

tunity to learn from the personal instruction of the venerable Puritan, but his mother soon married Rev. John Allyn of Dedham, one of the best and most learned ministers in the colony; and Mr. Allyn became a faithful guide to his youth. I believe his mother was his nominal guardian.

When about six years of age he went with his mother and her other young children to live with his father-in-law at Dedham. His sister Deborah was eight and his brother Paul four years of age. The talented and good Mr. Allyn lived 17 years after this time, dying Aug. 26, 1671, and his wife died on the 29th of the same month, only three days after her husband.

A writer in the Mass. Historical Collections says Mr. Allyn "was a man of learning, a great theologian, a judicious and sensible writer in the opinion of his contemporaries. He was a courteous man, of a cool and collected temper, a worthy and leading character in the colony." I am not aware that he found any fault with his young son-in-law Dudley. The long years of domestic life passed pleasantly, I believe, in this memorable family.

Mrs. Katharine Allin, as she called herself, made her will Aug. 28, 1671; and it was probated Oct. 8, 1671. She mentions her daughter Negus (who was probably wife of Jonathan Negus, Town Clerk of Boston in 1662). To her daughter Hunting's daughter Katharine she gives all her wearing apparel and her bed in the hall. To her three sons, Benjamin, Daniel and Eleazer Allin,* she makes bequests. To her son Chickering's two daughters, a sealed gold ring to each. To her daughter Wade's two daughters, an English book to each. No pictures are mentioned.

Witnesses, { TIMOTHY DWIGHT,
 { ANNE DWIGHT.

Mr. Allyn's will is dated Aug. 23, 1671. He mentions his three sons, Benjamin, Daniel and Eleazer; "My daughter Dudley," that is, Gov. Joseph's wife; "My daughter Chickering; my daughter Wade and my daughter Hunting, to each of them one booke, as a memorial of my love." "My beloved son-in-law, Joseph Dudley," is another expression of the testator.

Mrs. Katharine (Dighton) Allyn had a sister, Frances, who was wife of Richard Williams, an early settler at Taunton.† Mrs. Allin's children by Mr. Hackburn were, Elizabeth, Samuel, John and Hannah.—See *Boston Town Records*, Vol. 5. p. 334, and *Hist. Gen. Regr. for 1852*.

* This name is generally spelled so by this family, but in England it was spelled Allyn or Alleyne.

† See Mr. W. R. Deane's *Memoir of the Leonard Family*, page 18.