

Avery, Jr., was for many years Secretary of the Commonwealth of Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Price had these children, of whom only the two eldest seem to have survived childhood :

- 1 Ezekiel<sup>s</sup>, b. May 20, 1766.
- 2 Mary Deming, b. June 9, 1767; m. Apr., 1787, Thomas Greenleaf of Boston, by whom she had Thomas<sup>s</sup> and Ezekiel Price Greenleaf.

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*Coll. of Mass. Hist. Society*, of which he was elected a member Apr. 30, 1793, and became a "liberal benefactor." He was, when a young man, confidential secretary to the governors of the province, Shirley, Pownall, and Sir Francis Bernard, and was afterwards for many years clerk of the courts of Common Pleas and Sessions for the county of Suffolk, and for a long time also chairman of the board of selectmen for the town of Boston. During the siege of Boston, he, with his wife and daughter, Polly, resided in Stoughton. The diary which he kept at that period (May 23, 1775, to Aug. 18, 1776) is in possession of the Mass. Hist. Soc., and is printed in their *Proceedings for 1863-4*, pp. 185-262. It gives an interesting account of the events of that time, as they came under his own observation, not only at Stoughton, but in places nearer Boston which he often visited. Such family information as is there contained is comprised in frequent mention of "son Zek," as coming to spend the day (he was then nine, and perhaps at school); of his hearing from the town, Jan. 2, that "our family now live at the North End," on which he remarks, "I believe they are at the house Uncle Goldthwait formerly lived in"; and of visiting his sister in Boston the day after the evacuation, she having, during the siege, "been forced from my house." In 1774 he republished the sermon, preached by Dr. Cotton Mather sixty-six years before, at the funeral of his great-grandfather, Ezekiel Cheever. It was printed by Ezekiel Russell (another great-grandson) "next the Cornfield, Union Street," and has on the title page, "The following Sermon on the death of that faithful Servant of God, the late Venerable Mr. Ezekiel Cheever, Is now republished to perpetuate the Memory of that Good Man, by his Great-Grand-Son, Ezekiel Price, Boston, Jan. 1, 1774" (Vol. 33, p. 183, *Gen. Reg.*). Mr. Price died July 15, 1802, aged 74. His will, made March 1, 1798, proved July 26, 1802, speaks of his being aged and infirm; gives to wife, Ruth, the use of his dwelling-house on Tremont street, half his silver plate, etc.; to his son-in-law, Thomas Greenleaf, his gold watch, and his "small library" to two grandsons, Thomas Greenleaf and Ezekiel Price Greenleaf; provides for the support of son, Ezekiel, and gives all the remainder to Dr. John Warren and Mr. Samuel Clapp of Boston, they to pay rents, etc., to his daughter, Mary Deming Greenleaf. Dr. John Warren to be sole executor. He lived on Winter and State streets and in Williams Court. His home for the last years of his life on Tremont street was on the site of the Boston Museum (Vol. XIX, p. 329, *Gen. Reg.*).