

Again it appears by Suffolk Deeds, vol. 21, fol. 524, that on 23 April, 1696, James Foster of Dorchester and wife Anna; Standfast Foster of Dorchester and wife Abigail; Thankful Baker, widow; Patience, wife of Thomas Brown of Sudbury, gent; and Mary, wife of Samuel Ward of Boston, cooper; all children of Capt. Hopedill Foster; and also Hopedill Foster of Boston, gunsmith, one of the grandsons of Capt. Hopedill, sold land to Matthias Puffer of Dorchester.

By a deed dated 31 Dec. 1703, recorded in 1715, Suffolk Deeds 29, fol. 223, it seems that Standfast Foster bought land of Thomas Brown of Sudbury, who married Patience, one of the daughters of Capt. Hopedill Foster; James Foster, son of Capt. H.; Mary Ward, widow, a daughter of H. F.; Hopedill Foster, gunsmith, and Silence Eliot, widow, two of the grandchildren of Capt. H. F. It mentions that Hopedill, Elisha and Comfort, three sons of Capt. H. F., were then deceased.

All of these relations are plain except Silence Eliot. I pointed out in Sewall's Diary, vol. iii. p. 333, that she was the daughter of a daughter of Capt. Hopedill. James Foster had a daughter Silence Foster, as we shall see, born in 1677; but Silence Eliot, who was the wife of Joseph Eliot of Boston (son of Jacob Eliot), died 8 June, 1744, aged 78, as her tombstone in the Granary yard testifies. She was born in 1666. Now it is certain that Capt. Hopedill's oldest daughter married 8 Jan. 1663-4, John Baker of Boston, and had John, born at Boston 26 Feb. 1664-5, and Silence born at Dorchester (see records) 28, 5 mo. 1666, "daughter of John Baker of Boston, deceased." John Baker's will, dated 26 March, 1666, proved 5 July, following, is in Suffolk Wills 1. 471. In it he mentions wife Thankful, son Thomas, daughter Elizabeth, a child unborn, and makes his father Hopedill Foster, his uncle Richard Baker, and his cousin William Ireland, overseers. He mentions his sister Catherine Johnson, his wife's uncle Bates, and gives his son Thomas the land that was his grandfather Swift's, at Dorchester Neck.

I pointed out in my note to Sewall's Diary, that Savage was entirely wrong about John Baker; this will shows still more error in Savage (vol. i., p. 97, and vol. iv., p. 241). Savage says that John Baker of Boston, blacksmith, married 5 Nov. 1657, Joan, daughter of Thomas Swift of Dorchester, by whom he had five sons and one daughter, of whom only Thomas and Elizabeth survived. Then he denounces the record of the marriage