

died in 1610, "aged full four score," as inscribed on his brass in St. Peter's Ch. Col. The arms on that brass, quarter Sayer and Wesden. George Sayer, and John, his younger brother, married sisters, co-heiresses of Wesden of Lincolnshire, and as George's son Richard was dead before 1573, it follows that the Richard quartering the maternal arms of Wesden, must have been the son of John, and it is so stated in the Heralds Visitation of Essex, for the year 1612, pub. Har. So., 1878, Part I, p. 286.

If, as Morant says, the Richard who died in 1610, was the elder son of George, why did his younger brother, George, Jr., who died in 1596, succeed to the paternal estates in 1577?

Here we have an apparent case of a *Richard Sayer the eldest son*, being *supplanted by his younger brother George*, and I have no doubt that the person who constructed the pedigree of Richard Sares of Yarmouth, had in mind this erroneous statement of Morant. It is in the highest degree improbable that two elder brothers Richard were disinherited, and supplanted by two younger brothers George, in succeeding generations.

The Heralds Visitation of Essex, for 1612, says that "George Sayer of Col. in com. Essex, gentle, sonne & heire," and "John Sayer of Col. 2d sonne," were the sons of " . . . Sayer of Col. in Ess. Gentleman," which leaves it an open question whether George was the son of John Sayer the Alderman, or, as Morant says, his grandson.

That John, (bro. of George,) was a second son, is confirmed by his brass in St. Peter's Ch. Col., whereon his coat of arms is differenced by a crescent, the distinguishing heraldic mark of a second son.

The late John Sayer, Esq're., Barrister, of Pett Hall, Charing, and Lord of the Manor of Smarden in Kent, who died in 1886, was the representative head of the elder line of George Sayer of Colchester.

He was at great pains in compiling a pedigree of the family, entered in "The College of Arms," London, to eliminate the errors in the published accounts of the family, and to supply the omissions. An abridged extract from this pedigree was