

APPENDIX D.

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PERSONAL SKETCHES.

MAJOR JAMES HUMPHREY was one of the pillars of the town, a man of intelligence, influence and wealth, for more than sixty years, from 1735 to 1797, holding the most important offices in the gift of his fellow-citizens, from his first service as constable in 1735, until, in 1781, he received a public vote of thanks from the town "for more than forty years of faithful service as select-man." He was also many times chosen representative to the General Court, and for several terms he represented his district in the Council (State senator). He was also a prominent and active member of the church and parish.

He was the son of *James* and *Margaret (Torrey-Humphrey)*, born in Weymouth, June 22, 1711, and a descendant, in the fourth generation, from *Jonas Humphrey*, of Dorchester, who settled in that town in 1637, whose son, Deacon *Jonas Humphrey*, removed to Weymouth soon after 1650, and at once became a leading citizen.

Major Humphrey was twice married; first, on Dec. 5, 1734, to his neighbor, *Ann*, daughter of *John* and *Mary (Symes-Torrey)*, a native of "Old Spain," born May 28, 1715, a descendant of Capt. *William Torrey*, the well-known "Clerk of the Deputies." She died Dec. 17, 1751, having borne him six children.

- I. ANN, born Nov. 19, 1735; died June 24, 1744.
- II. JAMES, born April 12, 1737; died Aug. 20, 1811.
- III. MARGARET, born Feb. 8, 1739; who married *Abner Pratt*, of Weymouth.
- IV. LUCY, born April 13, 1742; who married *Col. Asa White*, of Weymouth.
- V. ANN, born July 6, 1746; who married *David Blanchard*, of Weymouth.
- VI. JOSIAH, born June 19, 1748; for many years town treasurer. He died May 7, 1835.

