

BILLS LINEAGE.

William¹ Bills was of Barnstable, Mass., 1640—one of the first settlers of Cape Cod. Quite likely he went there from Scituate with the congregation of Rev. John Lothrop. There is little or no doubt that Thomas was his son. Another son may have been Richard Bills, who was a soldier in the Great Swamp Fight, Dec. 19, 1675.

Thomas² Bills, d. 1721, April 2, in Shrewsbury township, N. J.; m. (1) 1672, Oct. 3, Anna Twining, who was b. about 1652, at Eastham, Mass.; d. 1675, Sept. 1; m. (2) 1676, May 2, Joanna Twining, b. 1657, May 30, at Eastham, Mass.; d. 1723, June 4, in Shrewsbury, N. J.; sister of his first wife and dau. of William, Jr. and Elizabeth (Deane) Twining.

Elizabeth Deane was dau. of Stephen Deane and Elizabeth—the dau. of Mary Ring, a widow of Plymouth, whom Goodwin in his *Pilgrim Republic* mentions as “a lady of prominence.” Stephen Deane came to Plymouth in the second ship, *Fortune*, Nov. 1621, and built the first corn mill there.

Thomas Bills was one of the legal inhabitants of Eastham in 1695, but probably moved soon after to Shrewsbury, N. J. Some of his children quite likely settled in Bucks county, Penn. Children: (1.) Anna, b. 1673, June 28; Elizabeth, b. 1675, Aug. 23; (2.) *Nathaniel³* b. 1677, June 25; Mercy, b. 1679, April 16; Mehitable, b. 1681, March 26; Thomas, b. 1685, March 22; Gershom, b. 1686, June 5; Joanna, b. 1688, Dec. 2.