

pedigree it is stated that Frances, the first daughter and coheir of Sir Isaac Appleton, Knt. (brother of your ancestor Samuel) married Jacob Preston of Beeston in Norfolk, and had by him a son, 'Isaac Preston, baptized at Little Waldingfield 1640.' I beg to refer you to Debrett's Baronetage (1837) by which it appears that the present Sir Jacob Henry Preston, Bart., of Beeston St. Lawrence in Norfolk, is descended from Henry Hulton,* 'Commissioner of the Customs, at Boston, North America, from 1768 to 1775,' who married Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Preston of Beeston, and that the said Henry and Elizabeth had issue the first Baronet who took the name of Preston, so that Sir J. H. Preston is the representative through females of the elder branch of your family, and your branch is the only *male* line.

In addition to the observations in my letter respecting the families connected with yours by marriage, I beg to add that the Spring family were very ancient, and came originally from the county of Durham, (see *Surtees's History of Durham*), and were settled at Lavenham near Waldingfield. They flourished in this county as high sheriffs, knights of the shire, &c., until 1736, when the last Baronet died without issue. The Right Hon. Thomas Spring Rice is the represent-

* "In November 1767, Henry Hulton, William Burch, and Charles Paxton arrived in Boston, Commissioners of Customs, under a new Act of Parliament."

Holmes's Annals.