

INQUIRIES AT HINTON BLEWITT.

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Col. Bulwer's book on the Heydon Pedigree contains the record of a will of Joane Haydon of Witcombe, in the parish of Hinton Blewitt, county of Somerset, widow, dated Jan. 5, 1637. Among other legacies, she leaves portions to her two sons, *William Haydon* and *John Haydon*. The will was proved May 31, 1638; and her daughter Anaye, who had married one Roger Tegge, is made sole executrix. She was buried at Chewton, Apr. 4, 1638.

The names and the date led me to open a correspondence with the Rev. R. C. W. Raben, the present occupant of the rectory there, hoping to acquire some information that would be interesting to us all. Mr. R. has kindly attended to an examination of both the Registers at Hinton and the adjoining parish of Chewton. In both are found numerous entries of Haydons, from 1570 to 1681. But the search thus far discloses nothing definite in regard to our emigrating ancestors.

One interesting record is. "John Haydon married Johan (for Joan) Tegge, in 1570, and had four sons.

" WILLIAM,	baptized Jan. 14, 1571.
" RICHARD,	" Sept. 15, 1572-73.
" JAMES,	" July 25, 1574.
" JOHN,	" Jan. 11, 1576."

Here we have the three names, William, John, and James, but they are just a generation too old to be the three having those names who came to Boston in 1630.

In 1572, Thomas Haydon married Johan Edgill, and they had a daughter Frances, baptized in 1573, and a son William, baptized 1575.

In 1605, John Haydon, presumably the John born in 1576, married Christian Webb. In 1612, a John Haiden, son of Richard and Agnes Haiden, was baptized. In 1613, William and Sara Haydon had a son called John. In 1630, there is a burial of "John Haydon the elder." There are other details, and entries running on to later dates.

In conclusion, Mr. Raben writes,— "as far as I can learn the family left Witcombe in the seventeenth century; and beyond a field still known by the name of Heydon's Mead, and a small brook or a