

Whether this Mr. Francis Clarke, who thus became possessed of the moiety of Clarke's Farm and who married Susanna Gedney, bore any relation to Mr. William Clarke, the grandfather of this lady and the original grauntee and proprietor of this farm, has not yet been ascertained. His granddaughter, Mrs. Anderson, said that he was born in England. He is known to have been a merchant in Boston, where he filled the office of Selectman in 1712, was afterwards of Salem, where he died, 9 May, 1727, administration on his estate being granted to his widow, Mrs. Deborah Clarke, 5 Aug., 1727. An inventory of his estate, sworn to 19 Aug., 1727, was presented 20 Jan., 1727-8, and claims against it allowed 17 April, 1729. Among the items was one "To J^{no} Clarke 280^l being a bond given by said Clarke & M^r. Sam^l Waldo to Indemnifie Sheriff Winslow or to refund to said Winslow Just so much that he might not be a sufferer in Levying an Execution for the dec'd Francis Clarke, while living, on a parcel of Goods of that value originally attached in Dorothy Ackland's shop to satisfie a debt due from her husband Richard Ackland to said Francis Clarke,—vide s^d Clarke's acct." The estate was declared insolvent 6 April, 1733.

The children of Francis and Deborah (Gedney) Clarke were:—

- 2 John, m. Ann Furneaux (or Furness).
- 3 Hannah, b. 2 Sept., 1704; d. 21 Dec., 1713.
- 4 Deborah, b. 31 Oct., 1705; d. in infancy.
- 5 Deborah, b. 31 Jan., 1708; m. William Fairfax, Esq.
- 6 Gedney,* b. 5 April, 1711; m. Mary ———.
- 7 Francis, b. 16 May, 1713; d. 10 Dec., 1713.
- 8 Hannah, m. John Cabot.

2 John (*Francis*¹) married, 29 May, 1734, Ann Furneaux, who died 29 Oct., 1784. John Clarke, Esq., of

* He was a Colonel in the British service and Governor of Barbadoes, we are informed.