

Susan Woodward, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Oldbury) Woodward by whom he had three sons, John, James and Henry, and one daughter, Elizabeth. The present head of this family, Sir Dudley Duckworth King, Bart, was unable to trace his line farther back than the pedigree given in the Herald's Visitations but a vigorous search by the author resulted in establishing as the earliest ancestor, Henry Kynge of Beckenham, Kent, Gent, who died and was buried there in 1520, his tomb standing in the churchyard as late as 1800. He had known issue, Robert, Henry and Richard, and his son Robert King was father of Henry King, who in turn was the father of John King of Bromley, the draper. A full pedigree has been compiled of these Beckenham and Bromley Kings to date, and to the best knowledge of the descendants now living in Kent and to the author, based upon family records and searches, no member of the family ever came to New England between 1620-1720.

It is from a King family of Kent that Rufus King (Richard, John), 1755-1827, of Jamaica, Long Island, New York, the eminent statesman and Minister to England in 1826 claimed descent, and upon his return from England brought back the coat-of-arms used by the Bromley, Kent, "King" family and caused same to be engraved upon all his silver. No proof has ever been advanced that his ancestors came from Kent, England, or that he was connected with the King family of Bromley and Beckenham, Kent, and the right to the use of these arms cannot be shown. All that is actually disclosed by an exhaustive search of the family and public records is that Rufus King was the son of Richard King of Watertown, Mass., and Scarborough, Maine, 1718-1775, by his second wife, Mary Black of York, Maine.

Richard King is described as "house carpenter," but later on is called "Gentleman" in the Maine Public Records. Dr. Adam Porter, who married a sister of Richard King of Scarborough, Maine, stated in his MSS., without giving any record proof, that Richard Kinge was a son of John and Mary (Stowell) King, "who came from Kent" and "settled in Boston," where he, said John King, followed the trade of a "whitesmith."

All proof of John King's descent from or relation to any King family in Kent, England, is lacking and even the fact that he was the father of Richard King of Scarborough, Maine, has been questioned.

During investigation of the English King families, however, certain records were discovered which might indicate that the Scarborough, Maine, and Jamaica, New York, King family originally came from Wiltshire, England, but as yet this location of the family cannot be definitely stated.

#### KING OF ELTHAM, KENT.

ARMS: "Party per fesse indented *gules* and *sable*, a lion rampant *or*, crowned with a ducal coronet *argent* between three crosses-crosslet fitchee, *argent*."

CREST: "On a wreath *or* and *gules*, an ostrich head couped at