

The Company had purchased the Lion's Whelp, and hired the other two ships. The charge for the hire of these ships was so great that it was economical to speedily return them with some kind of a cargo,—of beaver, otter or other skins, fish, especially sturgeon, or staves or wood. Though beaver and fish were the more desirable, timber was selling in England better than it had for many years. Sassafras, sarsaparilla and sumach were also suggested as a cargo; also, a ton of silk grass and anything else that might be useful for dyeing or in the practice of medicine. Information as to the quantity of each of these articles that could be found in the region about Naumkeag was also requested. No delay was to be allowed; if articles were not ready for shipment, the vessels were to sail at once, though without a cargo. The George was to proceed to Newfoundland with dispatch, and the Talbot to return to England; but the Lion's Whelp was to be retained for some time if there were occasion therefor.

On the ship George came Mr. Samuel Sharpe,¹ who was to have charge of the fortifications. On the Lion's Whelp came William Dodge,² a "skillful husbandman" from Dorchester, about twenty-five years of age. Others who came in these three vessels were Hugh Tillie, William Edes and Isaac Rick-

William Dodge

¹ELDER SAMUEL SHARP¹ lived in Salem; elder in the church; married Alice —; died about 1647; she died, his widow, Aug. —, 1667; children: 1. Abigail;² married Thomas Jeggles; 2. Elias,² baptized Jan. 1, 1636-7; living in 1652, when he was servant to John Hardy, having four years more to serve; 3. Edward,² baptized April 14, 1639; 4. Mary,² baptized June 29, 1640; married John Norton; 5. Elizabeth,² baptized (as Experience) Sept. 19, 1641; married Christopher Phelps; 6. Nathaniel,² baptized Nov. 10, 1644; 7. Hannah,² baptized Jan. 31, 1646-7; married Peter Odlin of Boston.

NATHANIEL SHARP;² mariner; married Rebecca Marshall Dec. 30, 1668; they were living in 1684; children: 1. Rebecca,³ born March 26, 1671; married John Merriam; 2. Samuel,³ born June 3, 1673; 3. Elizabeth,³ born Sept. 4, 1676; 4. Abigail,³ born Feb. 26, 1678-9; married Alexander Duglas, both of Lynn; 5. Ruth,³ born Jan. 26, 1680-1.

²WILLIAM DODGE;¹ farmer; lived in Salem, and settled on Bass River Side, afterwards Beverly, about 1645; married Elizabeth —, who was his wife in 1668; died about 1690; children: 1. John,² baptized Dec. 25, 1636; 2. William,² baptized Sept. 19, 1640; 3. Hannah,² bapttized July 24, 1642; married, first, Samuel Porter of Beverly; second, Thomas Woodberry; and, probably, 4. Josiah,² who was killed in the Narragansett war in 1675.

CAPT. JOHN DODGE;² yeoman; lived in that part of Salem, which was incorporated as Beverly in 1668; married, first, Sarah Procter AApril 10, 1659; second, Elizabeth, widow of John Woodbury; soldier in the Narragansett war in 1675; owned a mill at Beverly; representative, 1693-1696 and 1702; died about 1715; his wife Elizabeth died, his widow, Jan. 6, 1725-6, aged ninety; children: 1. John,³ born Jan. 2, 1661-2; farmer; lived in Wenham; married, first, Sarah —; second, Mary Bridges; died in Wenham about November, 1700; had children; 2. William,³ born in 1665; yeoman; lived in Beverly; married Hannah Woodbury; had children; 3. Sarah,²