

her, II. *Ensign*,^o b. 25 Apr., 1723; III. *John*,^o b. 11 April, 1725, m. Jane Turner, 1 Dec., 1746; IV. *Desire*,^o b. 27 Apr., 1729, m. Nathl. Chittenden, 15 July, 1749; V. *Mary*,^o a twin sister, d. 16 July, 1729; VI. *Ignatius*,^o b. 2 Feb., 1731; VII. *Noah*,^o; VIII. *Amos*.

"(32) Doct. Isaac,"^o was m. 25 May, 1719, and d. 11 Nov., 1777, instead of 1786. His children: I. *Josiah*,^o b. 1720, d. 26 March, 1723; II. *Isaac*,^o b. 8 Oct., 1721; III. *Deborah*,^o b. 16 Oct., 1723, m. 8 Sept., 1744, Thos. Rogers, Jr., of Marshfield; IV. *Josiah*,^o b. 4 May, 1725, d. 23 Jan., 1744; V. *William*,^o b. 23 May, 1726; VI. *Stephen*,^o b. 4 Nov., 1728; VII. *Hannah*,^o b. 9 March, 1730; VIII. *James*,^o b. 22 April, 1733, d. 13 May, 1733; IX. *James*,^o b. 3 Sept., 1734; X. *Thomas*,^o b. 29 May, 1736, d. 10 June, 1736; XI. *Thomas*,^o b. 20 June, 1738, d. 3 Aug., 1738; XII. *Nabby*,^o b. 12 Aug., 1739, d. 18, Nov., 1739.

"(36) NATHANIEL,"^o 2d line, instead of "had eighteen children," read m. *Hannah*, dau. of Col. John Thacher, of Yarmouth. She was one of a family of eighteen children, and was b. 1689; d. 6 May, 1780. He removed from Scituate to New London, Ct., where he with his wife was received to the communion of the Church 19 Nov., 1722. He was appointed on a Committee 22 Jan., 1721-2, to act in the "prudential affairs" of the Parish; was chosen Clerk of the Parish 31 Jan., 1722-3, and also for 1723 and 1724. At this last date, he removed and settled about eight miles north, on the old county road in the town of Colchester. He d. 15 April, 1771.

"(51) EPHRAIM,"^o was not a "physician." He was b. 28 July, 1708, m. 17 Feb., 1732.

"(156) JOSEPH,"^o is not dead as stated, but is still a resident of Louisville, Ky.

INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE OLD BURIAL GROUND IN DORCHESTER, MS.

1638—1699.

[Communicated by Mr. W. B. TRASK, of Dorchester.]

Here
lies the Bodies of
M^r Barnard Capen
& M^r Joan Capen his
wife; He died Nov 8
1638 Aged 76 Years
& She died March
26 1653
Aged 75 years

[This is probably the oldest *Inscription* to be found on any gravestone in New England. The most ancient one in Plymouth bears date 1681.]

Steven Minot
Son to Elder
George Minot
Aged 40 Years
Dyed February
Y^r 16 1662

[A difference of 9 years will be seen on comparing the above with the record of Mr. Minot's death in the "Genealogy of the Minot Family,"

(vol. i. p. 172, Geneal. Reg.). The date, 1662, is, however, most distinctly visible on the gravestone.]

Dom Sacer
 Richardus Hic Dormit Matherus
 (Sed nec Totus nec Mora Diurna)
 Lactatus Genuisse Pares
 Incertum est utrum Doctior an Melior
 Animum & Gloria non Queunt Humari
 Diuinely Rich & Learned Richard Mather
 Sons like Him Prophets Great Reioicd this Father
 Short Time His Sleeping Dust heres couerd down
 Not His Ascended Spirit or Rinown.
 U. D. M. In Ang. 16. An^o. In Dorc: NA 34 An
 Obt. Apr. 22 1669 Æt sue 73

Thomas · Ioanes *
 Aged · abovt · 75 Years
 Died the 18 of November
 1667

Here Lyes Interred
 Y^o Body of M^r
 Hannah Minot Wife
 To M^r James Minot &
 Daughter to Col.
 Israel Stoughton Esq
 Who Dec^d March 27
 1670
 In y^o 43 Year of
 Her Age

Clement Topliff
 Aged 69 Years
 Dyed the 24 Day
 Of December 1672

Mary · Flint
 Aged · 9 · Months
 Died · August
 The · xith · 1673

Henerry · Flint
 Aged · 2 Weekes
 Died · February
 The 20th 1674
 [Henry Flint, son of the Pastor, b.
 Feb. 9, 1673; another Henry, May 5,
 1675.—*Town Records.*]

Thomas Swift
 Aged 75 Years
 Dyed May y^o 30
 1675

John Gornel
 Aged 64 Years
 Dyed Jvly 31
 1675.

Here Lyes Interred y^o
 Body of M^r James
 Minot who Deceased
 March 30 1676
 In y^o 48 Year of
 his Age.

Here Lie Interr'd the Remains of
 Captm Hopesstill Foster
 Who Departed this Life October the
 14th Anno Domini 1676
 Aged 56 Years

Elizabeth Swift
 Aged 67 Years
 Dyed January y^o 26
 1677

Jeane Wife to
 John Cornel
 Aged 78 Years
 Dyed 4 Apryl
 1678

* Mr. Jones was a man of influence, and for many years one of the Selectmen of the town. His name, together with six others, is appended to the "Dorchester Church Covenant, made y^o 23 Day of y^o 6 Month 1636," viz. "Richard Mather, Geo. Minot, Thomas Jones, John Kinsley, Natha'l Duncan, Henry Withington, John Pope." T.

Suzana White Aged 3 Years Dyed June 16 1678	Elizabeth Jons Daughter to David & Sarah Jones Aged about 20 Years Dec ^d January y ^e 20 1681
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Els Leke Thomas Leke Aged 80 Years Aged 70 Years Dec ^d October y ^e 20 Dec ^d October y ^e 27 16 78	Jonathan Jones Son to David & Sarah Jones Aged 22 Years; Dec ^d y ^e 6 of January 1681
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[Alice Lake. d. Oct 20 th '78 Thomas Lake. d. Oct. 27 th '78.— <i>Town Records.</i>]	

Ammiel Weeks Aged 46 Years Dec ^d Apryl y ^e 20 1679
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The
Ingenious
Mathematician & printer
M^r John Foster
Aged 33 Years Dyed Sep^r 9th
1681.

April 1681

LM Astra Colis Vivens: Moriens, Super Æthera Foster LF Scande, Precor; Cœlum Metiri Disce Supremum. Metior, atque Meum est. Emit, mihi Dives Jesus Nec teneo Quicquam nisi Grates. Solvere.
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On the foot-stone is the following:

M^r
John Foster.
Ars illi sua Census Erat—Ovid.
Skill was his Cash.

[In Blake's Annals of Dorchester, under date of 1681, it is written:—
"This year Died Mr. John Foster. Son of Capt. Hopestill Foster; Schoolmaster of Dorchester, and he that made the then Seal or Arms of y^e Colony, namely an Indian with a Bow & Arrow &c."]

Here Lyeth Interred y ^e Body of Elisha Foster The Son of Cap ^t Hopestill & Mary Foster Aged 29 Years Departed this Life Y ^e 16 of October 1682
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John Mason Aged 26 Years Dyed y ^e 18 th Of March 1683
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John Wals Aged 29 Years Dyed y ^e 16 th Of June 1683
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Hana Wife
To Iames
Blake Aged
23 Years
Dyed the
1 of Ivne
1683

Martha Minot
Daughter of Stephen
& Trvecross Minot
Aged 27 Years
Dyed y^e 11 of
October
1683

Sarah Jones
Wife to David
Jones Aged 44
Years Dyed
October y^e 13
1683

Mary Bradlay
Aged 17 Years
Dyed y^e 8 of
March 168⁵

Elkanah · the · Son
Of · Iohn · & Elizabeth
Walds · Aged · 23
Years · and · ten · Months
Died · August · the · 15
1689

[In Town Records—"Elkanah, the
son of John Wales was born 16. 4 mo.
1665."]

Here Lyes
Buried y^e Body of
Timothy Foster
Aged About 51
Years Dyed Decemb^r
Y^e 16 1688

Hannah
Wife of
John Wiswall
Aged 28 Years
Dec^d September
Y^e. 18 1690

Here Lyeth Intered
Y^e Body of Mehetabel
Mills Wife of Edward
Mills & Daughter to
Stephen & Truecross
Minott Aged 25 Years
2 M^o & 2 Da^d Deceased
August y^e 16th 1690

Here Lyeth Burie^d
Y^e Body of John
Glover y^e Son
Of M^r Nathaniel
Glover of
Dorchester Aged 35
Years Deceased
August y^e 25 1690

Here Lieth Burie^[d]
Y^e Body of Cap^t
John Breck
Aged 40 Years
Departed this Life
Y^e 17 day of
February
1690

Enoch Wiswall
Aged 4 Years
& $\frac{1}{2}$ Died Sep^t
Y^e 30 1690

Here Lyes Buried
Y^e Body of
Obadiah Haws
Aged 56 Years
Dyed October y^e
5th 1690

Here Lyes y^e B [ody]
Of Daued Ione [s]
Jn^r Aged 26 Ye [ars]
Died June y^e 18
1691

Here Lyeth Buried
Y^e Body of Mary
Jones y^e Wife of
Jsack Jones Aged
62 Years Decease^d
October y^e 23 1691

Here Lyes Buried y^e
Body of Cap^m John
Capen he was Deacoⁿ
Of y^e Church of Chris^t
In Dorchester He Dec^d
April y^e 6th 1692
In y^e 80th Year of, Age

Here Lyes y^e Body of
Truecross Minott
Y^e Wife of Stephen
Minot Aged 58 Years
Died August y^e 3
1692

Here Lyes y^e Body
Of Mary Weeks
Wife to Joseph
Weeks Aged 56
Years Died Sep^t
Y^e 17 1692

Here · Lieth · Buried
The · Body · of · Richard
Leeds · Aged · aboute
98 Years · Died · March
The 18th 1693

Rebekah Daugh^t
Of Ebenezer &
Barbara Jones
Aged 6 Monthe^s
Dyed June y^e 11
1693

Sarah Topliff
Widdow
Aged 88 Years
Died y^e 29 of
July 1693

Ruth y^e Davgthter
Of Hopestill
Humfrey Aged
9 Years Dyed
September y^e 24
1693

Here Lyeth y^e Body
Of Elizabeth Blake
Y^e Wife of James Blake
Seneor Dec^d y^e 16 of
January 1694
In y^e 61 Year of her Age

Here Lyeth
Y^e Body of
Thomas Tilesto^m
Aged 83 Year^s
Dec^d June y^e 24
1694

Samuel Topliff
Y^e Son of
Deacon
Samuel Topliff
Aged 19 Years
Died y^e 30 of
August
1694

Here Lyes y^e
Body of Ann
Y^e Wife of
Robert Pearce
Aged about 104 Year.
Died December
Y^e 31 1695

[“ Robert Pierce of the great lots
died 5th. buried 7th. 11 mo. 1667.”
Town Records.]

Here Lyeth Buried
y^e Body of
Thomas Trott
Aged 82 Years
Dec^d August y^e
28 1696

Here Lyeth Buried
Y^e Body of Timothy
Tilston deceased
The 10 of August
1697 in y^e 61 Year
Of his Age He was
Y^e Son of Thomas &
Elizabeth Tilston

Here Lyeth
Y^e Body of
Thankfull Baker
Relict of John
Baker Aged 58
Years Dec y^e 27 of
January 169⁷s

Here Lyeth Y ^e Body of Robert Pears Aged 24 Years Dec ^d December Y ^e 4 1698	Here Lyeth Y ^e Body of Asaph Royall Son to Isaac & Elizabeth Royall Aged 12 Weeks Died y ^e 24 Of July 1699
Here Lyeth y ^e Body of Samuel Pears Aged 22 Years Dec ^d y ^e 16 of December 1698	
Elizabeth Trescott Y ^e Wife of William Trescott Aged 74 Years Dec ^d July y ^e 30 1699	[He]re Lyes [Y] ^e Body of William Trescott Aged 85 Years Dec ^d Sep ^t y ^e 11 1699
Here Lyeth Y ^e Body of Deliverance Butt Relict of Richard Butt Aged 54 Years Dec ^d July Y ^e 22 1699	

**EPIТАPH OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, THE POET, taken from
his grave stone in the Granary Burial Ground, Boston.**

HERE LYES Y^e BODY
OF M^r BENJAMEN
FRANKLIN AGED 76
YEARS DECD MARCH
Y^e 17 1727.

Mr. Benjamin Franklin was brother of Josiah Franklin, and uncle to Dr. Franklin. He was born at Ecton in England, 20 March 1650; married at Banbury, on the 23d of November, 1673, Hannah Welles, daughter of Samuel, a clergyman; removed in 1715 to Boston from London, where he had done business as a silk-dyer. He died as appears from the grave stone on the 20th of March 1727-8, aged 76. President Sparks, in his Life of Dr. Franklin, says of this Mr. Franklin:—"The precise time of his death is not known. He was living in 1727, and probably died the year following, at the age of seventy-eight." (Vol. I. p. 542.) If the age on the stone is correct, his birth must have occurred in March 1650-1, and he only required three days of being 77 years old. His wife died in England on the 4th of November 1705.

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EARLY RECORDS OF WEYMOUTH.

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Deborah of Philip & Abigail Reed	born	Aug	30	1692
Joanna of William & Experience Pratt	"	Sept	23	1692
Mary of Samuel & Mary Humphrey	"	Jan	30	1693
Ebenezer son of James & Elizabeth Smith	"	Feb	10	1693
William son of William & Joanna Dyar	"	Mar	22	1693
Jacob son of Jacob & Jane Turner	"	April	4	1693
Gedion son of Gedion & Hannah Tirrell	"	April	10	1693
Judith Daughter of Joseph & Judith Shaw	"	May	4	1693
William of William & Mary Hunt	"	May	17	1693
Sarah of Peter & Sarah Dunbar	"	June	26	1693
Benjamin of John & Hannah Shaw	"	July	25	1693
Andrew of Andrew & Frances Orcutt	"	July	21	1693
Joseph of Remember & Mary Briggs	"	Aug	19	1693
Lidda of Samuel & Ann White	"	Sept	4	1693
Josiah son of John & Ruth Hunt	"	Oct	15	1693
Richard son of John & Elizabeth Philips	"	Nov	25	1693
William son of William & Mary Badlam	"	Dec	20	1693
Elizabeth of Luke & Susanna Short	"	Nov	1	1693
Zecheriah son of Zecheriah & Hannah Bicknell	"	Jan	9	1694
Sarah of Ichabod & Sarah Holbrook	"	Jan	13	1694
Nathaniel son of Nathaniel & Joanna Ford	"	Oct	10	1694
Daniel son of Joseph & Sarah Richards	"	Feb	28	1694
Joseph son of Samuel & Lidda Holbrook	"	June	26	1694
Susanna of Samuel & Hannah Whitmarsh	"	Feb	11	1694
Ephraim of Ephraim & Lidda Burrell	"	Feb	14	1694
John son of John & Mercy Burrell	"	Feb	19	1694
James son of John & Mary Arnold	"	Feb	1	1694
Sarah of William & Esther Reed	"	Mar	21	1694
Ebenezer son of Maj Ephraim & Joanna Hunt	"	April	6	1694
Margret of Joseph & Margret Hunt	"	April	29	1694
Thomas son of Joseph & Hannah Dyar	"	April	15	1694
Benjamin of John & Sarah Bicknell	"	June	8	1694
Gedion son of William & Abigail Tirrell	"	June	14	1694
John son of John & Sarah Drake	"	Sept	20	1694
Mercy of John & Mercy Porter	"	Sept	28	1694
Sarah of Ezra & Bathsheba Whitmarsh	"	Oct	19	1694
Elizabeth of Thomas & Sarah Reed	"	Nov	9	1694
William son of William & Experience Pratt	"	Oct	3	1695
Seth son of Jacob & Jane Turner	"	April	7	1695
Susanna of Nathaniel & Elizabeth Humphrey	"	Apr	6	1695
Elizabeth of Cornelius & Experience Holbrook	"	May	23	1695
William son of William & Sarah Drake	"	July	20	1695
Mary of Josiah & Joanna Ripley	"	Feb	18	1695
Abigail of Joseph & Judith Shaw	"	July	17	1695
Anna Daughter of Increase & Mary Bate	"	Aug	23	1695
Mary Daughter of John & Mary Nash	"	Sept	21	1695
Samuel son of John & Ruth Hunt	"	Oct	30	1695
Nathaniel of Nathaniel & Joanna Ford	"	Nov	21	1695
Judith Daughter of Samuel & Patience Pratt	"	Nov	23	1695
Alice of Simeon & Elizabeth Whitmarsh	"	Nov	14	1695