

his grandmother came. His Devizes residence is supposed to have been the house now known as No. 2 in St. John's Street. Of this ancestor I have asked my father (who was his grandson) to give me some descriptive account; but though he just remembered him, sufficiently to recall his personal appearance, being himself about eight years of age at the time of the old gentleman's death, nothing beyond the following shadowy reminiscence can now be ventured on. It was the practice at that time for the gentry of the town to resort during the forenoon to what was termed the Parade, a flagged space extending from the old pillar-cross near St. John's Street to the centre of the market-place, probably the only bit of pavement in the borough. Here the arrival and departure of distinguished travellers to and from Bath might be observed, at the *Black Bear*; and here, in the absence of newspapers, the public events of the day found their necessary ventilation. It was as an individual in this customary morning group that Mr. Waylen held a place in my father's memory.

By his wife Katharine Tane, aforesaid, who died in 1758, Mr. Waylen had two children, as follows:—

1. Robert, of whom presently.
2. Katharine, 1745, died 1825, having married Joel, son of Robert Rowden, by whom she had ten children, all of whom died unmarried. Mrs. Rowden witnessed the scene of confusion in the Market-place of Devizes, when Ruth Pierce fell dead, as recorded on the Market-cross of that town.

Mr. Waylen survived his wife twenty-one years, dying in 1779, and was buried in the churchyard of Southbroom St. James, or Devizes Green. The provisions of his will are very simple, his son Robert taking the real estate and £400 in money, while an annuity is secured for Mrs. Rowden. Exors., William Powell of Devizes Wick, and John Anstie of Devizes, cloth manufacturer. He was succeeded by his only son.

ROBERT WAYLEN, of Devizes, born 1740; resident at the corner house in the Market-place, now numbered 27 and occupied by Mr. Willis. From an early period of life Mr. Waylen had the happiness to possess a friend and monitor