

In 1524 Henry Salter was one of the sheriffs of Norwich. In 1655 John Salter was mayor of Norwich. In 1663 the charter was renewed by Charles II., and John Salter was one of the twenty-four aldermen who were appointed. He died November 20, 1669, aged seventy-seven years, and was buried in the Church of St. Andrew.

Bridget, wife of Mathew Salter, died December 31, 1670, aged forty-two years. She was interred in the Church of St. Ethelred, and from her tomb is copied the following quaint epitaph :

" Tho dead yet dear
Tho dead yet dear to me
Dead is her body
Dear her memorie."

It is doubtless from some of the foregoing persons that the Salters in this country are descended. If Mrs. Bridget was, as is positively asserted, the mother of twenty-two children, it was no wonder that some of them wanted to leave. In England at the present time the name, though not common, is still considerably met with in certain localities, especially in the vicinity of Norfolk.

In America there are several distinct families of the name, whose arrival dates back to the latter part of the seventeenth century.

The descendants of John Salter, who settled at Odiorne's Point, N. H., and Richard Salter, the early settler in Monmouth County, New Jersey, have been the most prominent in point of numbers, as well as the most conspicuous in social and political life.

A family of the name residing in North Carolina