

displayed in this collection of materials. Possessing exceptional facilities of access to original and authentic sources of information, he has made a careful examination of legal documents, monumental memorials and parish registers. And the result is a large and valuable collection of notices of baptisms, marriages, deeds, burials, wills, and other interesting particulars, extending into neighboring counties; besides the direct lines of descent. We have thus many new collateral facts in relation to both the Norfolk and Watford branches; while now we are able to pursue with less obscurity the different branches of the Devonshire line, noticing where they diverge and where they interlace. And we can correct some of the inaccuracies heretofore derived from Prince's "Devon Worthies." Colonel Bulwer states that he still has (1884) in his possession at Heydon Hall "An oblong painting, on panel, of an Italian chateau with figures in the foreground, and said to have come from Saxlingham Hall, one of the seats of the Heydon family."

The immediate origin of our immigrant ancestors is still somewhat in doubt; but we hope we are working towards a satisfactory conclusion. Not long before the emigration to America, the name frequently appears in the west of England, in places closely contiguous to the county of Devon. Inquiries are being pushed in that direction; while some have surmised that perhaps we are to look to one of the younger branches of the Watford stem for the ancestors of our line. According to Colonel Bulwer's tables, however, all the branches and twigs of the Devonshire family appear to belong to one stock, and to be closely related to each other. (See W. B. Hayden's original draft, page 2.)