

In the month of May, 1638, Edward Gilman, with his wife, three sons, two daughters and three servants, came from the County of Norfolk, England, (it does not appear from what town,) and settled in Hingham. He was admitted freeman Dec. 13th, 1638. This family, with many other passengers, numbering in all 133, came in one ship, called the Delight of Ipswich. The master was John Martin of that place. In 1641, a tract of land eight miles square, then called Seekonk, now Rehoboth, was granted of Edward Gilman and others by the Plymouth Colony. In 1643, his estate was L300. His name does not appear on the records of that town after 1646. In 1647, his name appears in Ipswich, and Sept. 18th, 1648, Edward Gilman, Jr. sold to his father Edward Gilman the farm given him by his father-in-law, Richard Smith. Edward, Jr. went to Exeter and built some mills. In 1653, he was lost at sea, having gone to England for mill gearing. His father, and the other sons, John and Moses, immediately repaired to Exeter, and there established themselves, and from Edward Gilman through his three sons, John, Edward and Moses, all the families of the name in this town and vicinity have descended.