

Extract from a letter of Mr. Eben Appleton, dated, Liverpool, 20th October, 1818:—

“I now send you the long promised account of my researches into the history of our ancestors. There is little doubt we are descended from William de Appleton of Suffolk, who died in 1326; for although our genealogical tree does not extend in a direct line, further back than John Appleton, (1412,) yet as the estates of William de Appleton were in Haxwell and Boxford in the immediate vicinity of Waldingfield, it is most probable we are a branch of his family. That he was a man of some note, I gather from the pomp and expense attending his funeral; the particulars of which you will find herewith.

The information I have collected is from various sources, exclusive of three journeys to Crayford and Dartford in Kent, South Benfleet in Essex, and into Suffolk. I have looked over county histories, ancient chronicles, books of antiquities and remains, as well as books of heraldry without number. I found in the collection of Harleian Manuscripts at the British Museum, a pedigree of the family of Appleton of Suffolk, from John, 1412, to Samuel who emigrated to America. That our Arms are correct I also ascertained from the same document, as it is there stated that William, the grandfather of John and Samuel, bore