

## ENGLISH ANCESTRY.

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Some years since, at the earnest solicitation of members of the family, I undertook the task of revising the "Sears Genealogy" and bringing it down to date.

I did so in the belief, common to the family and public generally, that the English Ancestry of Richard Sares, of Yarmouth, as published, was entirely authentic, and that little more was to be learned on that head.

Soon after commencing my labors however, my attention was drawn to discrepancies in the pedigree, seemingly irreconcilable, and an investigation was found necessary.

The result of my researches proves beyond question that not one step of the pedigree can be substantiated by existing records, and on the contrary some portions are impossible, and others in conflict with known authorities.

I have been desirous to give the facts publicity, *in order that the pedigree may no longer be copied, and quoted as authority*, as has been done in numerous local histories and family genealogies, *and in the hope that, attention being drawn to the subject, renewed searches may discover the true origin of Richard Sares.*

In the proper places I have alluded to many errors, and will here therefore only refer to those most vital to the pedigree, as printed in "Pictures of the Olden Time," etc., edn. 1857, Crosby, Nichols & Co., Boston, and edited by the late Rev. Edmund H. Sears, D. D.

Part II, p. 10. "John Sayer of Colchester, Alderman, etc., d. 1509, leaving by Elizabeth his wife, three sons, viz., John, Robert and George.