LONG FAMILY

of ANDOVER

1897. (Clemons)

"At the age of 84 years, Mrs. Elizabeth Long died Monday
at the home off Salem Street. Deceased was the widow of the late
Elijah Long, a life-long resident. Although through misfortune,
a victim of extreme poverty, she was imbued with a resolute and
independant spirit, which led her to eke out a miserable existence
in the squalor of what had been for so many years a home to her,
rather than accept that charity accorded to a town charge. ...

Two daughters and two sons survive. The funeral was held
Wednesday afternoon." Elijah Long was b. here, Mar. 29, 1807; his
father, Elijah, born here, Nov. 15, 1777.

"About 8.20 o'clock Monday evening, the humble dwelling,
the domicile of the Long family was razed by some unknown cause,
the house at the time being unoccupied. Within the past two months
the habitation has been the scene of two funerals, the aged mother
who absolutely refused to become a Town charge, and the eldest daugh-
ter, who though racked by disease preferred death, rather than endure,
what to these unfortunates appeared, the horror of the poor farm.

For years the family living had been made by the two daughters,
Emma and Eliza, who sold eggs, berries or other small fruits in
their season or worked for money or eatables. A few months ago, at
the death of Emma, Eliza was taken to the Farm. A brother, Frank,
preferred to roam the woods and remain at the old haunt, which though
reported to be foul and unkempt, was to them a home.

The building they occupied was formerly a little red school-house
in the town of Boxford and came into the service of the family after
long use in the neighboring town. Its present site, on Salem Street on
the old lane was formerly land owned by Peter Holt, one of the most
venerable residents. The Center hand engine had a run of two miles, to