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HOUSE BUILT BY WILLIAM BECK, 1808, NORTH WILMINGTON, NEAR BOSTON, MASS.

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"It has been well said that a people who have no praise for their ancestors shall find little pride in their posterity."¹

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"It is indeed a blessing when the virtues of noble races are hereditary, and do derive themselves from the imitation of virtuous ancestors."²

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PREFACE.

THE author of the Genealogy of the Welburn Bark Family, having died before the book was completed, left the finishing of her work to one who loved her well, and who has endeavored to accomplish the work in the same accurate and painstaking manner in which it was commenced. To all who contributed aid in the making of this book thanks are given, as would have been in accordance with the wishes of the author.

MRS. ELIZABETH S. RICHARDS.

LIST OF BOOKS

From Which Information and Dates of Birth and Death Relating to the
Early Members of This Family Were Obtained.

The Original Lists of Persons of Quality, Emigrants, Religious Exiles,
&c., who went from Great Britain to the American Plantations, 1660-1700.
From Manuscripts preserved in the State Paper Department of Her Majesty's
Public Record Office, England.

Edited by John Camden Horne—1874.

Early Records of Cambridge, by L. B. Page.

Biography of Rev. Thos. Shepard, by Rev. Alexander McClure.

Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of Massachusetts.
Baptisms from Rehoboth.

Hinman's Lives of the Puritans.

Harris' Epitaphs.

History of Charlestown, by Frothingham.

History of Scituate, by Samuel Deane—1831.

History of Woburn, by Sewall.

History of Haverhill, by Chase.

History of Bucksport, by Rufus Buck.

Memoirs of the Moses, by Rev. Abner Morse—1850.

NATIONALITY, ORIGIN AND ANTIQUITY OF THE NAME BUCK

The name Buck as a surname is probably of English origin. Lower, in his history of "English Surnames" gives the name as one of those probably originating from names of animals, and says (p. 106): "We may fairly conclude, I think, that sometimes such surnames as . . . Buck, . . . which indicate courage or agility, have been taken from the shields and banners of war; but . . . sometimes a craftsman or innholder borrowed his name from his own sign."—(p. 191) "With respect to the more modern names of this sort . . . they generally occur in mediæval records with the Norman French prefix 'le' as Roger le Buck . . . In their primary application they were sobriquets allusive, as in the cases above cited, either to the characteristic qualities of the persons, or to some incident of their lives."

In the preface to Hudson's *Richard III* we find: "The attempt at reforming public opinion was led off by Sir George Buck, whose history of Richard III was published in 1646."

Allibone's Dictionary gives: "Bue or Buck, Sir George, died 1623. The life and reign of Richard III, London, 1646-47; printed in Kennet's History of England."

"In Burke's *Armory*" a Sir John Buck is mentioned as Provost Marshal under the Earl of Essex (16th century).

There was a baronet, Sir Charles Bucke, in Yorkshire, whose name appears as a subscriber to a book of Poems.

EXPLANATIONS.

The figures placed immediately before each name denote the number of that person, and whenever it occurs again enables the reader to turn to the place where that individual is first mentioned.

No attempt has been made to trace the collateral branches of this family until the sixth generation, though facts that came to light concerning any of them are mentioned.

The descendants of Colonel Jonathan Buck are represented as far as they could be ascertained. Great effort has been made to give them entirely and much regret is consequently felt that some of the branches have become so widely scattered that they are no longer traceable.

Where marriages have been contracted between cousins belonging to different generations the children of such marriages are placed in the generation next succeeding that of their father.