

WILLIAM SWIFT

and Some of His Descendants.

It seems quite certain that "William Swyft of Sandwich," with his family, came from England to America in the great "Boston Immigration" of 1630-1. Savage says that he "probably came from Bocking County, Essex, or its vicinity; was in Watertown, Mass., in 1634; had been there some time. Sold his property in Watertown in 1637, and probably moved to Sandwich, where he died in January, 1644." Rev. F. Freeman says that he died in 1642. But the Plymouth Colony Record says:

"In Probate office, Plymouth,"

"William Swyft, Sandwich."

"1643.—Administration by Joane his wife."

*"Jan. 1643, the Inventory was shown at Court. Amount 72 pounds 11 shillings."

Search in Bocking for traces of the first William has proved fruitless, as the Parish Records were burned about the time of the Restoration. Dr. Henry Bond in his History of Watertown and its early settlers, says: "William Swyft, proprietor, 1636-7, sold his house and land in Watertown to Thomas White of Sudbury, who sold it March 31, 1640, to John Knight. In 1636

*The year then began in March, and January was the 11th month of the year. —

Vol. 1. Folio 44, Plymouth County Wills and Inventories.

Vol. 1. Folio 45, same. Amount £72 17s. 00d. for "goods and cattels," £10 00s. 00d. for house and meadow land.

A house and land at Sudbury mortgaged to secure debt of £20 10s.

Debts, including funeral charges, £245 15s. 18d.
