

## EARLY RECORDS OF THE ARNOLD FAMILY.

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THE following copy of early Arnold records, received from Canada by the Hon. Isaac N. Arnold, president of the Chicago Historical Society, was made by me in May, 1878. The volume from which I copy is a small quarto of sixteen pages of English paper, unruled, faded and worn. The original,\* of which this appears to be a copy, seems to have been written by four different persons. If I were to attempt to assign the authorship to the several writers, it would be, first, from the beginning to the second or third paragraph of page 4 of the quarto volume (the pages of which are given in brackets in the middle of the page), to William Arnold, born June 24, 1587; second, thence to the second paragraph of page 9, to Gov. Benedict Arnold, born Dec. 21, 1615, died 1678; third, thence to the end of page 12, to Josiah Arnold, Sen., born Dec. 22, 1646; fourth, thence to the close, to Josiah Arnold, Jr., born Aug. 25, 1707. The quarto volume from which I copy is probably in the handwriting of the last named Josiah. The record extends one generation farther back than is given by Mr. Savage or any of the authorities referred to by him; and, besides giving the names of the English port from which William Arnold sailed for New England, and the precise date of his sailing, it mentions other dates and localities not previously met with by me. The records of the four writers are all in the first person. If the authenticity of the document and copy be admitted, we have the unusual instance of a personal record of a distinguished family for six generations, extending over a period of two hundred and twenty-three years, from A.D. 1553 to 1776.

I have appended a genealogy of one line of this family, giving the ancestry of Mr. Arnold, through whose courtesy I have copied the old record.

E. H.

A Register, or true account of my owne agge, with my Mother, my Wife, my Brothers and Sisters, and Others of my friends and acquaintance.

1. Imprimis Alce Gully the Daughter of John Gully of Northouer. Who was my Mother. was Baptized ye 29; Septem 1553.

2. Tamzen, my Sister was Baptized the 4<sup>o</sup> of Jany. 1571.

3. Joane Arnold, my Sister was Baptized the 30<sup>o</sup> of November in the yeare 1577.

4. Margery Arnold, my Sister was Baptized the 30<sup>o</sup> of August, 1581.

5. I William Arnold. their Brother was borne the 24<sup>o</sup> of June, 1587.

6. Robert Arnold. my Brother was Baptized the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, 1593.

7. Elizabeth Arnold my Sister was borne the 9<sup>o</sup> of April, 1596.

\* Query. Is this original document still in existence?—Ed.