

Deacon Bartlett died Oct. 28, 1813, at the age of fifty-eight. The inscription on the gravestone standing above his remains reads as follows:—

This
Stone is erected
to the memory of
DEACON ABNER BARTLETT
Who
was born March 2, 1735
and
Died October 28 1813

Mortals prepare eternity's at hand
GOD is your Judge, and you are in his hand
Be reconciled and own his ways are Just
Adore his will and on him lean and trust

Their children were born in Manomet (South Plymouth), as follows: 1. ————^a, died young. 2. ————^a, died young. 3. *Ivory Hovey*^a, born Sept. 21, 1794; finished his schooling at Sandwich, Mass., in 1814; and was appointed first lieutenant of Massachusetts militia Aug. 20, 1817. He moved to New Bedford, Mass., in the autumn of 1819, and was a merchant there, conducting a large whaling and commission business. He was alderman of the city from 1847 to 1851 inclusive; married Betsey Clark June 9, 1814, at Manomet; and died in New Bedford Feb. 6, 1871, aged seventy-six. She survived him, and died there March 31, 1874. They had nine children. Rev. Joseph B. Seabury, Rev. J. H. B. Headley and Ellis Bartlett were grandsons of Ivory Hovey Bartlett and his wife Betsey Clark, and Ellis Bartlett was the father of Ellis Ashmead Bartlett and William Lehman Ashmead Bartlett, both of England, and members of parliament. Ellis A. Bartlett was knighted by Queen Victoria, and William L. A. Bartlett married the Baroness Burdett Coutts.

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AARON HOVEY^a, born in Topsfield, Mass., Sept. 14, 1718. He was a yeoman, and lived in Topsfield on his father's homestead, which had been devised to him, on Pye brook.

He married Sarah, daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Coker) Perley of Ipswich Dec. 23, 1740. She was born in Ipswich, on the ancient Perley homestead, Nov. 7, 1719.

With her husband and others, she conveyed land in Newbury which she inherited from Moses Coker of Newbury, yeoman, deceased, March 25, 1756;^{*} and with several others she and her husband made partition of several lots of land in Newbury June 7, 1756.[†] With several other persons, she and her husband

^a Essex Registry of Deeds, book 103, leaf 167.

[†] Essex Registry of Deeds, book 103, leaf 104.

sold four-sixths of three acres of land in Newbury, and four-sixths of six and one-half acres of salt marsh on Plum island, in Newbury, April 20, 1757.*

Mr. Hovey died in Topsfield May 4, 1759, at the age of forty; and his remains lie buried in the ancient burying ground in Topsfield. His gravestone bears the following inscription:—

HERE LIES BURIED
THE BODY OF
M^r AARON HOUEY
WHO DECEASED
MAY THE 4th
A D 1759 &
IN THE
41st YEAR
OF HIS AGE

Administration upon his estate was granted to his widow June 4, 1759. His estate was appraised at £685, 5s., 9d., 3 far. His personal estate amounted to £151, 19s., 1d., 3 far.; and the real estate to £533, 6s., 8d. He had one hundred and fifty acres of land and buildings. His real estate was divided among his heirs March 18, 1765, and, after dower had been assigned to the widow, the remainder was settled upon Stephen, the eldest son of the deceased.

His widow, Sarah Hovey, died in Topsfield Oct. 6, 1792, at the age of seventy-two. She was a woman of some education, and of strong mind and heart. Upon the return of her son Moses from the army, sick with small pox, she took care of him and became ill with the same disease herself. Her petition, given below, is interesting.

Their children were born in Topsfield, as follows:—

- 262—I. STEPHEN^s, born Feb. 24, 1741-2. *See family numbered "262."*
263—II. MOSES^s, born March 16, 1743-4; was a soldier in the expedition against Canada in 1760, in the company of Capt. Nathaniel Brown, in Colonel Willard's regiment, returning home in November; and died in Topsfield, of small pox, Nov. 27, 1760, a few days after his arrival, at the age of sixteen.

To obtain pay for the expense she had been to on her son's account, Mrs. Hovey sent the following petition to the governor and council and general court:—

To His Excellency Francis Barnard Esq^r Cap^t General and governor in Chief in and over his Majestys province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England &c. and to the Honourable his Majestys Council and house of Representatives in Generall Court assembled

* Essex Registry of Deeds, book 108, leaf 194.

The Petition of Sarah Hovey of Topsfield Humbly Sheweth

That whereas her Son Moses Hovey a Soldier in Cap^t Nathaniel Browns Company in Coll. Willards Reg^t in the Last Expedition against Canada was on his way home in y^e month of November Last but was taken Sick on y^e way She hired a man and horse to meet him and help him home who returned with him in nine days tho he was to appearance but Just alive She Sent for a Physician who made him two visits and applied medicins but on y^e third day after he gott home he broke out with the Small pox by which means She was O[b]liged to remove her Large family of Children and an Aged mother but She was Obliged to Stay with him her Self untill they Could procure Nurries She tooke the Distemper which put [her] to greate Charges her Son also Died with the Distemper She therefor prays that your Excelency and hon^{rs} would take her poor Circumstances into your wife Consideration and make her Such reasonable allowance out of the province Treasury for the Charges of fetching her Son home and Other Charges by Reason of his Sickneis as you in your greate wisdom Shall think proper—and as in Duty bound Shall ever pray—The perticular Charges by reason of her Sons Sickneis Exclusive of other Damages and greate Loises Sustained in y^e time of his Sickneis are as followeth (viz)

To Will ^m Hood 27 ^s / to Doct ^r Haile 14 ^s /	£2	1	0
To Joseph Leffie 58 ^s / to Mary Edmunds 28 ^s /	4	6	0
To money Expended in bringing her son home	1	9	0
To Other Necessarys in y ^e time of his Sickneis	0	14	9
	8	10	9

Topsfield March 2nd 1761.

SARAH HOVEY

Essex ss march 12th 1761.

Then the above Named Sarah Hovey made oath to the Truth of what is above written

Before

JOHN HOUSTON Ju^s Peace

The Com^{rs} Report four pounds Sixteen Shillings In full to be paid to m^r Gould for y^e use of y^e Peti^r

W. LAWRENCE P order

- 264—III. SARAH², born July 28, 1746; died, unmarried, in Topsfield, Sept. 30, 1766, aged twenty.
- 265—IV. DORCAS², born April 18, 1749; married Joseph, son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Palmer) Hood of Topsfield Oct. 13, 1767. He was born in Topsfield Feb. 2, 1746. They were living in Topsfield in 1774. Children, born in Topsfield: 1. Sarah³, baptized Aug. 14, 1768. 2. Joseph³, baptized Nov. 28, 1769. 3. Huldah³, baptized March 13, 1774.
- 266—V. HULDAH², born Oct. 22, 1751; married Timothy Emerson of Nottingham-west (published June 4, 1775).
- 267—VI. THOMAS², born April 20, 1754; and was living in 1776.
- 268—VII. IVORY², born Sept. 16, 1756; married Anna Smith of Boxford April 28, 1778; and died in Topsfield Oct. 3, 1816, of fever, aged sixty.