

ANCESTRY OF THE WATERS FAMILY OF MARIETTA, OHIO,
DESCENDANTS OF JAMES WATERS OF
LONDON, ENGLAND.

FIRST GENERATION.

JAMES WATERS, of St. Buttolph without Aldgate London, citizen and ironmonger of London; will dated 17 May, 1617, proved 16 Feb'y, 1617; to be buried in St. Buttolph's parish, near children; wife Phebe and son RICHARD WATERS (under twenty-one years of age) legatees; partner Samuel Rowland. [Meade, I. 17.]

Phebe, his widow, married William Plasse, as will be seen from the following record:

1618-19 Feb'y 18, William Plasse of St. Botolph Aldgate, London, gunmaker, and Phebe Waters, of same, widow of James Waters Ironmonger at St. Botolph aforesaid, have license to marry granted them by the Bishop of London.

Richard Waters and William Plasse came to New England.

"William Plasse was a gunsmith to whom the town of Salem (Mass.) granted, in 1637, for him and his wife the house formerly Mr. Conant's — — — &c., and in 1643 appointed a committee to provide for him a convenient room to work in — &c. He died in 1640 and his estate was administered by Thomas Wickes or Weeks, whose wife Alice (afterwards wife of Nicholas Potter) and two children, Hannah, wife of John Pickman, and Bethia, wife of John Archer, are afterwards found in occupancy of the real estate. The gunsmith's tools were said to be in the possession of Richard Waters, who calls himself a son-in-law of the deceased."

The following items are from the town records of Salem, as given in the "History of Sutton":

"4th-5 mo-1637 William Plaise requested a tenne acre lott & it is granted 21 d-6 mo-1637-it is ordered yt mr Connants house, ground & half-acre of corn standing on the same joining next unto mr Jno. fisk shall be bought by the Towne for ould mr William Plase & the Towne to mak payment thereof."

(Mem.—This house of Mr. Roger Conant, leader or governor of the "old Planters", as they were called, who had already made a settlement here before the coming of Endicott and Winthrop, stood on the land now occupied by the late residence of the Hon. Jacob S. Rogers, deceased, opposite Derby square and the town hall.)

"25-10-1637.— the marsh and meadow Lands that have formerly layed in comon to this towne shall now be appropriated to the Inhabitants of Salem, proportioned out unto them according to the heads of their families."