

SAMUEL RIDER.

Among those who proposed to "take up their freedom at Yarmouth," Jan. 7, 1639 was Samuel Rider. He was one of the first comers, settling near Follen's Pond. In October, 1643, he was appointed by the court one of a committee to select a place to fortify for the general defence, in case the townsmen could not agree upon a location. He was appointed Lieutenant of the militia, in 1653, and the same year was appointed a Deputy to attend a military council to meet in Plymouth; was cashiered in 1655 from his office of Lieutenant, for alleged abusive language towards officers sent to press men into the service, but was afterwards restored. His offence was, according to Judge Mitchell, his leniency towards the Quakers. Besides the offices already mentioned, he was several times Surveyor of Highways and Assessor. He died in 1679, aged 78 years. His son Zachary, said to be the first white child born in Yarmouth, was killed, by the discharge of a gun, at a training, in 1685.