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Preface

THE details in the main part of this book—namely, in the first part, relating to my uncle John Smith—are derived from notes or memories of my own close intimacy with him, when he was getting on in years. I saw him often; and in him, others assured me, I might see what earlier generations of our family had been like. Yet, much as he may have resembled his forefathers, he had his own individuality; by which I mean that he was always sincere with himself. If he fancied he liked anything his father and mother had liked, it had to win his own approval too, or it had no chance with him. Probably even this was an hereditary trait; probably he was in nothing so much like his father as in a certain unbending attitude in which, with all his amiability, he never departed from the convictions he had proved, the behaviour he had adopted, for himself.

And being thus faithful to his own views, which presumably were those of his childhood, traditional in his ancestry, John Smith was, it