

Many have been under the impression that our ancestors in England lived in the County of Wiltshire. This is not so. The Hunttons of East Knoyle, Wiltshire, are of an entirely different family from the Huntings of Suffolk. A member of the Hunton family came to America about the same time as John Hunting, and settled near him. The similarity of their names may have caused many to think they were relatives. I have a genealogy of the Hunttons which traces the entire family for several hundred years back, showing no connection whatever with the Huntings. Having corresponded with the compiler of that genealogy for a long time upon the subject, he convinced me that the "Coat of Arms," long thought to have belonged to our family, was really that of the Hunttons. This caused further search to be made, and resulted in there being found at the College of Heraldry, in London, a "Coat of Arms" granted to the Huntings, as is supposed, owing to its simplicity, sometime during the Eleventh Century. This is represented on page 3. The Hunton "Arms" are thus blazoned: "Sable on a chevron, ermine between three talbots passant, argent; Crest, a demi-talbot rampant and erased, argent." Granted in 1578. These were changed soon after by William Hunton to "Ar, on a chev, per pale, gu, and az, between three talbots passant, sa. as many stags' heads caboshed, or; Crest, a demi-talbot, gu, collared and Eared; or, holding between his paws a stag's head caboshed of the first." As this shows two "Arms" for the one family, no doubt some of the Huntings thought one must have belonged to us, and so caused the error that has prevailed for many years.