

## CHAPTER V

## MARY HILTON'S STORY (MAGOON)

(The Hiltons at Pownalborough now Wiscasset)

The circumstances under which the Hiltons came or were induced to come to Toppan's Rights probably meaning Toppan's Land Grant from the King of England, are so well told in the deposition of Mrs. Mary Savage, daughter of Ebenezer I. Hilton and wife of James Savage, that you will be interested in it. She testified in 1787.

I, Mary Savage, testify and say that about forty years ago (1737), I came from Berwick with my father, Mr. Ebenezer Hilton, and the rest of the family, in a vessel which was sent by Mr. Toppan of Newberry, as I was told, and landed at a place called Toppan's Rights, now in Pownalborough. My father and Mr. James Grant improved a double saw mill, belonging to said Toppan, which (even then in 1737) appeared to have been built some years earlier, which stood in the same place where (now 1787) stands the mill belonging to the Hiltons and others. My father told us that Mr. Toppan, to encourage him, promised to give his sons fifty acres of land apiece (five of them) and one hundred acres for himself. My brothers William and Moses now live on the hundred acres that belonged to my father. My father and Mr. James Grant improved the mill under Mr. Toppan till the Indians made war. My father, Mr. Grant, and others built a garrison and lived in said garrison till the Indians killed my father. I too lived in the garrison and saw the Indians when they run out of my father's barn and took off my brother William and soon after I saw them killing my father; they shot and wounded him. I saw them strike at him with their hatchets. I saw him fall and saw no more until he was brought in dead, scalped, his feet cut off, and mortified. My eldest brother, Joshua, was shot at the same time and mortally wounded as he was running to the garrison and died two days after.