

REMARKS.

The compiler of this genealogy of the Pynchon family thought it a duty he owed to said family to make its history as complete as possible, and to pass it on to future generations. It seemed a pity, while so much care had been taken by his progenitors to preserve the line complete, from Nicholas Pynchon, high sheriff of London, under the reign of King Henry VIII., and from about the year 1515 down to the present time, that I should neglect to add what little I could to this history and genealogy. I have not been able to trace the collateral branches, but there are many others in this vicinity as well as in more distant places, who have some connection of blood and of kindred, in a nearer or remoter degree, who can, with the parent stem preserved, easily trace the branches, if in the future they should care to do so, and thus go back to their origin. What I have done has no merit. I have simply made use of what has been done, in the way of research, by others. It was reserved for the eighth generation to be the iconoclasts, who demolished the old fort, and partitioned and sold out the remaining ancestral lands, to be enjoyed by others. I feel that I have simply done, in a small way, a pious duty, and have done it, at that, most imperfectly.

I wish to acknowledge that I have been aided by notes of Judge Henry Morris, presented by him, and read before the Connecticut Valley Historical Association, of this city, whose labors and researches have done so much to enlighten us as to the early history of this ancient town, and of the Connecticut Valley. To the later descendants of the Pynchon family he has been an invaluable teacher, and they owe to him a debt of gratitude which can scarcely be repaid.

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