

The HOUGHTON FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

THOMAS (1) HOUGHTON, born in England, 1730, came to Andover after the Revolution. His wife, Elizabeth, was in poor health, and remained in England. Their children were :-

Wm. (2), b. 1762; lived in Andover; d. at house at the foot of High St., owned by Robert Bell, on Dec.7, 1800.

Sam (2), twin brother to Wm. was b. 1762; was a seaman. Had a wife and child in England; had another family on Cape of Good Hope, to which he left his property.

Sarah (2), b. in England, 1769; m. John Harding; was the first child here, coming over with husband and father; she joined South Church, Feb.1, 1801; she d. at 76, Feb.12, 1845. Her son:-

John(3) Harding was bapt. July 27, 1804.

Charlotte (2), b. ; came to Andover later; m. Isaac (5) Abbott, son of Henry (4) ; he was b. 1779; was capt. of a packet that sailed to Southern ports; she d. on the Mississippi River while on a voyage with him, Aug.25, 1821.

Thomas (2), b. ; m. 1st., Feb.1806, Betsy Ackley of Boston; m. 2nd. Mary Lovejoy; he d. in Westchester, N.Y., Aug.29, 1815; stone in South Yard.

Mary Agnes (2), b. 1772; d. Oct.9, 1842. Great friend of Madam Phillips.

Old Thomas(1) intended to buy a farm and settle here, but died before his plans were carried out. Thos.Jr., bought a place in North Andover- the old Aaron Rea homestead. Thos.(1) was a business partner of Sam Phillips.

Mary Agnes lived on High St., in a cottage which was owned by the Higgins family. It formerly stood on Nath'l Swift's lot in the Square. She was a milliner in England. She talked one day with Madam Phebe Phillips about a special order bonnet she had made for a young Boston bride, of yellow satin with flowers in the brim, and Madam P. went to a closet and produced the very bonnett- and they then shed tears of sympathy.

Mary Agnes(2) Houghton owned a miniature on ivory of the Duke of York, which she gave to the Salem Museum. Aunt Harding saw it there often, but it has disappeared. Some one coveted it, I suppose.

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