

- 90—VII. JOSEPH⁴, born July 17, 1712, in Boxford. *See family numbered "90."*
- 91—VIII. MARY⁴, born in Boxford; married William Wooster of Newbury Jan. 9, 1733-4. Their children were baptized in the West Boxford church as follows: 1. Susanna⁴, July 10, 1737.
2. Nathaniel⁴, April 10, 1743; died, an infant, April 22, 1743.
3. Mary⁴, Sept. 29, 1745. 4. Abigail⁴, May 15, 1748.
- 92—IX. ABRAHAM⁴, born Dec. 9, 1719, in Boxford. *See family numbered "92."*

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CAPT. IVORY HOVEY³, born in Topsfield May 4, 1682. He lived in Topsfield on the paternal homestead, which his father had conveyed to him by deed dated March 14, 1717-8,* and confirmed the gift in his will. The deed conveyed one hundred acres of land, dwelling house and barn in Topsfield; land in Boxford bought of Col. John Wainwright; meadow in Rowley great meadows; and marsh in Ipswich. His father had conveyed to him thirty-two acres of upland and meadow in Topsfield, being part of the land which was granted by the town of Ipswich to Richard Lumpkin, bounded on Baker's pond, Jan. 13, 1709.† With his brother John Hovey, for twenty-one pounds, he conveyed three acres of marsh in Ipswich, near Hovey's island, July 17, 1718;‡ and, also with his brother John Hovey, one and one-half acres of land in Topsfield, near the Wenham meadows, Feb. 11, 1722-3.§ For forty pounds, he bought some land lying on Pye brook in Topsfield June 29, 1722;|| and, for four pounds, he bought two acres of land in Boxford May 9, 1722.¶ He also bought three acres of marsh in Rowley Aug. 13, 1724.** For twenty pounds, he sold two and three-quarters acres of land in Topsfield, at ye sluice, on Pye brook, June 1, 1727.†† For sixty-one pounds, he sold eight acres of land in Boxford Jan. 17, 1734-5.‡‡ For thirty pounds, he sold three acres of marsh in Rowley Aug. 10, 1731;§§ and, for forty-seven pounds, he sold five acres and thirty rods of upland in Boxford Oct. 17, 1737.|||| For thirty-three pounds, nineteen shillings and six pence, he bought two acres and one hundred and thirty-three rods of land at Bare

* Essex Registry of Deeds, book 33, leaf 229.

† Essex Registry of Deeds, book 22, leaf 117.

‡ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 36, leaf 35.

§ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 41, leaf 59.

|| Essex Registry of Deeds, book 39, leaf 246.

¶ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 42, leaf 15.

** Essex Registry of Deeds, book, 51, leaf 101.

†† Essex Registry of Deeds, book 50, leaf 60.

‡‡ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 68, leaf 141.

§§ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 72, leaf 233.

|||| Essex Registry of Deeds, book 74, leaf 49.

hill in Topsfield Feb. 13, 1734-5.* For thirty-three pounds, he bought three acres of land on Bare hill in Topsfield Oct. 28, 1737.† For sixty-four pounds, two shillings and ten pence, he sold five acres and one hundred and thirty-three rods of land in Topsfield May 16, 1740.‡ For forty-two pounds, he conveyed five and one-fourth acres of land in Topsfield Dec. 12, 1734.§ For one hundred and forty-six pounds, seven shillings and three pence he sold sixteen acres of land in Boxford Nov. 6, 1747.||

Captain Hovey was the commander of the military company of the town and deacon of the church in Topsfield from his election, Dec. 2, 1735, until his death. He was constable and treasurer of Topsfield in 1718 and 1729-1738, and selectman in 1720, 1721, 1728 and 1736.

In 1747, he wrote the following letter to his son Ivory and his wife:—

Topsfield August 29th 1747

Loving Son & Daughter after our Love remembered to you hoping these lines may finde you in health as through the goodness of God to us we are at this time. we received youre letter y^e 24th of this instant which was dated y^e 29th of July Last: which we understand you are trobeled with y^e carker in youre throat: for which you may take a pece of alam and melt it with hot iron and drop it into honney which medison has helped me and many others for y^e ale: youre Brother Aaron & his wife remember their love to you: youre sister Kilborn has a daughter Anne y^e was born y^e third day of this instant: I heard M^r Whitefeild preach the same day at Ipswich: it is a time of sickness at Ipswich and many die of y^e nervios fever and the feavor and flux: the docters recon the distemper very ketching: let us Endeavor to commit ourselves and ours in to the hands of God and get our hearts fixed trusting in the Lord then we need not be afraid of evil tidings; I remain
yours

Loving father

Ivory Hovey

Deacon Hovey married Anne, daughter of Aaron Pingree of Rowley Dec. 9, 1707; and died in Topsfield Jan. 21, 1759, aged seventy-six. His remains lie in the ancient burial place in Topsfield, and the stone at the head of his grave bears the following inscription:—

* Essex Registry of Deeds, book 75, leaf 130.

† Essex Registry of Deeds, book 78, leaf 249.

‡ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 84, leaf 251.

§ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 91, leaf 183.

|| Essex Registry of Deeds, book 97, leaf 157.

HERE LIES BURIED
 THE BODY OF DEAC^r
 IVORY HOUEY WHO
 DIED JAN^r THE 21st
 A D 1759 & IN
 THE 77th YEAR
 OF HIS AGE
 HARK FROM THE TOMBS
 A DOLFUL SOUND MINE
 EARS ATTEND THE CRY
 YE LIVING MEN COME
 SEE THE GROUND
 WHERE SHORTLY
 YOU MUST LIE

Mr. Hovey left a will which is on file in the office of the probate court at Salem, and the following is a copy of it:—

In the Name of God Amen I Ivory Hovey of Topsfield in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Gentleman being at this time in Perfect mind & memory thanks bee given to God therefor Calling to mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is Appointed for All Men once to Die do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in the first Place I Comit my immortal soul into the Hands of God who gave it hoping through Jesus Christ to obtain the pardon of all my sins & to obtain eternal Life whenever it Shall please God to take me out of this world and my Body I Recomend to the Earth to be Buried in a decent & Christian manner at the discretion of my Executer hereafter named || nothing doubting but I shall Receive the same at the general Resurrection by the power of God || and as to Such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life my will is that it be disposed of as followeth

Firstly I give to my beloved Wife Anne Hovey all my quick Stock & Twenty pounds in mony to be paid by my son Aaron & I give her all my movibles excepting what is hereafter m[e]ntioned for my son Aaron Hovey that is all my household goods proper for womens improvement together with my wearing Cloaths of Apparil to be disposed of by her to my Children as She Shall See Cause & I give unto her the impronement of half my lands & buldings as long as She Shall Remain my widow & my will is that those Household goods above mentioned proper for womens impronement that she does not dispose of be equily divided after her decease to my two Daughters & grand-Daughter hereafter mentioned

Item I give to my son Ivory Hovey twenty shillings & no more I having given Him His portion already to his satisfaction.

Item I giue to my son Aaron Hovey all my lands & buildings & all my tools for caring on husbandry & all my mony & all that is due to me by bonds or notes or otherwise due to me & my wood that I Reserved in Boxford he paying all my lawful debts & funeral charges he also paying the tums before & hereafter mentioned to be paid to my wife & Children in lawful money

Item, I give to my Daughter Abigal Kilburn twenty shilings & no more having given her her portion already in household goods & more to her Content

Item I give to my Daughter Anne Wilds twenty shilings & no more having given her her portion already in household goods & money to her fatisfaction

Item I give to my grand Daughter Anne Easty if she shall live to the Age of twenty years thirteen pounds six shillings & eight pence & my will is that my Executer deliver to her all those household goods that were her own mothers which I Received of her mother in law Jemima Easty of Beverly and if she shall Die before she is arrived to the age mentioned then my will is the last mentioned thirteen pounds six shillings & eight pence be equily divided among all my grand Children

And I do hereby Constitute & Appoint my Son Aaron Hovey to be my sole Executer of this my last Will and Testament And in Confirmation of all that above Written I the said Ivory Hovey have Set hereunto my hand & Seal And have declared this to be my last Will and Testament this fifth Day of April in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven Hundred & fifty four And in the twenty seventh year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King &c Signed sealed & Declared in the presence of these Witnesses

JOHN SMITH
EPHRAIM KIMBALL
JOSEPH HALE Y^r 3rd

Ivory Hovey [SEAL]

The will was proved Feb. 19, 1759.

Mrs. Hovey survived her husband, and died in Topsfield, his widow, suddenly, March 10, 1776.

Their children were born in Topsfield as follows:—

- 93—I. ANNE^d, died July 17, 1709.
- 94—II. ABIGAIL^d, born June 20, 1709; died Aug. 14, 1709.
- 95—III. ANNE^d, born June 6, 1710; died Feb. 6, 1711.
- 96—IV. DORCAS^d, born Dec. 25, 1711; married Jacob, son of Jacob and Lydia (Elliot) Esty of Topsfield Nov. 15, 1733. He was born in Topsfield Jan. 29, 1711. Their daughter Anne was born in Topsfield Feb. 7, 1741-2; and died Feb. 25, 1839, aged ninety-seven.
- 97—V. IVORY^d, born July 3, 1714. *See family numbered "97."*
- 98—VI. ABIGAIL^d born April 30, 1716; married Ebenezer, son of Joseph and Mary (Clark) Kilburn of Rowley Aug. 2, 1743. He was born in Rowley Feb. 11, 1720-1. She died Dec. 24, 1804, aged eighty-eight; and he died Nov. 24, 1808, aged eighty-seven. Children, born in Rowley: 1. *Joseph^d*, baptized July 1, 1744. 2. *Mary^d*, baptized July 7, 1745. 3. *Anne^d*, born Aug. 3, 1747. 4. *Abigail^d*, baptized Oct. 14, 1750. 5. *Anne^d*, baptized Feb. 4, 1753. 6. *Ivory^d* baptized April 6, 1755. 7. *Dorcas^d* (twin), baptized May 22, 1757. 8. *Elizabeth^d* (twin), baptized May 22, 1757.
- 99—VII. AARON^d, born Sept. 14, 1718. *See family numbered "99."*
- 100—VIII. ANNE^d, born Sept. 21, 1720; married Elijah, son of Ephraim and Mary (Howlet) Wildes of Topsfield May 15, 1744. He was born in Topsfield Jan. 4, 1717-8. They removed to Shirley, a part of Groton, Mass.; and when the Shaker religion was introduced into America by Ann Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Wildes were converted to it. The Shaker village was built on their estate. He died April 6, 1791; and she died March 16, 1806. Their children were born as follows: 1. *Elijah^d*, born Nov. 10, 1745; died Dec. 27, 1745. 2. *Elijah^d*, born Nov. 9, 1746, in Shirley; was a Shaker, being an elder; married Eunice Safford of Harvard July 4, 1771; she died Nov. 11, 1819; he died March 14, 1829; they had

five children. 3. *Anna*^s, born Feb. 15, 1749; married Elijah Wheelock of Lancaster July 14, 1774; she was a Shaker; and died Sept. 28, 1838. 4. *Ivory*^s, born Nov. 27, 1751, in Shirley; a deacon of the Shakers; married Hannah Estabrook of Lancaster April 3, 1777; he died Sept. 13, 1817; they had two children. 5. *Molly*^s, born Dec. 27, 1754; married Samuel Randall of Stowe in 1774. 6. *Olive*^s, born April 5, 1757; died June 2, 1775. 7. *Phoebe*^s, born Feb. 15, 1761; married Levi, son of John and Prudence (Wheelock) Warner; he died June 27, 1825; she then left the Shaker sect, and died Dec. 7, 1837, at the age of seventy-six.

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THOMAS HOVEY^s, born in Hadley in 1678. He lived in the "Swampfield" part of Hadley, which was incorporated as Sunderland in 1714. He sold land to his brother John Smith of Hatfield, on the east side of Town street, Aug. 27, 1724.*

Mr. Hovey married, first, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Dickinson) Craft of Hadley about 1709. She was born Feb. 3, 1687; and died Jan. 6, 1714, aged twenty-seven. He married, second, Hannah, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Bridgman) Dickinson of Hatfield Nov. 17, 1719. She was born April 4, 1689.

Mr. Hovey died in Sunderland March 30, 1728, aged forty. His widow, Hannah Hovey, was appointed administratrix of his estate May 8, 1728. The inventory of his estate amounted to £667, 4s., 3d. The real estate was described therein as follows:—

"to one homlot with the building & the Crop att	£165	00	00
"to one Lott in the first Devition of plowland att	52	00	00
"to one Lot in the second Devition 28 ^l 2 lots in y ^e third division 28 ^l	56	00	00
"to one Lot in flag Swamp att 40 ^l one lot in Grate Swamp: att 18 ^l	58	00	00
"to one Lot in Litol meadow at: 14 ^l to two lots at hunting hil: 10	24	00	00
"to two Wood Lots at: 15 ^l to one Lot cauld paftor lot at 3 ^l —10 ^l	18	10	00
"to one hom Lot in hadly with all that is upon itt att	72	00	00

In the division of the real estate, Nov. 14, 1732, a houselot in Hadley, with the orchard, a lot in the East swamp in Sunderland, and a lot in a division known as Pasture lots were assigned to his daughter Mary; two adjoining lots of land in the South field in Sunderland, in the third division of plowing land, a lot in the second division of plowing land in the South field in Sunderland, and a lot in the division known as the flag swamp, were assigned to his daughter Hannah; and one-half of the homelot in Sunderland, one-half of the barn, one lot in the little meadow,

* Hampden Registry of Deeds, book E, page 441.