Gen. Folsom m. first, (Mary?) Smith, by whom he had six children; (2) Mrs. Fisher, of Newburyport (formerly Mary Sprague of Boston), by whom he had a daughter:

i. Nathaniel, merchant, of Portsmouth, who m. (1) Mary Studley, Nov. 20, 1774; (2) Olive Husk Rodgers, Aug. 34, 1799. The children by his 1st wife were Mary, wife of Thomas W. Rodgers; Elizabeth, b. Jan. 4, 1774, m. (1) to Joseph Noble; (2) in Joseph Lowe—of whose children, Elizabeth-Studley Noble m. Major Cobb, U.S. Army, and is mother of Capt. Cobb, ship-master, of Boston; Olivia-Folsom Noble, m. Calvin Willard, of Worcester, (since d.); and Mary-Folsom Noble, m. Feb. 22, 1829, Capt. John-Sherburne Sleeper, and has a family of married children. Capt. Sleeper, after retirement from sea-life, edited the Exeter News Letter; next, for about a year, one of the Lowell papers; then became chief editor and was one of the proprietors of the Boston Journal, conducting that paper ably from 1833 to 1853, making it lively, vigorous, instructive, effective in promoting the political and moral welfare of city and state, pure and high-toned, read by its many readers with pleasure as savoring of the freshness of the sea; Dorothy, third daughter of Nathaniel, b. March 21, 1775; m. Col. Nathaniel Gilman of Exeter, one of whose 11 children, Mary-Olivia, m. Commodore John-Codiges Long, U.S. Navy. Of the second marriage was born Capt. Nathaniel, ship-master, of Portsmouth, m. to Hannah Sleeper, dau. of William Sleeper; Sarah-Ann, wife of Rev. George-E. Adams, D.D., for some years a teacher of the Academy in Portsmouth, afterward a greatly beloved and respected pastor of the Cong. church in Brunswick, Me.; Arthur, b. 1785, who held office many years as Consul and Commercial Agent in Jersey, Hayti (where he married and had children), was then removed in 1838 for sympathy with the revolutionary leaders, but appointed Consul General on Sugeot's obtaining the presidency, in which office he d. Nov. 21, 1870, in Orange County, N.

ii. Mary, b. 1761; m. (1) 1774, Caleb-G. Adams; (2) was the 2d wife of Gov. John-Taylor Gilman; d. Oct. 15, 1819.


iv. Jonathan, b. 1762, at sea.

v. Anna, b. 1762; m. Gen. Nathaniel Giddings, and had five children.

vi. Dorothy, m. Samuel Blodgett, and was mother of Mrs. West of Baltimore.

vii. Ruth-Weare, b. May 20, 1750, whose home for many years was at Judge Emery's, where she died, May 21, 1854.


our lives and fortunes witharms oppose the hostile proceedings of the British fleets and armies against the united American colonies,—on Portsmouth list appear indeed two Nathaniel Folsoms. But undoubtedly they were the father Gen. Nathaniel, and his son Nathaniel. For Meshech Weare, Chairman of the Committee of Safety, a citizen of Hampton Falls, and Gen. Nathaniel Folsom, then also a member of the same Committee, who were often called to Portsmouth on the business of the Committee, head the list, and the names of these two are not on the Exeter and Hampton lists.