

Thus we have given all the particulars we can derive from authentic sources of the captivity and death of John Ortiz. Of Seto's expedition, about which many writers of talents and respectability have employed their pens, it was not our intention particularly to speak, but can refer those, whose curiosity would lead them to pursue it, to a new edition of my *Annals of the Indians*, shortly to be published; but for a rapid and splendid glance over that ground, I will refer the reader to the first volume of Mr. Bancroft's *History of the United States*. And yet if he would go into minute details, there is the work of Mr. John T. Irving, which will leave little else to be looked for.

i. e. Theodore Irving

NARRATIVE

OF THE CAPTIVITY OF MRS. MARY ROWLANDSON, WIFE OF THE REV. JOSEPH ROWLANDSON, WHO WAS TAKEN PRISONER WHEN LANCASTER WAS DESTROYED, IN THE YEAR 1676, WRITTEN BY HERSELF.

I print this edition of Mrs. Rowlandson's Narrative from the second Lancaster edition, with a selection of the notes to that edition, by James Willard, Esq., which was printed in 1800. Mr. Willard calls his the sixth edition. My own notes are, as in other parts of the work, signed Ed.

On the 10th of February, 1676, came the Indians with great numbers upon Lancaster: their first coming was about sunrise. Hearing the noise of some guns, we looked out; several houses were burning, and the smoke ascending to heaven. There were five persons taken in one house; the father and mother, and a sucking child they knocked on the head, the other two they took and carried away alive. There were two others, who, being out of their garbison upon occasion, were set upon, one was knocked on the head, the other escaped. Another there was, who, running along, was shot and wounded, and fell down; he begged of them his life, promising them money, as they told me, but they would not. They then knocked him on the head, stripped him, and split open his bowels. Another, seeing many of the Indians

* Father knocked was the husband, according to the last edition. They were the Wampanoags, led by King Philip, who, in 1675, had been driven from his native land, and also by the Narragansetts, whom the cruel Europeans had persecuted to join with them.