

took different directions, east, west, north, and south, and have never since been heard of. This fine gossiping story I had from the clergyman, Mr. Kaye. The Hall alluded to was formerly the seat of the Appletons, who had large estates round it. Henry Appleton, father of Sir Roger, owned Jarvis Hall; a good estate about a mile further north. This branch of the family became extinct on the death of Sir Henry in 1710.* My good friend Mr. Kaye informed me, and I afterwards found it on record, that in 1583, Sir Henry Appleton, knt., Roger Appleton, M. D., and William Appleton, LL. D. had £500 given them by the King,

* *Extract from Burke's Extinct Baronetcies.*

"APPLETON OF SOUTH BENFLEET. The Apyltous, or Appletons as the name was afterwards spell, are supposed to be descended from a family long seated at Waddingfield Magna, in Norfolk (diocese,) in the time of Henry VII. Thomas Appleton of the County of Suffolk married Joice, daughter of Sir Robert Tyrrell of Herons in Essex, and thus acquired the estate of South Benfleet in that shire. He was succeeded by his son, Sir Roger Appleton, who held at his decease considerable lands of the Queen, &c. He married Anne, daughter of John Sulyard, Esq., and had issue Henry his heir, and a daughter Jane, married, &c. Henry married Margaret, daughter of John Roper, Esq. of Eitham, Attorney General to Henry VIII, and left besides a daughter, Roger Appleton, Esq. of Benfleet, afterwards knighted, who wedded Agnes, sister and heir of Walter Clarke, Esq. of Hadley, and had 1st. Henry his heir; 2d. William of Kettlebaston in Suffolk, ancestor of the family settled at that place, 3d. Roger; 4th John; 5th Edward, and five daughters. He died 4 Philip and Mary. His son Henry held the manor of South Benfleet, and a capital messuage or mansion house, Jarvis Hall. He married Faith, daughter of William Cardinal, gent. of Great Bromley, in Essex; died 4 James I. leaving two sons, Roger and Edward. Sir Roger, knt., was created a Baronet in 1611, (the first creation of Baronets,) married Anne daughter of Sir Thomas Mildmay of Moulsham in Essex, and died 1614. His son Sir Henry married Joan, daughter of Edward Sheldon, Esq. His son Sir Henry married Sarah, daughter of Sir Thomas Oldfield of Spalding, and died about 1670, succeeded by his son, Sir Henry, who married Mary, daughter of John Rivet, merchant of London, and died 1680 without issue. The title devolved on his uncle, son of 2d Baronet Sir William Appleton of South Benfleet, who married Dorothy daughter of Mr. Hatt. His son Henry died in 1710 without issue, when the title became extinct. The large estates of the family passed to Richard Vaughan, Esq. who married his sister Elizabeth."