

## EMIGRATION TO AMERICA.

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The researches of Rev. Wm. B. Hayden and Mr. Levi Haydon in England, leave little doubt that our ancestor William Hayden was of the Devon line and came over in the "Mary and John" with the company mentioned below. They are still in correspondence, as is also Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden of Wilkes Barre, Pa., with parties in England, hoping to find the particular family and locality from which they came. This would enable us to fix upon the coat of arms belonging to our branch of the family, and I may here explain what is known of the one heretofore adopted. My aunt, Ellen Hayden, when a school girl painted a Hayden coat of arms (which is still in possession of her daughter, Mrs. T. S. Phelps of Windsor), the crest "A Spotted Dog," under direction of her brother, Anson Hayden, who probably had no better authority than is still accessible. The coat of arms with the Hayden genealogy in Stiles' Windsor, was taken by an engraver from the Book of Heraldry, by direction of my brother Nathaniel Hayden, and has no higher authority than the other.

At the time of the emigration there was great religious activity in England. The Church of England held all the field, within her fold were a growing number of those called Puritans (a term dating back nearly to the time of the Reformation), who chafed under the restraints of the Act of Uniformity, and the legal penalties inflicted upon those who rebelled against them, until they sought relief in emigration rather than longer submit to the restraints imposed upon them. An interesting picture of life in England in those days, is seen in the following extracts from the memoirs of Roger Clapp, a young man who came to America in the company of those with whom we find William and John Hayden associated, almost immediately after their arrival in Dorchester.