

Account of William Stoughton.¹

Graduated at Harvard College 1650; went to England and had a fellowship at Oxford; was a preacher in Sussex; returned to America in 1652 and took up his abode in Dorchester.

1671-1686, Assistant to the Government of Massachusetts.

1677, Agent for the Colony in England.

1687, Member of the Council.

1692, Member of the Council.

1692-1701, Chief-Justice and Lieut.-Governor.

1694-1699, Commander-in-chief.

He was liberal to Harvard College; Stoughton Hall was erected at his expense; the original building, after standing for nearly a century, was taken down, and a new building, bearing the same name, was put up near the original site; he left the income of a tract of land to be applied to the support at the college of a pupil from Dorchester; he also made provision for the benefit of the public school at Dorchester.

Appendix.

Will of Israel I Stoughton. (N. E. HIST. & GEN. REG. IV. 51.)

17th day of July, 1644.

Being now likely to run some pt. of the hazard of warre. For my outward estate — those (affairs) in ould England as they stood the day of the date of these pntes, and for those in New England, they are manifest by what I left there at last pntg. Debts in England & what goods also I shall leave

¹ There is a portrait of him at Harvard, in Memorial Hall, an oil painting, in the background of which is represented the original Stoughton Hall; this portrait has been engraved in Drake's History and Antiquities of Boston.