

RECORD OF THE PYNCHON FAMILY IN AMERICA.

William¹ Pynchon, the emigrant who came to this country with Gov. Winthrop in 1630, was son of John³ Pynchon of Springfield, Essex County, England; was one of the first patentees of the Colony of Massachusetts. About this time he settled in Roxbury.

There came with him from England John² Pynchon, his son, born A. D. 1621; Annie², wife of Henry Smith, who assisted Col. Pynchon in the government of the colony;

Margaret² married William Davis, a druggist in Boston;

Mary², his youngest daughter, who married Elizur Holyoke, and who gave name to Mt. Holyoke.

The original stone which marked the graves of Mary and Elizur Holyoke, in the old burying ground at the foot of Elm street, on the banks of the Connecticut river, with some of their undoubted remains, were removed by Dr. J. C. Pynchon, and were re-interred in the Pynchon lot, in the new cemetery, in the year 1849.

Col. William¹ Pynchon's wife died in Roxbury, A. D. 1630. He then married Frances Sanford, of Roxbury, and led a colony, A. D. 1636, to Springfield, naming it after his father's country seat in England. After residing with the colony and governing the same for sixteen years, viz., until A. D. 1652, he was deposed from his magisterial offices in consequence of writing a book, on the subject of Christ's Atonement, whose sentiments were deemed heretical by the ministers of the ruling theology, and by the Legislature of the State. The book was