

more freedom was enjoyed in his native land.* He died October, 1662, in his 72nd or 74th year, † at Wyrardsbury on the Thames, near famous Runymede, in County Bucks. His wife died there, October 10, 1657.

The Massachusetts Historical Collection, Volume 6, page 369, 4th series, has a sketch of him, as well as eighteen pages of letters (369 to 386), written by him to John Winthrop, and dated from Roxbury, April 22, 1636, to Springfield, October 19, 1648. He settled first in Roxbury; but about 1636 removed to Springfield, of which town he was the founder. He there lived until 1652, when he, with Captain Smith, his son-in-law, and Rev. Mr. Moxon, the first minister of the town, went to England, never to return.

On page 279, of the same volume, is a letter from Roger Williams, wherein he purposes to write to his old friend Pynchon (about 1649). Page 284 is a letter from Williams to Winthrop, received October 23, 1650, wherein Mr. Williams says Mr. Caukin tells him "of a booke lately come over in Mr. Pynchon's name,

* See, says Mr. Savage, the letter in full to Sir H. Vane, from our Governor Endicott and his Council of Assistants, in Massachusetts Historical Collections, Volume 31, page 36.

† The portrait, in a very few of the copies of this book, is from an engraving in the *Register* for October, 1859, taken from a portrait in the possession of the Essex Institute, at Salem, which has the inscription:

"*Guil. Pynchon, armg. Effigies Delin. Anno Dom. 1659, aet. 67.*"

Making him born in 1590, and aged about 72 at death. The plates are by the kindness of Dr. Joseph C. Pynchon, of Springfield, Massachusetts. There is in that number of the *Register* a sketch of Mr. Pynchon, by the late Charles Stearns, of Springfield. I was not aware of it until my own sketch was written. The matter in the notes herewith is generally from that article. Mr. Savage calls the place of his death Wraisbury. It is Wyrardsbury, pronounced Wraisbury. See "Murray's River Thames," page 266.