

The foregoing extracts, from Somerby's Investigations, are given as a prelude to the account of the individual Hunt, of Yorkshire, England, who planted the family in Weymouth, Mass., whose genealogy we are recording.

## WILLIAM HUNT, YORK, ENGLAND, TRADITION.

Prior to the arrival of the family in America, we have no records and must resort to tradition.

Samuel Hunt of Boston, who died 1774, at an advanced age, gave the following account of his grandfather Ephraim Hunt, prior to his arrival at Weymouth; where he came a refugee from the disastrous field of Marston Moor.

"Ephraim Hunt's true name was William, he was a Tory Cavalier and chief of Artillery in the Army of Prince Rupert. Artillery at that time was not so generally understood as it has since become. Col. Hunt was a very scientific man, of the greatest proficiency in his department. The Royal Army lay at York; the city was besieged by the insurgents; with such skill did he wield the arm of the force with which he was entrusted, that the credit of causing the enemy to raise the siege of York was freely accorded to him. The army was flushed with victory, and Col. Hunt was the hero of the day. Prince Rupert conferred the dignity of knighthood upon him, and directed that as his coat of arms he should bear in a shield a cannon, in addition to the Wolf's head, the crest of the Hunt family; this was in 1644." Such is the tradition as related by Samuel Hunt, the grandson of the refugee, who could not fail to be informed on the subject, as he was born 1689, only 45 years after the events transpired; with him it was a favorite topic, and always related whenever the subject of family descent was discussed.

One of the sons of Ephraim Hunt, as we shall call him, was Thomas Hunt, father of the above-named Samuel. Thomas, all his life, lived in terror of trouble, if his father's early history should be known; by reference to the archives of the State, we shall find the efforts he made to quash all suspicions in that direction.

Immediately after the successes achieved by the chief of Artillery at York, the rashness of Prince Rupert brought on the battle of Marston