

several of the inhabitants. They all seemed perfectly acquainted with the fact that the Appletons formerly owned much of the land about here, but further than that they knew nothing. I could not hear of any of the name in the county. There is unfortunately, no good county history of Suffolk. Sir Simon D'Ewes collected materials for writing a very particular one, but died before he finished it.

Both Great and Little Waldingfield are small villages, neither of them containing more than 40 houses. The soil seems good, but there is rather an appearance of poverty throughout this part of the country. On my return I examined Chilton church, half way between Waldingfield and Sudbury. In it are some handsome monuments and tombs, belonging to the family of the Cranes who built it. It seems that John Appleton, about 1610, married Frances Crane of Chilton, and resided at Chilton Hall, formerly a large mansion with a moat and drawbridge. The house, reduced in size, is now the residence of Mr. Addison, a banker. Formerly this part of the country was much occupied in woollen manufactures. The Dutch, who first introduced the manufacture of woollen cloths into England, settled in Sudbury. Many wool-combers have resided at Waldingfield within the last eighty years, but there is nothing of the sort now. I was told many good houses had been taken down within the last ten and twenty years, having fallen into decay, and from the