

his widow. But we may charitably hope that these omissions were duly attended to by his son Matthew, the executor, and that the wants of all were abundantly supplied.

The following obituary notice of Richard Borden is copied from the Record of the Friends Monthly Meeting at Newport:

"Richard Borden of Portsmouth, R. I., being one of the first planters of Rhode Island, lived about seventy years and then died at his own house, belonging to Portsmouth. He was buried on the burial ground given by Robert Dennis to the Friends, which is in Portsmouth, and lieth on the left hand of the way that goeth from Portsmouth to Newport, upon the 25th day of the 3rd month, 1671," old style; June 5, 1671, new style. Joan, the widow of Richard, survived him eighteen years and died July 16, 1688 two years after the death of John Alden, who is supposed to have been the last of the Mayflower's company. She lived long enough to see all her children fully confirmed in what she believed to be the truth and in dying she must have had a happy consciousness that they would do honor to their parental training and cordially unite with their friends in all their plans for the support of religious institutions and the promotion of sound morals among the people at large. She died at the age of 84 years, 6 months. Reckoning back from the dates given us by the Friend's record, Richard was born about 1601, and Joan February 15, 1604.

I have endeavored to place Richard prominently before the minds of his descendants as their ancestor, whose wisdom has placed them in a country abounding in all the blessings of God's providence which can make life desirable and where they and their associates can make their influence felt in the government of the nation. If their liberty is ever trampled upon by the feet of tyrants, it will be because they have become unfaithful to the trust committed to their charge and despised the noblest birthright ever committed to mortals." S.

From the records at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, we find that Richard Borden was in the year 1638 admitted an inhabitant of the Island of Aquidneck, having submitted himself to the government that is, or shall be established, 1638, May 20—He was allotted five acres.

1639; January 2—He and three others were appointed to survey all lands near about, and to bring in a map or plot of said lands.

1640—He was appointed with four others to lay out lands in Portsmouth.

1641, March 16—Freeman.

1653, May 18—He and seven others were appointed a committee for ripening matters that concern Long Island, and in the case concerning the Dutch.

1653-54—Assistant Treasurer.

1654-55—General Treasurer.

1654-56-57—Commissioner.