

OCCUPATION.

Since, several generations were artisans and dealers in woolens, and since Leeds, ? his home ? was the center of English woolen industry, we believe that his pursuit. This would explain his dislike of Rhode Island, where there were no sheep and no manufacturing.

WHY CHOOSE IRELAND?

For centuries Ireland was a hotbed of treason. Successive rebellions were quelled by fire and sword, wide sections depopulated, and the confiscated lands given Protestant settlers from England and Scotland.

Perhaps such an inducement caused him to settle among the outraged, robbed, and revengeful Romanists. Tradition says that he, his son and grandson all died aged 66. Of his children we know of but one, viz:

2. **WILLIAM RHODES,**² born 1727. He was a Quaker. April 17, 1755, married Eliza White, who died February 6, 1763. He married second, January 16, 1754, Mary Dudley.

CHILDREN.

3. **MARY RHODES,**³ born May 5, 1756; died May 27, 1794.
4. **JOHN RHODES,**³ born April 26, 1759.
5. **WILLIAM RHODES,**³ born August 23, 1761; died May, 1762. His son (3a), **WILLIAM DUDLEY RHODES,**³ November 17, 1769; married Lydia Carter, 1797; had fifteen children. Two sons and four daughters lived to marry, namely:

6. **ROBERT RHODES,** born 1801, died 1832.

7. **SAMUEL RHODES,** born 1812, died 18--?

8. **ANNE, LYDIA, ELLEN, FANNIE.**

6. **ROBERT RHODES** left two sons, viz.:

9. { **THOMAS RHODES,** of Roscrea, now of Dublin.

10. { **HENRY P. RHODES,** of Bristol, England, who died 1891-2? His family moved to Glasgow, Scotland.

7. **SAMUEL RHODES'** widow, 1839, lived at Roscrea. Two of her sons and two daughters live near Dublin.

8. **RICHARD F. RHODES,** son of Samuel, 1798, is carrying on the old business, Main street, Roscrea.

9. **THOMAS RHODES** resides at 29 Highfield Road, Rathgar, County Dublin. He writes, December 10, 1897: "None of the descendants of William D. Rhodes ever did anything worth recording, that I know of—always been honest, hard working traders. None of them ever became conspicuous or joined any of the professions, except a cousin, an M. D., now in Australia. For generations they have have been spoken of as *Very Honest Men.*"