

## English History.

**J**OHN DAVIES, the earliest American ancestor of the family whose record is contained in these pages, came to America in the year 1735, and settled in Litchfield, Conn., where the remainder of his life was passed, and where for nearly a century some of his descendants continued to reside.

He had previously lived in the town of Kington, Herefordshire, England, and left there behind him his only son John, already married and the father of a family, who, with his wife and children, subsequently emigrated to America, and joined his parent at the home he had established in the country of his adoption.

The losses of property, and the general breaking up of the family, that resulted from the loyalty to the mother-country which it maintained during the War of the Revolution, have caused the loss of such family records and memorials as were brought from England, and a long and diligent search through old parish registers and other available sources of information has been required to give foundation for the few facts that are now accessible.

From the best information that can be thus obtained, it appears that John Davies, the first immigrant to this country, was the only son of Thomas Davies, fourth son of Robert Davies, of Gwysany Castle in the parish of Mold, Flintshire, England.

Thomas Davies, as the younger son of an English family, was mainly dependent upon his own efforts for success in life, and became a merchant in London, where he remained until some time subsequent to the year 1680, when the last reference to him in that city can be found.

He thence removed to Kington, Herefordshire, where he died,