, Ralph Earle, of Rhode Island," &c., $\frac{1}{2}$ share of land at Coakset and Acushnet. At about this time Ralph moved to his new lands, and henceforth was of Dartmouth.

1688—JUNE 13. Dartmouth, Mass. He deeded son Ralph, for love, &c. half of westernmost island called Elizabeth Island, to be after my decease.

1689—OCT. 20. He deeded son William, 100 acres in Dartmouth.

1692—JUNE 10. He and wife Dorcas, deeded youngest son Joseph, for love &c. 200 acres in Dartmouth, and Salt Marsh, had of father Sprague.

1693—JUL. 24. He deeded son William, for love &c, $\frac{1}{4}$ of the island, called by the Indians Pocatahunka, being the westernmost island.

1717—JAN. 6. Administration to son John Earle.

3221

WILLIAM EARLE (Ralph 3219), son of Ralph & Joan (——) Earle.

Died Jan. 15, 1715

Mar. (1)

Mary Walker, dau. of John & Katherine Walker, of Portsmouth, R. I.

*From Austin's Gen. Dictionary of R. I., p. 69.

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Their children :

EARLE—

- 3229 **Mary** b. 1655 m. John Borden (3151)
 3230 **William** m. Elizabeth ———
 3231 **Ralph** b. 1660 m. Mary — widow of John Hicks.
 3232 **Thomas** m. Mary Taber.
 3233 **Caleb** m. Mary ———

Mar. (2)

Prudence ———

Died Jan. 18, 1718

Their children :

EARLE—

- 3234 **John** m. Mary Wait.
 3235 **Prudence** b. 1681 m. Benjamin Durfee.

*1654—APR. 2. He and wife Mary, sold James Sands, their interest in 14 acres, that came by right of late widow Walker; the land having come by marriage of Mary Walker (daughter of widow), to William Earle.

1665—MAY 1. He and William Cory, were given 1 acre on Briggs' Hill, and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre near the town pond, to have so long as they maintained a windmill for the town's use. Three years later an exchange was made (between town and Earle and Cory), of 2 acres near the mill for 2 acres elsewhere. (In 1684 the site was called Windmill Hill).

1670—Dartmouth, Mass. He probably removed there about this time and staid for a number of years, his interests there being large. He owned 2000 acres from his claims in the original division.

1688—JUNE 26. He deeded son Ralph, and Mary, his wife, of Dartmouth, for love and affection $\frac{1}{2}$ a share of land in Free-town, east side of Taunton River. This deed was executed in Portsmouth, and the land conveyed is now the site of the central and earliest settled part of the city of Fall River, Mass.

1691—MAY 6. The Assembly met at his home, being removed from Newport, on account of the distemper.

1713—Nov. 13. Will—proved 1715, Feb. 8. Ex. son John. Overseers, James Tallman, of Portsmouth, and Benjamin Durfee, of Tiverton. To son William, a brass milkpan, and like gift to sons Thomas, Ralph and John, and daughters Mary Borden, Mary Hix and Prudence Durfee, and to the last a negro girl "Kate," also. To son John, all rest of estate, real and personal, he paying legacies, as follows:

*From Austins Gen. Dict. of R. I., p. 69.

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