

at Milton line and so marked the way as followeth × × × × next a gray oak tree against Mr. Salter's door on the west side of the way × × ×."\*

This was probably the third house built for English settlers for the present territory of Canton, Stoughton, Sharon, Foxboro and Wrentham. One of the others was Matthias Puffer's, in 1691, on cor. of Blue Hill and Washington streets; the remaining one, Billing's tavern, in Sharon—the second house as respects Canton.

The present Davenport house, on the Puffer site, is an old one and is the third one thereon.

The first sermon ever preached in the above territory to the English settlers was in the Salter house. This tradition has come down to the writer through his mother and grandfather and its carrying by them covers three-fourths of the period. Mr. Huntoon, who admits the correctness of the tradition, thinks Rev. Oxenbridge Thatcher, of Milton, was the preacher.

It was in this house that Samuel Spare must have lived three months in 1738, for John Keny owned it, his mother having then probably died, and John had another house, the one next to the north on the land of the same purchase; or rather of an additional purchase at another date, wherein he was living, having married Elizabeth Wentworth, in 1728.

The 13th-milestone Spare house on old Salter-Kenney site, occupies a commanding site, about half a mile south of Blue Hill; from its rear the sight overlooks Dedham, Norwood, and perhaps Dover, and discovers Wachuset Mountain, 50 miles away. For 49 years the rumbling of the cars of the Boston & Providence railroad, many times a day, as they pass over Fowl Meadows at the west, have been there heard.

One Kenney house at the north, and two Kenney houses next to it at the south, at one time contained neighbors of that name, while others still of the name were on Green Lodge street. The writer puts it on record here that he has collected in manuscript a full genealogy of this Canton family of Kenneys from 1670 to 1833, when as a name it became extinct in the town, and has identified nine house sites.

Each of these three houses (the Spare house *was* one) had near them, when the writer was young, large and valuable cherry trees, such as are now never seen, and they gave a distinction to the locality for that reason.

We give a photo-engraving of the house; the barn was built in 1827. The old one, a century old, on a different site, was removed to a more western site to be used for a cider mill, and went to decay after 1845.

\* From their report to the town.