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THE NAME

Is probably derived from an ancestor who had returned from military service on the island of Rhodes. The first of the tribe recorded in English annals was Gerard De Rhodes, who was sent by King John as foreign ambassador. He was probably descended from the Counts De Rhodes (Froissart, vol. 1, p. 121), who came from Flanders under William the Conqueror—his son Thomas, h. s. William, h. s. John, h. s. John, h. s. Robert, h. s. John, high sheriff, 1591; h. s. Francis, who built Barlboro Hall, 1583; h. s. Godfrey (his daught. wife of ill-fated Earl of Strafford), h. s. Edward, knight; h. s. William. Coat of Arms of Sir Francis R., 1641: Quarters 1st and 4th arg., a lion passant guardant in bend gu., between two acorns az., within as many cotises ermines; 2nd and 3rd quarters, arg. on a chev. gu., between three rudders, az three cinquefoils. The fourth Baron of Barlboro died 1743. (See Burke's Commoners, Vol. III., p. 563. for above.)

The cradle of the tribe is pretty surely the West Riding of Yorkshire, the ratio of Rhodesees there being 44 per 10,000; in Lancashire, 25; in Nottingham, 18; in Derbyshire, 9.

PLAN OF WORK.

We sought to obtain for each person these details: Full name, date and place of each birth, marriage, death and cause of death; education; changes of business and of residence; relations to church, lodge, politics, offices and army record; work done in science, art, literature, invention or reform; habits as to drinks, tobacco and amusements. All specially interesting incidents.

HISTORY AND TRADITIONS.

Persistent traditions both sides the sea assert that Thomas Rhodes¹ (born 1695?), about 1720-25, with his two brothers, emigrated from Yorkshire, England, to Rhode Island; that he there married a Mary Button, but that not liking the country he returned and settled in Queens County, Ireland, probably on the old estate of Cooracleven, and died about 1760?, aged 66 years.

RELIGION.

Since many generations up to date have been Quakers, we believe he was a Quaker. This would account for his desire to leave Yorkshire, where Quakers were bitterly persecuted, for Rhode Island, which was then famous for religious toleration.