



**Pine Shavings
PineyWoods chapter 51
Texas Society
Sons of the American
Revolution
March 2021 Issue 4**



The PineyWoods Chapter #51 was chartered on February 3, 1994, and is named for its geographic location in the state. We draw members from Houston (S) to Livingston (N) and from The Woodlands (W) to Liberty (E). If you are an SAR Compatriot or prospective member in this area, we invite you to visit with us and consider joining our chapter to further your interest in our Patriotic, Historic, and Educational activities. Information on chapter contacts can be found on our Officers page and meeting schedules can be found on our Meetings page.

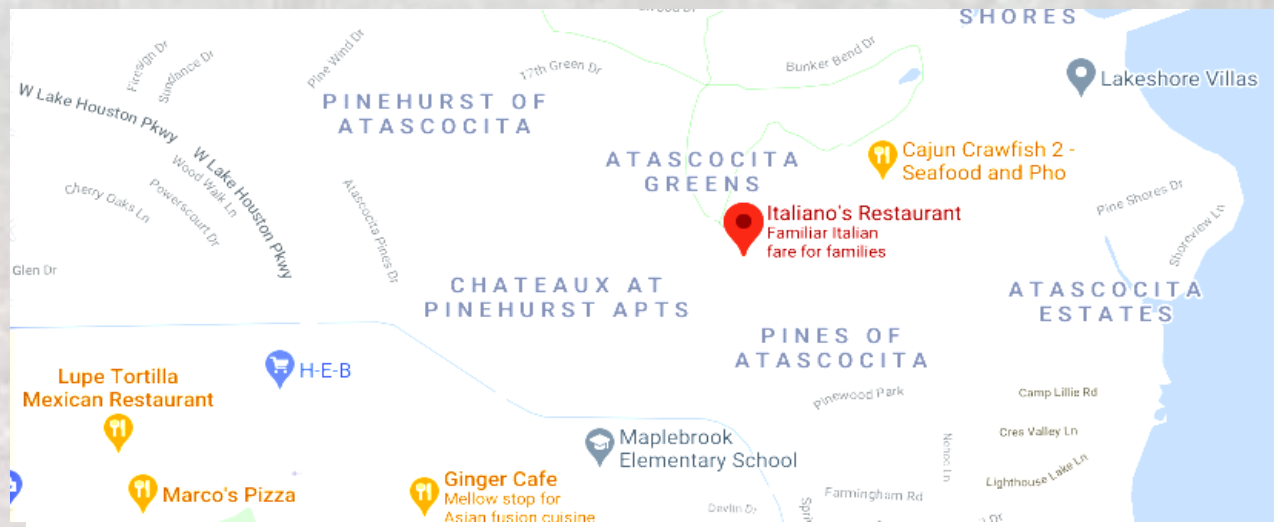
NEXT MEEING

April 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

ITALIANOS RESTAURANT ATASCOCITA

8146 FM 1960 East

!!! IN PERSON !!!



From the President:



Spring is the time when the darkness of winter gives way to the light of regeneration and new life. We see it in nature when the trees and bushes sprout buds and new growth, and our yards turn green again. Spring is a time of transition and most importantly new beginnings. We saw it in our own Revolutionary War with the April 1775 ride of Paul Revere announcing the British were coming, followed the next day by the “Shot Heard Around the World” at the Old North Bridge in Concord. Spring is also a time of transition and new beginnings in our Piney Woods Chapter with new officers being sworn in by Texas State President Drake Peddie at last month’s virtual meeting.

I am honored and humbled to serve as Piney Woods Chapter President for the next two years. While some of you know me, many do not so allow me to introduce myself. I am originally from Louisville, Kentucky but consider myself a Texan now since Governor Ann Richards commissioned me an Honorary Texan in 1992. I am married with three grown daughters. My family found their way to what would become Kentucky as a result of Revolutionary War Land Grants received by my patriot ancestors. I retired from the FBI in November 2017 after a 28+ year career as a Special Agent and executive manager. Since retiring, I have been

engaged in consulting and public speaking. More free time has also given me the opportunity to focus on my family history and genealogy. The best I can tell, my family came to the American colonies in the late 1600s and early 1700s. It fills me with much pride, as I am sure all of you too about your own families, that my roots are so deep with several patriot ancestors.

As president, I cannot do it unilaterally and have a great crew of fellow officers with whom to work. Always feel free to reach out to me telephonically or via email with ideas and suggestions or to tell me what I can do better. I am definitely open to suggestions for speakers or interesting programs for our monthly meetings starting in September.

I also want to thank outgoing President Kermit Breed for his outstanding leadership of our chapter. I certainly have some big shoes to try to fill. I also extend my thanks and appreciation to the other chapter officers whose terms recently ended.

Please note this month we are transitioning back to in-person meetings. Many of us have our vaccinations, and it is time to gather again in-person to try to return to some sort of normalcy. Unfortunately, Jimmy G’s closed so we will now be meeting at the Italiano’s Restaurant located at 8146 FM 1960 East in Atascocita. Our scheduled meeting date should be April 17th; however, the Texas State SAR Convention is being held virtually on April 16th and 17th. Therefore, we are moving our monthly chapter meeting to Thursday April 15th, at 6:30 pm. I hope to see you at our meeting on the 15th and, I also encourage you to sign-up for the State SAR virtual convention.

Mike Anderson—President



NOTICE

Italiano’s Restaurant Employees do wear masks and ask customers to do the same until seated. Even with vaccinations, the Federal CDC encourages each of us to wear masks.

Was John Singleton Copley, Boston artist providing historical masterpieces, a spy?

Submitted by James E. Mitchell

March 5, 2020



Setting: The unclassified review of *A Counterintelligence Reader, Vol. One, Nat'l. Counterintelligence Center, WDC, Editor Frank J. Rafalko* identified that the earliest formation of organized American Intelligence (intel.) gathering and counter intel. methods were begun in New England at Boston's North End. Staging for American ideas of liberty and independence were suggested early on at Boston's *Old South Meeting House* built in 1729 as a Puritan house of worship: see, "*Freedom Trail*" a brochure pub., by the Boston Nat'l. Historical Park, MA, Nat'l. Park Service, U.S. Dept. of the Interior. Mapping and recording of military movements, regimental identification and names of officers and *in particular direct access to officer sources* were critical and essential for counter-intel. gathering and forming counter-intel. measures, writer -JEM.



John Singleton Copley was born on 3 Jul 1738 at colonial Boston, Suffolk County (Co.) Massachusetts (MA). His parents were **Richard Copley, a tobacco merchant and wife (w.) Mary Sarah nee Singleton.** They immigrated to Boston's *North End* from Ireland for financial opportunity; however, before John's birth his father passed away from illness while traveling to the West Indies, where his death was recorded. Widower **-Mary Sarah** remarried **Peter Pelham** prior to her son John's 10th birthday. **Peter was an immigrant engraver originally from London, Great Britain.** John's stepfather logically shared his **tradecraft* i.e., *engraver's eye* that promoted John S. Copley's skill for portraiture! During 1753, his stepfather died, when John was age 15.

Importantly Copley successfully set-up a trusted and professional, *friendship circle* during 1763. Before 1769, John was recognized locally at Boston for his *accomplished portrait work* utilizing everyday *trade-craft* background objects, i.e., embroidered cloth, vest buttons with *frog* figures set upon men's fine wearing apparel. He made friendships easily and his *engraver's eye* endeared him with North End Boston gentlemen including Joseph Warren, M.D.; John Hancock, Boston merchant; Paul Revere, silversmith; British Gen'l. Thomas Gage's wife, ****Margaret Kemble Gage (1734-1824);** and Samuel Adams, a *North End* brewer, see: separate sources, *Dr. Joseph Warren: The Boston Tea Party, etc.* by Samuel A. Forman, (2012) published by Pelican Publ. Co., Gretna, Louisiana, pgs. 113 - 115, [pg. 142 (ca1772) Sam'l Adams portrait], 180, [pg. 181 (1772) Eliz. Hooton Warren w., of Joseph Warren, M.D.], pg. 350; see, *****Copley's portrait of Joseph Warren, M.D.,** now on display at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, pg. 379. Also, read *The Muse of the Revolution: The Secret Pen of Mercy Otis Warren* (1728-1814), 1st female historian of the American Revolution by Nancy Rubin Stuart, (2008) published by Beacon Press, Boston, MA, pgs. 6 and 179.

Mercy Otis Warren, Stuart wrote, was a sister of James Otis, Whig Patriot *firebrand* that first declared, “taxation without representation is tyranny”. Mercy Otis married in 1754, a 2nd Cousin James Warren, a farmer and trained attorney-at-law, Whig Patriot critic of the Stamp Act of 1765, elected speaker of the Massachusetts House in 1775 and paymaster general of the Continental Army. Although sharing the Warren surname, James was unrelated to Joseph Warren, M.D., of Boston and his brother John.

Aside: the writer attended between Jul 8 -14, 2016, the 126th Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) held at Weston **Copley Place** on Huntington Ave., one block east of the Boston Public Library the oldest public (U.S.) library founded by Benjamin Franklin; source, *MapEasy, Inc., All Rights Reserved, copyright 2009*. A *straight-line-of-sight* walk between the mapped **Copley Square** to Boston Common along Tremont St., past King’s Chapel and Burial Ground at Beacon St., to **Faneuil Hall** and **Paul Revere’s House** on North St. only, took an hour. Not surprisingly, **Copley Square** now, mapped at Boston, MA appeared named John Singleton Copley; source, <https://search.yahoo.com/search?fr=mcafee&type=E211US105G0&p=Copley+Square%2C+Boston%2C+Mass>

Samuel A. Forman wrote that **Joseph Warren, a medical apprentice** (1761) became inactive and dropped out of his St. Andrew’s Masonic Lodge at Boston during the 1763-4 small pox epidemic, where Warren’s friend, Paul Revere was admitted. **Revere and [Codename: Mechanics or Liberty Boys]** were the *1st Patriot intelligence network* on record. This secret group logically grew out of the old organization identified at Boston as the **Sons of Liberty** that had successfully opposed the hated Stamp Act; source, *Intelligence in the War of Independence* a publication of Public Affairs (Staff) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Washington, DC 20505.

During 1769, **John S. Copley married Susanna Farnum Clarke, daughter of Richard Clarke the local agent for the British East India Company.** Richard Clarke was a native Bostonian, born 1711 and died at age 83 during 1795 at London, Middlesex, England. The Copley’s would have four surviving children; see: <https://smarthistory.org/copley-the-copley-family/>

Copley’s artistic drive to expand, coupled with his wife’s family business ties and politics, led to their *permanent departure* from Boston in the late 1770s! The family traveled to Europe (London) and re-settled there. David McCullough, author of *John Adams, (2001) published by Simon & Schuster, pgs. 150, 297-98, [pg. 336 (ca1796) John Quincy Adams portrait, No. 30] and pg. 363,* wrote that **Abigail Adams** in Jul 1784 safely arrived at Britain, off shore near the town of Deal. She had received a letter from her husband, newly appointed ambassador to the British Court that he looked forward to her quick arrival by vessel because, he dearly missed **Abigail**. His friend John S. Copley had painted (1783) John Adam’s full-length portrait. Lastly, wrote McCullough that during the final days of May 1786, John Adams was ordered to Amsterdam, to secure another desperately needed loan for the U.S. Among a few family friends invited to the Adam’s Grosvenor Square, London residence were the **(John S.) Copley’s.**

After 1800, John S. Copley’s portrait commissions cooled. Regrettably, he grew depressed as his age, advanced. He died at age 77, after lingering some weeks following a stroke. Still, his burial tomb might be visited at Greater London, St. John the Baptist Churchyard, Borough of Croydon for a clue to his country’s allegiance. View, Find A Grave: “John Singleton Copley 1738-1815 Artist. Born in Boston to Irish immigrant parents..., St John the Baptist Churchyard (aka Croydon Minster Church, Croydon Parish Churchyard)



*Spies, Patriots, and Traitors: American Intelligence in the RevWar (2014) author, Kenneth A. Daigler (Retired, CIA Case Officer) publ., Georgetown University Press, WDC; see, The Intel. War Begins -Tory Loyalist, Henry Pelham's *trade-craft* usage of landscape sketching drew rebel American positions surrounding Boston for British Gen'l. Gage, pg. 58. **Henry Pelham** was a half-bro. of the better-known artist **John Singleton Copley**, wrote author Kenneth A. Daigler.

**Margaret Kemble Gage was born in New Brunswick, Province of New Jersey and, although she was beloved by her husband, some thought her sympathy could be found laid at the rebellion's feet in the Cause of the American Revolution.

***Copley's masterful portrait of Dr. Joseph Warren might be observed upon the hardback book cover of Dr. Samuel A. Foreman's 2012 publication entitled: Dr. Joseph Warren.



Paul Revere by John Singleton Copley

Portraits of General Thomas Gage ca. 1768 and wife Margaret Kimble ca. 1771 in Boston by John Singleton Copley



John Singleton Copley portrait of Colonel John Montresor (1736-1799) was a popular British engineer in our North America frontier and participated in the 1st preliminary field survey conducted of the Cuyahoga River, attached to Colonel John Bradstreet's mapping expedition of Detroit. Journals of Capt. John Montresor, Collections of the New York Historical Society (1881). And Mrs. Frances Tucker Montresor by John Singleton Copley



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1st VICE PRESIDENT



BERNIE KENT
2nd VICE PRESIDENT



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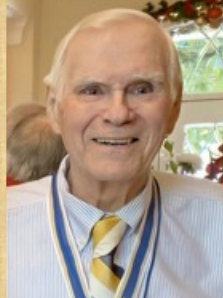
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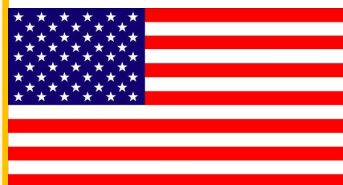
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- 2nd VP Bernie Kent**
- Secretary—Jim Pinkerton**
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- Parliamentarian-Mark Anthony**
- Genealogist - Kim Morton**
- Registrar - Larry Stevens**
- Registrar - Joe Potter**
- Historian - Kermit Breed**
- Chaplain -Alan Bowman**
- Sgt. at Arms Randy Hall**
- Newsletter Editor Larry Stevens**
- Web Master Ray Cox**

Calendar of Events

National Events



Conference American Revolution, Providence RI, Jun 11-13, 2021

131th NSSAR Congress—Renton, Washington State,

July 10-15, 2021



State Events—Annual Convention ZOOM April 16-17, 2021

Chapter Meetings

Apr 15, 2021— 6:30 p.m. Italiano's Restaurant Atascocita

May 15, 2021— 11:30 a.m. Italiano's Restaurant , Atascocita

Pledge to the United State of America

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and jus-



Texas Pledge

Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



AGENDA—15 APR 2021 6:30 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; Pledge to the Texas Flag; and the SAR Pledge

INTRODUCTIONS President Mike Anderson

CALL FOR REPORTS

1st Vice President—Abe Abdmoulaie

2nd VP --- Bernie Kent

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Registrar—Larry Stevens, Joe Potter, Kermit Breed

Historian—Kermit Breed

Sgt. At Arms—Randy Hall

Newsletter Report—Larry Stevens

Webmasters Report -- Ray Cox

OLD BUSINESS

Veterans—John Worm

Youth Awards—JROTC

NEW BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

SAR CLOSING—Abe Abdmoulaie

SAR PLEDGE

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

SAR CLOSING

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of rights, an Independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.”

PineWoods Chapter 51 ZOOM MEETING

20 March 2021 – remote Meeting via Zoom Teleconference

President Kermit Breed opened the meeting promptly at 10:00 AM. Kermit led the group in our nation's Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas Pledge of Allegiance, and the SAR Pledge. And our PineWoods Chaplain, Alan Bowman led the Prayer. Kermit welcomed a special guest to our meeting, Texas SAR President, Drake Peddie.

Compatriots (19) Present:

Kermit Breed, Ray Cox, Bernie Kent, William King, Randy Hall, Abe Abdmoulaie, B. Ray Mize, John Worm, Kyle Breed, Mark Anthony, Drake Peddie, Jim Jones, Alan Bowman, Buddy Inman, Kim Morton, Mike Anderson, Mel Oller, Joe Potter, Jim Pinkerton & Karl Falken (from Wyoming).

Guests (2) Present: Laurie Anderson

Guest Speaker Presentation:

Kermit Breed introduced our special guest, Drake Peddie who spoke briefly on our history – whether its American History or our own personal ancestry history. He noted that our school history books have always been about the same size, even though our history grows deeper, more detailed and nuanced as each successive year passes. It is important that we know our history and share it by the written word of books and papers, as well as the spoken word of personal stories. He told us the story of two great American patriots, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson who were fierce political adversaries but remained friends throughout the many years following their services as the 2nd and 3rd Presidents of the USA. An amazing anecdote is that on 4 July 1826, exactly 50 years after our nation's birth, both great men passed away within hours of each other. And on 4 July 1831, exactly 5 years later, James Monroe, our 5th President passed away. What an incredible coincidence that 3 of our first 5 US Presidents all died on the anniversary of our nation's birth!

Drake Peddie swore in our new Texas SAR PineWoods Chapter #51 officers for 2021- 2023.

Secretary's Report: Bernie Kent stated that our February meeting report was published in our recent newsletter that was emailed to our membership earlier this week.

Treasurer's Report: B. Ray Mize presented the Treasurer's Report and noted that little has changed since the last several meeting reports.

Historian Report: Abe Abdmoulaie

A prototype version of our History scrapbook was displayed and reviewed to participants on the Zoom remote meeting. Our entry will be submitted shortly for SAR competition judging.

Coupon Report: John Worm told us that we have collected roughly \$28,000 worth of coupons in 2021. This is approximately the same number at this point in the last year of 2020.

Please send coupons ASAP so they do not expire. Thank you for your support of our troops.

Chapter Coupon Project - *Coupons for Overseas Military Families program.*

- CLIP the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to:

John Worm @ 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080.

New Chapter Officers:

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Registrar	Larry Stevens
Assistant Registrar	Joe Potter
Chaplain	Allen Bowman
Sergeant-at-arms and JROTC	Randy Hall

Special Awards: n/a

Youth Programs: n/a

Old Business, New Business & Announcements:

Randy Hall confirmed some area schools' JROTC activities will occur soon, and SAR PineyWoods is ready to resume our ordinary in-person, social events when allowed.

Ray Cox, our Webmaster reminded everyone that - <https://www.txssar.org/PineyWoods/> - our SAR Piney-Woods website tries to remain current and is regularly updated on a continuing basis. Please look it over and confirm for yourself. Send any new Patriots to Ray so he can add them to our Patriot page.

Mike Anderson announced that we will change our April meeting to 6:30 pm on Thursday evening 15 April 2021, and we hope to meet in person for dinner. More information to follow.

Benediction by Alan Bowman was followed by the SAR closing.
Our new PineyWoods President, Michael Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.

SAR PineyWoods Chapter 51 Secretary — **Jim Pinkerton**

CHAPTER PROJECTS

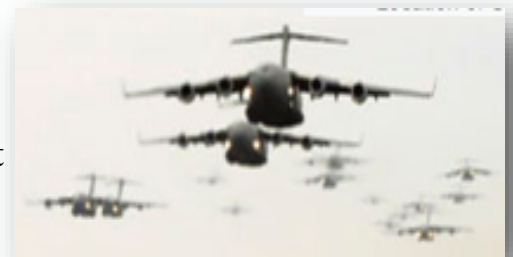
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There are other projects for members of the chapter; some are from home. There are two projects we can all help with; and those are, the inputting information about our Patriots as a part of the Patriots Graves Committee and the new Patriot Research Data Base or PRS.

The new PRS searchable SAR data base will allow access to our Ancestor Application Files. It will be very similar to the DAR GRS Ancestors search site you can access at NSDAR.org. When working on a new member application or a new supplemental, DAR GRS is always a great tool. The Patriot you are researching may have a DAR Record File. SAR is working to have a site for individuals to search for ancestors too. Volunteers are needed!



PineyWoods Chapter 51 Upcoming Programs

Our regular April meeting on the 3rd Saturday conflicts with the Texas State Convention, so this meeting date will change and be a business meeting on the evening of April 15th, 2021, Thursday at Italiano's at the Atascocita location (See From Page). This is our first IN PERSON Meeting in more than a year. It will be a business meeting so new officers and members can discuss the roles on officers and upcoming activities and chapter projects.

May 15, 2021, we will again meet at the Atascocita location , Intaliano's Restaurant, 8146 FM 1960 East. Our guest speaker is scheduled to be the Texas Society VP over Awards and Medals, Mr. John Hamlin.. John and can answer any questions you may have about Chapter and State Awards and Youth Contests.

Generally, we do not meet in June or July; but in 2020, we did have Zoom meetings just to kept in touch. May not be a bad idea this year.

GREENTREE ELEMENTARY PATRIOT DAY April 22, 2021. PineyWoods members will work with Rev Edu Inc. in presenting Colonial ear programs as we did at Willow Creek. Abe Abdmoulaie and Kelly (history teacher at Greentree), John Schmonsees, Jim and Nancy Pinkerton, and Larry and Barbara Stevens will be work the event. We can use a couple more volunteers to help setup props, participate in programs, and take down props. This event is entirely outside and volunteers MUST WEAR MASKS. The Greentree School Principal reached out to us to help and we readily agreed. The 5th graders look forward to this day each year and were greatly disappointed when their turn for Patriot Day had to be cancelled last November 2020.

SAR NEWS

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution will Meet in Renton, Washington (Seattle) NSSAR President Jack Manning says this meeting is still planned to be IN PERSON on July 10-15, 2021. The meeting will be at the Hyatt Regency on Wake Washington at Southport. The Seattle airport is just a short distance away.

2020 Annual Conference On The American Revolution which was scheduled and cancelled last June is now June 25h to the 27th of 2021, in Detroit ,Michigan. "Interpreting Independence; The Declaration through the Generations". (Information, contact your Editor Larry Stevens.

2021 Annual Conference on the American Revolution is schedule for June 11th-13th, in Providence, RI.

South Central District—2021

The SCD Meeting is *tentatively* scheduled for August 28, 2021, Saturday, at 8:00 am – 12 Noon. There will be a candidate forum Friday evening, August 27th, 2021 and a dinner if COVID 19 restrictions allow.

The Missouri Society Convention is scheduled for April 23rd and 24th, 2021. The Missouri Society was established April 23rd, 1889.

The Oklahoma Society will meet by Zoom on April 17th, 2021

The Texas Society will meet April 16th and 17th, 2021, by Zoom. REGISTRATION IS NOW POSTED ON THE TEXAS WEBSITE. Please Register. President Drake Peddie just sent a notice of this event to all members who have an E-mail Address. The Registrar fee is \$10 which is use to offset the cost of the Zoom Conference.

The Texas Society there will be a Summer BOM in August this year.



Larry G. Stevens, Editor.

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“Josiah, my father, married young, and carried his wife with three children into New England, about 1682. The conventicles having been forbidden by law, and frequently disturbed, induced some considerable men of his acquaintance to remove to that country, and he was prevailed with to accompany them thither, where they expected to enjoy their mode of religion with freedom. By the same wife he had four children more born there, and by a second wife ten more, in all seventeen; of which I remember thirteen sitting at one time at his table, who all grew up to be men and women, and married; I was the youngest son, and the youngest child but two, and was born in Boston, New England. My mother, the second wife, was Abiah Folger, daughter of Peter Folger, one of the first settlers of New England, of whom honorable mention is made by Cotton Mather, in his church history of that country, entitled *Magnalia Christi Americana*, as “a godly, learned Englishman,” if I remember the words rightly. I have heard that he wrote sundry small occasional pieces, but only one of them was printed, which I saw now many years since. It was written in 1675, in the home-spun verse of that time and people, and addressed to those then concerned in the government there. It was in favour of liberty of conscience, and in behalf of the Baptists, Quakers, and other sectaries that had been under persecution, ascribing the Indian wars, and other distresses that had befallen the country, to that persecution, as so many judgments of God to punish so heinous an offense, and exhorting a repeal of those uncharitable laws. The whole appeared to me as written with a good deal of decent plainness and manly freedom. The six concluding lines I remember, though I have forgotten the two first of the stanza; but the purport of them was, that his censures proceeded from good-will, and, therefore, he would be known to be the author.



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