

From his will I make the following extracts: 'My will further is that for the good of the inhabitants of the towne of Newbury that there be the sum of forty shillings in money paid into the hands of captain Daniel Pierce (or such other person as the town shall appoint) towards the procuring of a good bell for the meeting house, or such other as shall be built for the better comfort of the inhabitants, provided the said inhabitants shall make it up the sum of thirty pounds within three years after my decease.' 'Also I give my wife my great testament, my book of martyrs and new warming pan.' Three excellent articles, and rather more consistent with each other than 'my great bible, my fowling-piece and negro boy Tom.'

SOLOMON HOLMAN, was one of the early settlers in the west parish of Newbury. He was born in England, served seven years on board of a man of war, ran away in Bermuda, when sent after milk, secreted himself in the barn till the vessel sailed, and lived by milking the cows. He was discovered by the owner of the barn, who befriended him, and gave him employment. He afterward married his employer's daughter Mary, came to Newbury, built him a bark, and then a log house, on land of which he bought thirteen acres for a fat heifer. The land is now owned by Mr. Jonathan Ilsley, from whom I obtained this account. Mr. Holman died May seventh, 1753, in his eighty-second year.

JOHN KELLY, one of the original settlers of Newbury, was of Irish, as well as of English, descent. Shortly after he settled in Newbury, he determined to run the risk of building his house on the north side of Old-town hill. His neighbors remonstrated with him on his rashness, and finally the town passed a vote, that if, in consequence of his temerity, he lost his life, his blood should be on his own head. This I am informed on good authority, though the record is not now to be found. Tradition also states, that one night, hearing a disturbance among his sheep, he went and killed what he supposed to be a dog, but which in the morning proved to be a wolf. His son John built, prior to 1690, the house, still standing, which was formerly owned by Mr. Nicholas Lunt, on the west side of the road north of gravel hill, and now owned by his grandson, Mr. Joseph Lunt. The only descendant of John Kelly, and bearing his name, in Newbury or Newburyport, is doctor Elbridge G. Kelly, though many descendants are found in New Hampshire, and most of the New England and other states. Twenty-six persons of the name are known to have graduated at the different colleges in the union. Tradition states that the father of John Kelly, the first who came to Newbury, emigrated from Ireland to Newbury, England, became attached to a lady of rank, and having on one occasion, by his courage, successfully defended her father's house when attacked by robbers, he obtained his consent to a marriage with his daughter.

Deacon RICHARD KNIGHT and his brother JOHN resided on land now owned by John Knight's descendants of the same name. The deacon left no male heirs. I have a piece of poetry which he left to his children. It contains good advice, but whether original or selected, I am