

Tenney, Esq., in the autumn of 1875.* Some of the frame was of hewn oak, more than a foot square. The view of the old house here presented was made nearly fifty years ago, and conveys but a faint idea of the appearance of the dwelling during the last days of its existence. It had a pleasant and sunny location: shade-trees stood near, and the outlying fields were luxuriant with vegetation.

Francis Wainwright of Ipswich was appointed administrator of Mr. Goodridge's estate 6 Dec., 1692. Mr. Wainwright was a son of Francis Wainwright, lately deceased, to whom Mr. Goodridge was a debtor. The following affidavit of Philip Fowler, a relative, shows that the family desired one of the executors of the will of Mr. Wainwright to become the administrator:—

"I Phillip Fowler of Ipsw^{ch} Doe Testyfie y^t it is y^e desire of y^e neer Relation of Benj^a Goodridge late deceafed y^t any one of y^e Executors (John or ffrancis Wainwright) unto y^e laft will of M^r Francis Wainwright &c late deceafed, be Administrator unto y^e aboues^d Goodrige^s Estate And y^t y^v are not willing themselves to accept of Administration, and That y^v So Expressed themselves unto mee —

"Dated, Salem, Dec^r 6th 1692.

PHILIP FFWLER

"Befor y^e Honoured Bartholmew Gedney Esq^r Decr. 6th 92. made Oath to y^e truth of y^e above written

"attest

STEPH SEWALL Reg^r"

The following is a transcript of the inventory of Mr. Goodridge's estate which he left at his decease:—

"An Inventory of the Estate of Benjamin Goodrige late of Rowly: (deceafed) taken June y^e 1 Anno: 1693

* There is a tradition that the house in which this fourfold murder occurred was burned at the time of the tragedy, and that this house was erected immediately afterward.