

reasons to confirm it, that William and John were brothers, and descendants of Sir John Field sons of William Field, a son of Sir John.

A careful investigation of the records of Plymouth and Salem throw no light on this subject. Neither is there any evidence that either of them attempted a settlement in either town. On the records of Providence are recorded some business transactions between William and John, among others the transfer of valuable property, where no money is mentioned as compensation, but "valuable considerations already received" is mentioned instead. This and some other considerations indicate more than a mere friendly interest between the parties, but no relationship is mentioned. Myron Barr Field, of New York, thus traces the genealogy of William Field. "He was the son of William Field, born 1571, who was son of Sir John Field, who died in 1587, who was the son of Richard Field, who died 1542, who was grand-son of William, who died 1480." Osgood Field in his book of genealogy says of Sir John Field, "that he descended from and used the same 'arms' of the family of Hubertus de la Feld, who went to England with William the Conqueror; and who traced his family back to the Chateau de la Feld, near Colmar in Alsatia, in France, where the counts of that name had been seated for centuries — so early as the darkest period that succeeded the fall of the Roman Empire." He also states that "in addition to the original arms of this ancient family of the West Riding of Yorkshire — 'Sable a chevron between three garbs argent' — was granted to Sir John Field in recognition of his services to science." "A dexter arm issuing out of clouds, proper, pessesways, habited Gules, holding in the hand also proper a sphere Or." He also states that the prefix 'de la' was dropped at the time of the war between England and France, as unpopular. He traces on the records of Bradford and other places the gradual change of the name from Ffield to Field, in the transfer of the same property, in the course of time. He also alludes to the fact that some of the property that belonged to that ancient family is called "Field's court" at the present time.

There is a remarkable recurrence of the same names among the descendants of the families of Thomas and John Field, that prevailed in the family of Sir John and his ancestors. The names William, Thomas, Richard, John, James, Jeremiah, Zachariah, and Daniel are in every generation.

Personal resemblance and traits of character are still traceable in some of the older members of both families; strongly marked features, keen blue eyes, and sandy or brown hair characterized the earlier families. Stern integrity of purpose, stubborn wills, fierce tempers and indomitable independence prevailed in both as a class, exhibiting the antecedents of a haughty race unaccustomed to servility.

The homestead of John Field was situated on the "western side of the salt water," in the neighborhood of "Cowpen Point." Besides large tracts of land in Cranston and Smithfield, he also owned the