

months after this visit Franklin was called upon to mourn the deaths of his aged relatives.

From Wellingborough he proceeded to Ecton, a few miles distant, where for two hundred years the Franklins had lived and died, and visited the rector of the parish church, the Rev. Eyre Whalley (whose wife was a granddaughter of the famous Archdeacon Palmer), who showed him the parish registers, and several of the family grave-stones in the church-yard, which were so covered with moss that he could not copy the inscriptions on those of his uncle and aunt until they were cleaned.

The rector's wife, whom Franklin describes as "a good-natured, chatty old lady," also could remember many personal characteristics of members of the family.

Banbury was visited a few days later, where he met the husband of his deceased cousin Jane, daughter of John Franklin, and in the church-yard copied the inscription on the gravestone of his grandfather, Thomas Franklin.

Following the return of Franklin to London from his "ramble through a great part of England" he received from Mr. Whalley a transcript of the registers at Ecton relating to his ancestors.

"The Register of Ecton in the County of Northampton begins Sept<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1559.

"Those contained in it of the Name of Franklin are taken out in the Words & Spelling of the Register; & are as followeth, viz.

#### BAPTIZED.

- Ap. 8. 1563. Robeart son of Thomas Franckline.
  - Aug<sup>r</sup> 1. 1565. Jane daughter of Thomas Franckline.
  - May 16. 1567. John son of Thomas Francklyne.
  - May 9. 1570. James son of Thomas Francklyne.
  - May 26. 1573. Henry son of Thomas Francklyne.
  - Feb<sup>r</sup> 28. 1595. Thomas son of Henry Francklyne.
  - Oct<sup>r</sup> 8. 1598. Thomas son of Henry Francklin.
  - Mar. 11. 1637. Thomas son of Thomas Francklin.
  - Nov<sup>r</sup> 7. 1641. Samuel son of Thomas Francklin.
  - Mar. 23. 1650. Benjamin son of Thomas Francklin & Jane his wife.
  - Oct<sup>r</sup> 29. 1654. Hannah daughter of Francklin & Jane his wife borne
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