

Through this happy discovery we are at last introduced, in all probability, to the immediate family of the two emigrants to Virginia, their mother, brother, three sisters, uncle, aunts, cousins and grand-father by marriage; for I suppose we may reasonably infer the marriage of Mr. Andrew Knowling with the widowed mother of William Roudes, Amphillis Washington, Elizabeth Fitzherbert and Susanna Billing. The name of the husband of Amphillis is not given, but from the fact that the executor and residuary legatee named in the will is called Lawrence Washington the younger, we may also conjecture that his father's name was Lawrence.

A visit to Tring came next in order. There I was most cordially received by the Vicar of that parish, the Rev. W. Quennell, who, having a taste for such investigations and being evidently pleased that I had traced the Washington family to his parish, was kind enough to assist me. The Registers previous to 1634, I found, were not in very good order, and I made a rather hasty examination of them. That beginning 1634 was entitled "A Register Booke containing all the names hereafter Named either Baptized, Married or Buried. Bought by Maister Andreu Knollinge, Richard Hunton" (and others, whose names are given and who are called churchwardens). In it I found the following:—

Baptisms.

Crispines sene our Ladie daye Anno Dom̄ 1635 Lavaranc sonn of Lavarance Washington June the xxiii^d

Baptized sene our Ladye daye Anno dom 1636 Elizabeth da of Mr Larranc Washington Aug xvii

Baptized sene Mickellmas daye Anno Dom̄ 1641 William sonn of Mr Larrance Washenton baptized the xiiith daij

Burials.

Andrew Knolling was bur^d this xxith of January 1649.

Edward Fitzherbert bur. the iii of May 1654.

Mrs Washington bur: ye xix of Jan: 1654.

Mr John Dagnall of the Grove bur^d 17 Aug. 1691.

This confirmed my conjecture that the father's name was Lawrence; and, from the fact that the son was called "Lawrence Washington the younger" in Mr. Knowling's will, it is plain that the father was alive when that will was made, in January, 1649-50. I did not find the baptisms of John, Margaret or Martha Washington, and could not therefore determine the age of John Washington at the date of his immigration to Virginia. Fortunately this was settled, near enough, in another way. My next discovery was the following:—

February 1655 The Eighth day Līes of ad̄con yssued forth to John Washington the n̄fall and lawfull sone of Amphillis Washington late of Tring in the County of Hertford deēd to ad̄ster the goodes Chēlls and debtes of the said deēd Hee beeing first sworne truly to ad̄ster &c.

Admon. Act Book (P. C. C.), 42.