

Deborah Poor, born April 18, 1664, lived, at the time of her marriage to Timothy (3) Osgood, down in the Moose County, near the junction of the Shawshin and Merrimack, and opposite the section of North Andover taken up by the Osgoods.

POORS-

The Poors' history is an interesting one. If you get hold of a book on the Titcomb family, you will get a very racy account of your first POOR, one Roger, a priest, who served in chapel near Caen, in Normandy. According to tradition, Roger was rushing through Morning service at top speed, when the Black Prince came in to his devotions.

Pleased at the type of service, the Prince asked Roger to go to England with him as his chaplain. There Roger held an estate and took the name La POERER, also called POORE, which, some say, means POWER. Others declare that it is derived from his old home in Normandy.

At any rate, Roger prospered in England, for he devised many ways to raise taxes and tribute. He became head Treasurer of England, and invited a nephew to come over with him. They built castles and priories and lived like Barons. Richard, the nephew, inherited his uncle's estate, took the name POOR and became a Squire. It is said that the Robin Hood tales center around the nephews. All the Poors here are from this branch. They were a substantial family in Wiltshire, England.

Those to come here were a group of orphans, who arrived in Newbury, in 1638: John, Sara, Tom and 14 year old Dan, and sister Alice, who later married George Little. At a gathering of the Poors, you will notice the round face and prominent eyes, very marked in the descendants.

When Dan was 26, he married Mary Farnum, daughter of Ralph Farnum, the barber-surgeon, who was the son of Ralph, the merchant tailor of London.

Dan came to Andover with his unmarried brother Tom. They had a fine estate which reached from the Electric Power station to the Falls, and back to the Andover line. They owned what is now the cream of South Lawrence, and some of the female line still own property there.

Dan died June 8, 1689, before his unmarried brother Tom who lived on the estate, with young Dan (2). A son, John (2), died in the expedition to Canada, 1690. There were nine daughters in the family.

Hannah (2) married Francis Dane of West Parish.

Elizabeth (2) married Jacob Manton, at the ferry.

Ruth (2) married John Stevens, and their descendants still stay on the old grants, down the line in Lawrence.

Priscilla (2) and her husband, Abraham Mooar went over to West Parish, near Hagget's Pond.

Lucy (2), married Sam Austin and went to Methuen.

The other daughters married Noyes, Pettengill and Grainger boys, sons of families who came up from Newbury.

Dan (2) only surviving son, married Mehitable Osgood, sister of Timothy (3) ( John (2), your ancestor; they had 19 children, most of whom grew up. Mehitable wept that she didn't have 20.

Thomas (3), one of her sons, got the old Garrison House which stood so long at the ford of the Shawshin. This was standing at a late date when the farm was sold by the Poor heirs. The great Wood Mill and Electric Power plant stand on the old Poor Homestead of 1650.

All these belonged to, <sup>(a)</sup> Sarah Osgood, daughter of Timothy Osgood & Deba Poor, who was born Aug. 8, 1697; married Sam Frye, Mch. 26, 1719; died April 6, 1760. Old Chris. Osgood was neighbor to Dan Poor in Moose County.

Peter Osgood, brother of Sarah, was killed at 16, by the accidental discharge of a gun on the training fields. Another brother died at 40, unmarried. Two sisters and one brother, Timothy, Jr., grew up.

Timothy, Jr., married again into the Fryes of your Uncle Nathe's (3) line. Some were soldiers, some tanners, like Timothy (4) of Dracut; Sam'l Osgood (6) a Harvard man, became first Post-Master general; Capt. Isaac Osgood (6) a Harvard man, became first Post-Master general; and Congressman