

IV. Anne, wife of Francis Paradise of Devizes, had issue.

V. Mary of Devizes, died unmarried. Will dated, 1749.

2. Robert, of whom presently.

3. Mary, born 1657, died 1735, mar. to Nicholas Bittle, of Worslay, co. Gloster, and had issue.

4. Anne, born 1659, mar. to William Withers of Bishops Cannings, and had issue.

William Waylen, of Nurstead House, died 1697, and was succeeded at Nurstead and Potterne by his two sons, William and Robert. William, though resident elsewhere, seems to have inherited the larger portion of the Nurstead lands. Robert remained on the spot, to farm the smaller portion and the Potterne estate. It is through the latter that the succession will now have to be carried on, namely.

ROBERT WAYLEN, of Nurstead and Potterne, born 1655. His marriage with Mary Withers the widow of John Pound of Bishops Cannings took place in 1688, his father settling on them the Potterne lands aforesaid, and relinquishing to their use the house at Nurstead. The marriage indenture is made between William Waylen the elder of Bishops Cannings, of the first part,—John Withers of Bourton, William Withers of Bishops Cannings, William Waylen the younger of Rowde, and Nicholas Bittle of Worslay in Gloucestershire, of the second part,—and Robert Waylen of Nurstead in Bishops Cannings and Mary Pound of Bourton, widow, of the third part. The widow was then thirty years of age. She died at Nurstead house in 1749, aged ninety-one years.

Few Wiltshire families suffered more for Quakerism than that of Withers. They come into notice in 1656, during the protectorate of Cromwell, and their persecutions lasted till the hostility of John Methuen, lord of the manor of Bourton and M.P., for Devizes, procured their expulsion from Bishops Cannings. The narrative in full may be read in *Besse's Sufferings*, and cannot be here recited, except the case of William Withers the presumed husband of Anne Waylen. This yeoman, who inherited a copyhold from his father, had long continued to be periodically presented by the "homage" as tenant. The manor, belonging to the