

JOHN FOULSHAM.

Foulsham, Norfolk, England, is a parish and market town on the East Norfolk branch of the Great Eastern Railway. The parish church of the Holy Innocents, a large flint structure, was built about 1489, burnt in 1770, and afterward rebuilt. Its earliest register dates from 1708. This parish and manor gave its name to the Folsom family, or Foulsham, as it was first spelt in New England.

Members of this family were found in other parts of England, in the earlier times. Benedictus de Folsham was summoned to the Parliament that met at Lincoln, Sept. 15, 1327, and again to Westminster, Sept. 26, 1337, to represent the city of London. Walter de Berney, an ecclesiastic of Norwich, in his will in 1379 gives John de Folsham and two others forty pounds to prosecute their studies at Oxford. Sir Robert Fulsham, clerk of Alholowen, Chichester, Sussex, died in 1502. Richard Folsham, citizen and salter, of the parish of St. Mathew's in Friday street, London, died in 1575. Foulsham was often confounded with Foljambe. John Foulsham, of Hingham, Mass., and Exeter, N.H., was of a branch of the family that remained in Norfolk. In a deed in Vol. II. of the Old Norfolk County Records, which covered a part of Essex County, Mass., and the adjoining territory in New Hampshire, John Foulsham granted his son Peter "40 or 50 acres of land in Hingam in ye

NOTE. — Photograph of Church at Foulsham was given me by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Frost, at Foulsham, June 29, 1881.

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