

"The eldest of these, John, d. in 1562, leaving two sons, viz., Richard and George.

"The eldest of these, Richard, is the subject of the first of the sketches in 'Pictures of the Olden Time.' He was born in Colchester in 1508, married Ann Bouchier, dau. of Edmd. Knyvet, * * *, of Ashwellthorpe, co. Norf., second son of Sir Edwd. Knyvet, * * *. Richard became a fugitive to Holland in 1537, and d. Amsterdam, 1540, * * *. His wife, the Lady Anne, clung faithfully to her husband in his adversity, and incurred the lasting displeasure of the Knyvets. It is inferred that her father became so bitterly estranged from her, as to erase her name from all his family records, that she might be forgotten forever, for he gave to a younger daughter the name of Anne, while she was yet living. * * * George Sayer in consequence of Richard's flight, secured for himself possession of the patrimonial inheritance. This George d. 1577, * * *. His descendant, and eventual heiress, married Sir John Marsham."

There is much confusion in the various printed accounts of the Sayer family of Colchester. Morant in his Hist. of Col., Book 2, p. 43, says, "John Sayer, Alderman of this town d. Feb. 14, 1509. John Sayer, his son, d. 1563.

"George Sayer son of the last, was an Alderman of this Corporation, and one of the Bailiffs. * * * Richard his eldest son, d. Sep. 1610. * * * George the second son, who departed this life the 3 July, 1596, married Rose Cardinall."

Wright in his Hist. of Essex, Book 2, p. 409, says, "John Sayer, Alderman, d. 1509, and his son John in 1563.

"George his son was an Alderman," etc.

Whether he means that George was son of the first, or of the second John, is not clear.

Morant errs in stating that the Richard Sayer who died in 1610, was the son of George. It is true he, (George,) did have a son Richard, but as he is not mentioned in his father's will dated 1573, and proved in 1577, it is probable he was then dead without issue.

But George does give £20 to his "*nephew* Richard," doubtless the son of his brother John, and the same Richard who