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Jason Russell. Killed in his own house on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775. Was baptized in Medford April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1717 . . . Precinct Church Ap 20, 1740 and on May 12<sup>th</sup> of that year sold to Rev. Samuel Cooke the pastor one acre of ground for a house. Jason was son of Hubbard son of Jason son of William the emigrant. Jason married Elizabeth Winship July 28, 1740. She died Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1786 aged 65. He owned quite a tract of land about all that is now bordered by Mass. Ave, Bartlett Ave. Grey and Pleasant St. except that portion set of for the common and dumping ground Pleasant Street or the land of by the land of Gersham Swan who owned the land on the South East side of Pleasant Street from Mercer Ave. Jason had a son Thomas born July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1751. He married Annice Whittemore March 8<sup>th</sup> 1774, and it is Mr. Thomas that had the store corner of Mass. Ave. and Water Street. The east end of this building is used as a dwelling and I think his store building was erected soon after the battle of Lexington. Thomas son of Thomas son of Jason was born Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1776. He was the Col. Thomas a leading man in the precinct from 1800 until his death March 31<sup>st</sup> 1866 aged 89. Thomas married Eliza Warren of Charlestown Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1800. He was known as Colonel as he . . . agreement of horse year of 1812. He was parish clerk for 20 years, and continued in charge of the store her father built and Miss Hart decorated so his sons and grandsons . . . Col. Thomas had two sons Thomas Jefferson and Geo Clinton and two daughters Eliza Ann and Mary Jane. She died June 1827. Many of us remember Thos. J. and Geo C. & Eliza Ann and the old colonel also. Thomas H. Teel married Loice Russell Aug 25, 1814 and it is through that marriage the Reed family came in possession of the old Jason Russell house. Thos Thorpe father of the late Thos E. Thorpe lately deceased, an old friend of Col. Thomas Russell. He died July 27 1868 aged 78 years. Mrs. Hodgson has in her possession a stereophonic picture of Col Thos Thorpe taken in the early 60s.

Joseph Adams original member of 1<sup>st</sup> Parish Church Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 1739. . . . Father by Rev Samuel Cooke. His wife Rachel and he lived together 57 years. It is thought he was the son of Joseph and grandson of John Adams Wellington of Menotomy Row before 1678. His father Joseph married Margaret Eames who was born in Sudbury July 8, 1666 and was daughter of Thos Eames whose house

in Framingham was destroyed Feb'y 1, 1675, and her mother & bros & sisters Killed and she was captured by the Indians. Joseph Connors 1<sup>st</sup> wife was daughter of Wm Cutter married July 18, 1710. She died July 12, 1717. Second wife Rachele Allen of Weston married June 26, 1718. He died Oct 18<sup>th</sup> after 86 years, she died Aug 1 1775 85 years. Was 5 years Selectmen & Assessor in Cambridge 1729 / 1738. Thomas Son of Joseph & Rebecca Cutter born 1713 was a Captain in the French & Indian War and Nov. 1758 Sam'l Cook preached a sermon on his return with his Co from the war with the loss of but one man. He died in 1802 in his 90<sup>th</sup> year & was a tavern Keeper in Menotomy. Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Lyoia Chadwick of Worcester married 1742. Had son John born 22d July 1744 who died May 26, 1849 aged 104 yrs 1 mo 4 days, this at Hartford Pa in July 1847. Mr. John Adams then 102 yrs old sent a letter as regards his father Capt Thomas Adams to Gov Isaac Hill of Concord N.H. and he remembered Pastor Cook's Sermon of 1758 in reference to his father & return of the Co from French war with loss of but one man Joseph Robbins & he died in a fit.

Deacon Joseph Adams son of Joseph (1<sup>st</sup>) born July 8<sup>th</sup> 1775 died May 3 1794 aged 79 yrs. He lived in a House on the site of Henry J. Locke's. His first wife was Martha daughter of Ephram Frost married July 10<sup>th</sup> 1740 and she died Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1749. His 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Hannah daughter of Thos Hall married Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1750. Mr. Adams was chosen Deacon Dec 5, 1759. "Vessels, linen and cash belonging to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cong. Church were taken from his House by the King's Troops on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775. (President Langoen?) in his election Sermon May 31, 1775 speaks of her as follows: As that of a woman in with her new born infant forced by the threats of the soldiers to escape almost naked to an out house, while her own House was set on fire. Deacon Adams died Aug 13, 1803. The last child of Deacon Joseph and Hannah was Ann born April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1775 and was 3 weeks old when the British Troops attacked the house. I well remember her as the wife of Deacon James Hill whom she married Oct 11, 1796. Deacon Hill was for many years Deacon of the 1<sup>st</sup> Parish Church, Selectman of Cambridge 4 yrs. Deacon James Hill was a member of the choir of 1<sup>st</sup> Cong Church 30 years and Deacon of the church many years. He died Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1852. Rev. James F. Brown preached the funeral Sermon July 8. Mercy Ann, a daughter, married J. V. Flclcher who died recently.