

The explanation I would suggest is that Williamson was *notoriously a careless man*, and that this was one of his blunders. It seems absolutely certain that Leverett never was knighted, or there would be evidence of the fact in other quarters.

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDA BY JOSEPH FARWELL, OF GROTON.

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THE following memoranda are taken from a small note-book kept by Joseph Farwell, of Groton, which has been lent me by Frederic Kidder, Esq., of Melrose, Mass. The first entries were made in the year 1710, and relate to work done by Farwell. On the fly-leaf is written, "Joseph ffarwell his book if I it luse and you it find giue it me for it is mine." The next leaf contains "An acompt of y^e Berth of Joseph farwells Childeren," as follows :

Joseph farwell Born August : 5 : 1696
 Thomas farwell Born October : 11 : 1698
 Hannah farwell Born May : 6 : 1701
 Elisabeth farwell Born December : 31 : 1704
 Edward farwell Born July : 12 : 1706
 Mary farwell Born Feb^r : 1 : 1709
 John farwell Born June : 23 : 1711

Sarah farwell born feb^r the 26th and died July the 4th 1721

Joseph Farwell the son of Joseph and Hannah Farwell was born the : 24 : 5 : 1670

Near the middle of the book the following record is found, in another hand writing :

The Birth of the Children of Joseph Farwell and Mary Farwell who wear Married Dece^m y^e 24 : 1719.

Anna Farwell Born February y^e 19th 1721
 Isaac Farwell Born March y^e 6th 1723
 Joseph Farwell Born September y^e 20th 1725
 Jonathan Farwell Born May y^e 15th 1730
 Thomas Farwell Born July y^e 31th 1733
 Olive Farwell Born June y^e 24th 1735
 Mary Farwell Born September y^e 4th 1738
 Susannah Farwell Born August y^e 8th 1742

Jon^t Farwell Departed Life Nou^m y^e 29 1761 being 30 years & 14 Days old

Isaac Farwell son of Joseph and Mary Farwell Dep^d May y^e 18th 1740 Being 17 year two months and 12 Days old

Joseph Farwell Juner son of Jo^e & Mary Dep^t August. y^e 27. 1758 being 32 years 11 months and 7 Days old

The following notes are found in different leaves, scattered throughout the book, as they were left blank by the original writer :

Joseph Farwell his Book 1745

March y^e 10th 1745 Our men went out of Groton for Cap Prtoon and the City was taken y^e 18 day of june 1745

August y^e 4th 1745 We Began to sing the psalms in the meeting house by Course [*subsequently the following was written underneath*] and sang them thro August y^e 30th 1752 and began and sung the first psalm the first Sabbath in September 1752 [*and in another place*] And sung the Last psalm the Last Sabbath in March 1760 and began and sang the first psalm y^e first Sabbath in April 1760

May 10th 1749 pece was proclam^d in Boston in New England

Groton June y^e 29 1750 I was c[h]ose in^{to} the office of a deacon in the first Church in Groton a for said and on the first Sabath july 1750 waited on that Duty

in Groton January the 22, 1750-1 their was a grate storm of Rain and wind to that Degree that it Blew down 4 Barns and one house and Rent a Grate Number of Barns and other Buldings to that Degree that the oldest person Now Living Cant Rember the Like

May the 22^d 1754 we Began to Rais our New meeting House and finished it on Satterday the 25th

May y^e 30th 1754 Our Solders went out of Groton to Boston in order forts Cumber Land

August y^e 18 1754 vpon the Lords Day mrs Sarah Dixinson was taken into our Church the first person that was taken into the Church in the New meeting House

November y^e 15 1754 the first Sacrement of the Lords supper was Administred in the New meeting House

November: y^e 18th 1755. their was a tearable Earth quake about 20 minets after 4 in the morning.

on Munday the 26 of july 1756 my house was burnt down and the most of my house hold s[t]uff burnt up [*subsequently the following was written*] and on Wedensday the 24 of Nouember we mov^d into the New house

May y^e 24 1758 Cap^t thomas Lawrance went out of groton in order for Canada and was slain in battle the 20. Day of July 1758

August. y^e 10 1763 pece was proclaimed in Boston with the French.

March y^e 28. 1766 Zachariah Longley was chosen a Deacon in y^e first Church in Groton.

December y^e 30. 1773 Isaac Farnsworth and Ben^e Bancroft wear chosen Deacons in the Church of Groton.

Apriel y^e 19th 1775, the Reggulars Came to Concord & kil^d two men & our men followed them to Charlstown & kil^d and wounded and took Cap-tive Between three & 400

BELIEF IN ASTROLOGY IN NEW ENGLAND.

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THE belief in astrology prevalent among our ancestors two centuries ago, is well illustrated in the following family record, where the hour and minute of each child's birth, as well as the planetary influence under which it took place, is carefully noted. This custom of recording the pre-