

RICHARD Williams, Taunton 1637, went from Salem, whither Baylies I. 284, suppose. he came, bec. his w. Frances Dighton was sis. of the first w. of Capt. Endicott, wh. is a sad error, as it was Gov. Thomas Dudley's w. that was meant. Perhaps the historian of Plymouth was misled in his assumpt. of the first resid. at S. by ano. suppos. that he was br. of Roger; but either of these seem to me very improb. tho. not so wild as the tradit. that he was a relat. of Oliver Cromwell. He was one of the first purch. of the terit. from the Ind. and was the chief male inhab. for many yrs. sprung from Glamorgansh. and m. it is said, by Emery I. 44, in Gloucestersh. had ch. John, prob. d. young; Samuel, Joseph, Nathaniel, bapt. 7 Feb. 1641, Thomas, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Hannah; and not has date of b. nor is there approxima. for any of the eight, exc. Elizabeth a. 1647, prob. therefore one of the oldest half, wh. m. John Bird of Dorchester; Hannah m. John Parmenter of Boston, as his sec. w. As it is very clear, that all these ch. were b. long after he sett. at T. I. greatly distr. the tradit. of his very early coming to our country, and more the Gloucestersh. w. He was rep. 1646, 8, 50, and sev. later yrs. but the time of his d. is not found. Descend. have been num. and highly respect