

husband's successor in office, Samuel Hopkins (Y. C. 1749), and died in Hadley, February 5, 1774, in her 48th year.

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ELISHA WILLIAMS, eldest son of the Rev. Elisha Williams (Harv. 1711), Rector of Yale College from 1725 to 1739, was born in Wethersfield, Connecticut, January 31, 1717-18. His mother was Eunice, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Treat) Chester, of Wethersfield; and by her he was the second cousin of his classmate, Chester Williams.

He resided at the College after graduation, as one of the Dean's scholars; but soon returned to Wethersfield, where he spent the rest of his life. He represented the town in many sessions of the General Assembly between October, 1757, and May, 1777, and reached the rank of Colonel in the Militia. During the Revolutionary period he was one of the committee appointed by the General Assembly to sign and issue the bills of credit known as Continental currency.

He died in Wethersfield, of a cancer, May 30, 1784, in his 67th year.

He married, August 24, 1749, his second cousin, Mehitable, daughter of Nathaniel Burnham (Y. C. 1709), of Wethersfield. She died August 8, 1809, in her 89th year. Their children were two sons and four daughters,—all of whom survived their father. The elder son was graduated here in 1772, and through this line descendants of Rector Williams bearing the family name appear among the graduates of the College to the present generation. Colonel Williams left a large estate, inventoried at about £3000.

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