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the John Ensign who was killed in the war; and that his widow Sarah later married Thomas<sup>2</sup> Mann. See also Eglin Hatherly.

WADSWORTH, CHRISTOPHER—Christopher Wadsworth was on the 1633 freeman list, and he served on various juries and received a number of land grants (PCR, *passim*). On 16 September 1633 he witnessed William Wright's will (MD 1:200). On 1 January 1633/34 he was chosen constable for the "ward" bounded between the Jones River and Greens Harbor, and he was chosen constable for Duxbury again in 1637 and 1638 (PCR 1:21, 80, 86). He became a deputy in 1640 for Duxbury (PCR 1:154), and in 1666 he became a selectman for Duxbury (PCR 4:124). He dated his will 31 July 1677, sworn 27 October 1680, and he named his wife Grace, and his sons Joseph and John (Ply. Colony PR 4:1:69). His widow Grace Wadsworth dated her will 13 January 1687, proved 13 June 1688, and she named her sons Joseph and John; the children of her son Samuel Wadsworth, deceased; her daughter Mary Andrews; and her grandchildren John, Mary, and Abigail Wadsworth (PNE&Q 4:123). Torrey thought Wadsworth's wife's maiden name might be Cole.

WALLEN, JOYCE—Joyce Wallen was the wife of Ralph Wallen, q.v.

WALLEN, RALPH—Arriving in 1623 on the *Anne* Ralph Wallen was accompanied by his wife Joyce. He was on the 1633 freeman list, and he was a Purchaser, but he does not seem to have held any public office. He died before 27 February 1643, when the inventory of the estate of John Atwood showed a debt owing to the widow Wallen (MD 5:158). A deed of 9 June 1660 showed John Jenkins of Barnstable selling land which belonged to him as the heir apparent of Ralph Wallen of Plymouth, deceased (MD 14:234). Samuel Fuller in his will dated 30 July 1633 directed that "my daughter Mercy be and remaine with goodwife Wallen so long as she will keep her at a reasonable charge" (MD 1:24). A Thomas Wallen was recorded on 4 April 1650 along with others as being arrested for helping two women run away from their husbands (PCR 2:149), but whether he was related to Ralph and Joyce Wallen cannot be determined.

WARREN, RICHARD—A 1620 *Mayflower* passenger, Richard Warren is unusual because, although Bradford in his "decreasing and increasings" gives him the honorific title "Mr.," he does not mention him at all in the text of his history, and very little is known about him except for a few brief mentions elsewhere. In *Mourt's Relation*, p. 15, Winslow lists ten men on an early expedition at Cape Cod, three of whom, including Richard Warren, were from London. Judging from land transactions (see, for example, MD 3:45-51 and PCR 12:28) of his widow, Elizabeth, who came over in 1623 on the *Anne* with daughters Abigail, Anna, Elizabeth, Mary, and Sarah, the family appears to have been one of the wealthier ones at Plymouth. However, he was not one of the eight select Undertakers in 1627. Nathaniel Morton wrote for the year 1628 "This Year died Mr. Richard Warren, who. . . was an useful Instrument and during his life bare a deep share in the Difficulties and Troubles of the first Settlement of the Plantation of New-Plimouth" (*Memoriall*, p. 68). His widow, Elizabeth Warren, was given