

Mrs. Goodhue lived in Lancaster for many years on the Willard family estate. She died at the great age of ninety-five years. The following account of Mrs. Goodhue was written by one of her intimate friends:—

“Her life had not been wholly free from anxiety and change; but it was, on the whole, an eminently happy life. It was made so by a cheerful, affectionate temperament; by great good sense; by unwavering Christian faith; never murmuring or complaining, but placing herself in position on the bright side of events; always endeavoring to do her duty in her sphere, and seeking to promote the happiness of all with whom she was in any way connected. Hence she acquired ‘troops of friends,’ who were always welcome to her hospitable mansion, and never left without an increase of esteem and loving regard. Her presence was a benediction, while her winning smile revealed the beauty of the spirit within.”¹

Mrs. Goodhue was a daughter of Colonel Abijah and Anna [Prentice] Willard, of Lancaster, Mass. Her father was in command of a company at the reduction of Louisburg in 1745, and commanded another company under Colonel Monckton, at the reduction of the French forts in Nova Scotia in 1755. During the Revolution he was a loyalist, and a Mandamus Counsellor. Upon the evacuation of Boston, he went with the British army to New York, where he held the office of commissary. After the war he received a grant of land from the Crown, in New Brunswick, where he settled and died. Her ancestry includes the following families: Willard, Dunster, Bell, Phelps, Andrews, Prentice, Stanton, Lord, Swan, Ruck, Lamb, Harbottle, Bayley, Emery, Carr, Ruggles, Bright, Goldstone. See ANCESTRY TABLES $\frac{VI}{21}$.

20. VI. 42. **Seeth Phippen** [Seeth 20–24. V. 11], probably born in Salem.

20. VI. 42. **Thomas Needham**, her husband, probably born in Salem, probably died in Boston. A cabinet-maker. Residence: Salem.

Thomas Needham is said by the late Dr. Henry Wheatland [17. VIII. mentioned book gives her marriage as Nov. 25, 1804, as does The Birth, Marriage and Death Register, of Lancaster, Mass., by Henry S. Nourse, p. 165, and Charles C. Goodhue; while it is given as Nov. 5, 1804, and her name as Ann, in Essex Institute Historical Collections, Vol. XV. p. 305.

¹ Willard Memoir, by Joseph Willard, pp. 237, note, 417, note.