

SHUTE.

1. JACOB SHUTE was the ancestor of the Shute family in Concord. There is a tradition in the family that his father was a French Protestant, or Huguenot, who formerly resided in Paris; but, on revocation of the edict of Nantz, fled to Ireland to escape persecution. Jacob was born about 1702, and was apprenticed by his father to a stocking-weaver in Dublin. Disliking the trade, at about the age of seventeen he left, in company with one Dawen, and took secret passage in the hold of a ship for this country. They remained concealed until driven out by hunger. Arriving at Newburyport, the captain demanded pay for their passage, but as they had nothing, it was necessary to sell themselves—that is, their service—for a time, in order to meet the demand. They were both bought by Capt. Ebenezer Eastman, of Haverhill, and served him till twenty-one years of age.

1. JACOB, d. February 16, 1794, aged 94 years, m. Sarah George, of Haverhill, Mass., 2d w. widow Abigail Evans.

Children:

2. (1) SARAH,

3. (2) JOHN, m. Anna Colby.

4. (3) ELIZABETH.

3. (2) JOHN, b. 1731, d. Feb., 1829, aged 98, m. Anna Colby, d. June 12, 1812.

Children:

5. (1) JOHN, b. March 4, 1763; d. December 1, 1822; m. Abigail Kelley in 1784.