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Containing the Willoughby Constitution and information in his possession relative to the Willoughby Property in England, and the Family Relics brought to America by the Willoughby Family: likewise several Genealogies of different branches of the family in America and England.

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ORGANIZATION.

A general meeting of the Willoughby Family holden at the Addison House, in Middlebury, Vt., on the 13th of January, 1864, for the purpose of collecting information relative to two large properties in England said to belong to the Willoughby families in America, to raise funds and appoint agents to look after the property in England.

Different branches of this Willoughby family when there met formed themselves into an Association under the following Constitution, viz :

THE WILLOUGHBY ASSOCIATION.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS—Lord George Willoughby and certain other Willoughbys died in England, leaving Real and Personal Property at the time of their deaths to an amount of some millions of dollars; and whereas, the next of kin and heirs to this property are said to be in America, now in order to prosecute the investigation and procure the pedigree of the family and ascertain whether or not there is any such property, we, the undersigned, do hereby agree to form ourselves into an association under the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Willoughby Association.

ARTICLE 2. C. M. FISHER of Vergennes, and COLUMBUS SMITH of Salisbury, Vt., are hereby appointed agents for the purpose of investigating the case in England, and are required from time to time to make printed reports of their doings to the members of this Association.

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ARTICLE 3. Harrison O. Smith of Monkton, Vt., is hereby empowered to raise two thousand dollars to cover the necessary expenses of attending to the matter of investigating the case in England, and all other necessary incidental expenses connected therewith, by issuing such an amount of Scrip as shall be necessary, which said Scrip shall be a lien upon the property when recovered.

ARTICLE 4. Every Scrip shall be sold for five dollars, entitling the purchaser to one hundred dollars out of the first money recovered from said estate by any member of the association; and no more Scrip shall be sold by said agent than shall be necessary to raise the aforesaid sum of two thousand dollars, together with the expenses of the sale thereof, which shall in no event exceed ten per cent. of the receipts of the sale of each Scrip.

ARTICLE 5. The said Smith and Fisher are to be allowed fifteen hundred dollars for making a thorough investigation of the case in England; with reference to whether or not there is property there, if any, its situation and also the pedigree of the party leaving the same; and in addition thereto, we hereby agree to pay them ten per cent. of all we, or any of us, or our heirs may recover from said estate.

ARTICLE 6. No member of this association shall be liable to pay more than three dollars as expenses or compensation or otherwise to any person or persons whatever.

ARTICLE 7. Any member of the Willoughby family may become a member of this association by paying three dollars to H. O. Smith of Monkton, Vt., and signing this Constitution, entitling each member to a printed copy of all information and reports made in the case, and also to the sum of fifty dollars out of the money recovered.

Middlebury, Vt., Jan. 13, 1864.

NAMES OF SIGNED—WILLOUGHBY ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
John N. Benedict,	Troy, N. Y.	Heman Lawrence,	Monkton, Vt.
Henry B. Smith,	New Haven, Vt.	Amanda D. Wilcox,	Middlebury, Vt.
H. O. Smith,	Monkton, Vt.	Amon Wilcox,	Middlebury, Vt.
B. W. Smith,	Burlington, Vt.	Samantha Stone,	Monkton, Vt.
Anna Whitaker,	Gloversville, N. Y.	Guy Willoughby,	Charlotte, Vt.
Reuben Sawyer,	Hinesburgh, Vt.	Nelson Willoughby Partch,	Hinesburgh, Vt.
Laura Benedict,	Cornwall, Vt.	Mrs. Sophia Partch,	Hinesburgh, Vt.
Julius B. Benedict,	Cornwall, Vt.	Wm. M. Partch,	Bristol, Vt.
Mrs. Z. Beckwith,	Middlebury, Vt.	Angeline Armstrong,	Monkton, Vt.
Mrs. P. P. Francis,	Middlebury, Vt.	Hezekiah W. Smith,	Hammond, N. Y.
Ethan Lawrence,	Monkton, Vt.	Luther Willoughby,	Goffstown, N. H.
Orrin Lawrence,	Monkton, Vt.	Joseph Willoughby,	Manchester, N. H.
Octavia Dean,	Ucita, Illinois.	Geo. S. Willoughby,	New London, Ct.
Lyman C. Partch,	Hinesburgh, Vt.	Louisa G. Hasbrouck,	Mattoon, Ill.
L. F. Benedict,	Vergennes, Vt.	Noble Partch,	Hinesburgh, Vt.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
John F. Sawyer,	Knowlesville, N. Y.	Mary M. Carter and husband,	New Haven, Ct.
Mary A. Pratt,	Waukshaw, Wis.	Frederick M. Willoughby,	N. Haven, Ct.
Sarah S. Langdon,	Mendota, Minn.	Louisa M. Parmelee,	Bristol, Vt.
Sophrona W. Johnson,	Randolph, N. Y.	Mrs. Charlotte Willoughby,	505 Hudson St., N. Y.
John Beardsley,	Woodhull, N. Y.	Reuben Willoughby,	Little Valley, N. Y.
Austin Hickok,	Jay, N. Y.	Elizabeth M. Robinson,	Steamboat Rock, Iowa.
A. P. Willoughby,	Norwich, Ct.	Martin Mead for wife,	Starksboro, Vt.
Isaac Sawyer,	Potsdam, N. Y.		
Augustus Willoughby,	New Haven, Ct.		

Many printed constitutions have been sent to different branches of the family, which have not been returned in time to have their names here appear.

REPORT.

WEST SALISBURY, VT., May, 1864.

TO HON. H. O. SMITH,

American Agent for the Willoughby Association :

DEAR SIR—You requested me to write my views of the claim of the American Willoughbys to the Willoughby estate or estates in England. There seems to be at least two Willoughby estates in England claimed by Willoughby descendants in this country. One is the Parham estate, situated in the county of Nottingham, formerly owned by the Lords Willoughby, and the other is the Joseph Willoughby property, a township of land granted him by Queen Ann before he came to America. My knowledge of this case is as yet very imperfect; not having made any examination of the matter in England. I can only form an opinion from the information furnished me by the claimants, and the little information I have picked up in England.

In 1853, while dining with Sir William Betham, Herald King at Arms, at his residence in Kingston, near Dublin, Ireland, he informed me that he had had much to do in looking up the pedigree of the Willoughby family for different claimants, and he thought he had got a correct pedigree of the family. He said there had been much litigation about the title or property; that several claimants had appeared but were unsuccessful.

I think this was the first time I ever heard of the family or estates. Having had my attention thus called to the matter, I afterwards took minutes of what I saw or heard relative to the family or estates.

One J. A. Knight, a foreign claim agent in London, in 1856 informed me he had had something to do with this case, and had considerable information relative to it, but told me nothing of the nature of his information.

In searching deeds at the Rolls Chapel Office in London, where some old and very important deeds are kept, I found several in the name of Willoughby, but did not examine them. I found the Willoughby family had been a very distinguished and wealthy family in England from an early day.

While in England I saw and procured the following advertisements and abstracts of advertisements relative to Willoughby:

“Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the creditors and legatees of Henry Willoughby, late of Hatton, in the county of Salop, Esq., deceased, are forthwith to come in and prove their respective demands before Samuel Burroughs, Esq., one of the masters of said Court, at his chambers in Lincoln’s Inn, London.”—*London Gazette*, Dec. 8th, 1847.

“Burrowes, Willoughby, or late Doden, Surgeon-Dentist.—If the above named person will apply at 9 Old Broad Street, city, he will hear of something to his advantage.”—*Times*, March 17th, 1856.

In the *Times* of London, August 9th, 1846, was advertisement for Capt. Edward Frederick Welloughby, who left in 1844.

In the *Times* of June 9th, 1843, is an advertisement for Anna Welloughby.

I find in my unclaimed dividend book of the Bank of England, the following, under stock called consols:

“Willoughby, John of Bombay, Esq.. first unclaimed dividend become due 1824.”

“Willoughby, Maria Selina, Baldon House, Oxfordshire, Spinster, July, 1824.”

Burke in his *Extinct and Dormant Peerage and Baronetage*, says Sir Fluke Greville Kt. Earl of Warwick, married Elizabeth Willoughby, the ward of his father, and the greatest heiress in England, in the time of Henry VIII.

Different branches of the family have intermarried with very many of the most noble families in England. It is certain that the male branch of the Lord Willoughby family became extinct in A. D. 1779. Burke in his “*Extinct and Dormant Peerage of England, Ireland and Scotland*,” says:

The family of Willoughby, by a pedigree drawn up in the time of Elizabeth, appears to be descended from Sir John de Willoughby, a Norman knight, who had the lordship of Willoughby, in Lincolnshire, by gift of the Conqueror. From this successful soldier we pass to

SIR WILLIAM DE WILLOUGHBY, who, in the 54th of Henry III., was signed with the cross, and accompanied Prince Edward into the Holy Land. He *m.* Alice, daughter of John, Lord Beke, of Eresby, and eldest co-heir of her brother Walter, Lord of Eresby, and had issue,

Robert, (Sir), his successor.

Thomas, *m.* Margaret, sister and co-heir of Alun de Munby, and had a son, who, assuming the surname of his mother, became William Munby. He died *s. p.*, and his estates were divided amongst his sisters.

Margaret, *m.* to Walter, son of Sir Walter Hamby, Knt.

Sir William was *s.* by his elder son,

SIR ROBERT DE WILLOUGHBY, who inherited, in the 4th Edward II., as next heir, the estates of Anthony Bec, Bishop of Durham, and was summoned to parliament in three years afterwards as Baron Willoughby de Eresby. From this nobleman we pass to his great-great-grandson and lineal descendant,

WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY, fifth Baron Willoughby de Eresby, who *m.* first, Lucy, daughter of Roger, Lord Strange, of Knokyn, and had issue, Robert, his successor, and sixth Baron Willoughby de Eresby.

Thomas (Sir), of whose descendants we are about to treat.

His lordship *m.* secondly, Joane, widow of Edward Plantagenet, Duke of York, and daughter of Thomas Holland, second Earl of Kent. He *d.* in 1409, and was succeeded in his title by his elder son, Robert; but we proceed with the younger,

SIR THOMAS WILLOUGHBY, of Parham, in the county of Suffolk; a gallant soldier, and one of the heroes of Agincourt. He *m.* Joane, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Fitz-Alan, Knt., (son of John Fitz-Alan, Lord Maltravers, second son of Sir Richard Fitz-Alan, third Earl of Arundel,) and was *s.* by his son,

SIR ROBERT WILLOUGHBY, who *m.* Cecilia, daughter of Leo, Lord Welles, and had issue,

Robert, }
Christopher, } both knights.

Margaret, *m.* to Thomas Skipwith, Esq., of Lincolnshire.

Sir Robert *d.* 30th May, 1465, and was *s.* by his elder son,

SIR ROBERT WILLOUGHBY, who died in minority, and was *s.* by his brother,

SIR CHRISTOPHER WILLOUGHBY, who was made a Knight of the Bath, 6th July, 1483, at the coronation of Richard III. In the next reign he raised forces to assist the king against the Earl of Lincoln, Lambert Simnel, and their adherents, and was afterwards at the battle of Stokes. He *m.* Margaret, daughter of Sir William Jenney, of Knotshall, in Suffolk, and had issue,

William, who inherited the Barony of Willoughby de Eresby at the

decease of Joane Welles in 1506, after the dignity had been out of the Willoughby family for half a century. His lordship became possessed also of the manors of Grimsby and Grimesthorp, with the greater part of the estates of the Lords Welles.

Christopher, of whom presently.

George.

Thomas, from whom the *extant* Willoughbys, *Lords Middleton*, derive.

John,

Dorothy.

Catherine, *m.* to Sir John Heydon, Knt., of Baconsthorp, in the county of Norfolk.

Elizabeth, *m.* to William, Lord Eure.

The second son,

SIR CHRISTOPHER WILLOUGHBY, received the honor of knighthood for his valiant conduct at the siege of Tournay, temp. Henry VIII. He *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George Talboys, and sister of Gilbert, Lord Talboys, of Kyme, by whom he had issue,

William, his successor.

Dorothy, *m.* to Ralph Hopton, Esq., of Wytham, in the county of Somerset.

Elizabeth, *m.* to Sir John Breuse, of Wenham, in Suffolk.

Anne, *m.* to Robert Hall, Esq., of Gretford, in Lincoln.

Sir Christopher was *s.* by his eldest son,

SIR WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY, Knt., who was elevated to the peerage, by letters patent, dated 16th February, 1547, in the dignity of Lord Willoughby, of *Parham*. His lordship having distinguished himself in the wars of Henry VIII., was made lieutenant of Calais, and the adjacent marches, in the 4th of Edward VI., and he resided there during the remainder of that king's reign. He *m.* first, Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Heneage, Knt., by whom he acquired considerable estates, and had issue,

Charles, his successor.

Mary, *m.* to William Metham, Esq., of Bolington, in the county of Lincoln.

He wedded, secondly, Margaret, daughter of Robert Garnish, Esq., of Kenton, in Suffolk, and widow of Walter, first Viscount Hereford. His lordship *d.* in 1574, and was *s.* by his son,

CHARLES WILLOUGHBY, second Baron Willoughby, of *Parham*, who espoused Lady Margaret Clinton, daughter of Edward, first Earl of Lincoln, and had issue,

1. William, who *m.* Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Christopher Hilliard, Knt., of Wynstead, in Yorkshire, and, dying before his father, left, with other issue,

William, successor to his grandfather.

Elizabeth, *m.* to Sir William Hickman, of Gainsborough, in Lincolnshire.

Catherine, *m.* to Joseph Godfrey, Esq., of Thoroock, in the same shire.

Mary, *m.* to Sir William Booth, of Killingholm, also in Lincolnshire.

2. Ambrose (Sir), of Matson, in the county of Gloucester, *m.* Susan, daughter of — Brooke, and left an only son, Edward, who *m.* Rebecca, daughter of Henry Draper, Esq., and had surviving issue.
 Henry, who emigrated to Virginia, and died there in 1685, leaving Henry, who *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of William Pidgeon, Esq., of Stepney, in the county of Middlesex, and had, with other issue, Henry, who *s.* as fifteenth lord.
 William, who *m.* —, daughter of — Knochtou, and left a son, William, who died *s. p.*
 Fortune, who *m.* Hannah, daughter of Thomas Barrow, and widow of Cook Pollet, Esq., of Swanscomb, in Kent, and left a son, George, who *s.* as sixteenth baron.
 Richard, whose line ceased with his sons,
 Sarah, *m.* to — Birt.
 Rebecca, *m.* to Richard Hull.
3. Edward, *m.* Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Manby, Esq., of Elsham, and widow of John Prescott, and had a son, Edward, who *d.* young.
4. Charles, died *s. p.*
5. Thomas (Sir), *m.* Mary, daughter of — Thorney, Esq., and had issue,
 Thomas, who succeeded as eleventh Lord, under the supposition that the line of Sir Ambrose was extinct.
 William, in holy orders in the church of Rome.
 Mary, *m.* first, to Augustine Wingfield, and secondly, to — Saul.
6. Catherine, *m.* to Sir John Savile, of Howley, in the county of York.
7. Margaret, *m.* to — Erie, Esq., of Corpsey.
8. Anne, *m.* to Sir William Pelham, Knt., of Brokelsby, in Lincolnshire.

Charles, second Lord Willoughby, *d.* in 1603, and was *s.* by his grandson, WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY, third Lord Willoughby, of Parham. This nobleman *m.* Lady Frances Manners, daughter of John, fourth Earl of Rutland, and had issue,

Henry, }
 Francis, } successively Lords Willoughby.
 William, }

Frances, *m.* to Sir Bulstrode Whitlock, Knt., of Chilton, in the county of Wilts.

Elizabeth, *d.* unmarried.

His lordship *d.* in 1617, and was *s.* by his eldest son,

HENRY WILLOUGHBY, fourth lord, at whose decease, in infancy, the title devolved upon his brother,

FRANCIS WILLOUGHBY, fifth lord, who *m.* Elizabeth, second daughter and co-heir of Edward Cecil, Viscount Wimbledon, and had surviving issue,

Diana, *m.* to Heneage, second Earl of Winchelsea.

Frances, *m.* to William, Lord Brereton, of the kingdom of Ireland.
Elizabeth, *m.* to Roger Jones, Viscount Ranelagh.

This nobleman was drowned at Barbadoes, in 1666, and was *s.* by his brother,

WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY, sixth Baron Willoughby, of Parham. His lordship was governor of the Caribbee Islands, and *d.* at Barbadoes, 10th April, 1673. He *m.* Anne, daughter of Sir Philip Carey, Knt., of Stanwell, in the county of Middlesex, and had, with other issue,

George, his successor.

John, }
Charles, } who became successively Lords Willoughby.

Frances, *m.* first, to Sir John Harpur, Knt., of Swarkeston, in the county of Derby; secondly, to Charles Henry Kirkhoven, Baron Wotton, in England, and Earl of Bellamont, in Ireland; and thirdly, to Henry Heveningham, Esq., of Heveningham, in Suffolk.

• Anne, *m.* to Sir John Harpur, Bart., of Calke, in the county of Derby.

Catherine, *m.* to Charles Cockain, third Viscount Cullen, in Ireland.

Lord Willoughby was *s.* by his eldest son,

GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, seventh baron, who *m.* Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Henry Fines, otherwise Clinton, Esq., by whom he had issue, John, his successor.

Anne, *d.* young,

Elizabeth, *m.* to the Hon. James Bertie, second son of James, first Earl of Abingdon, and was mother of Willoughby, third Earl of Abingdon.

His lordship *d.* in 1674, and was *s.* by his son,

JOHN WILLOUGHBY, eighth baron, who *d.* in 1678 unmarried, when the barony reverted to his uncle,

JOHN WILLOUGHBY, ninth baron. This nobleman died *s. p.* in 1678, and was *s.* by his brother,

CHARLES WILLOUGHBY, tenth baron, who *m.* Mary, daughter of Sir Beaumont Dixie, Bart., of Bosworth, in the county of Leicester, but died without issue in 1679, devising his estate to his niece, Elizabeth, wife of the Hon. James Bertie. Upon the decease of his lordship, the barony, *by right*, should have devolved upon the descendant of Sir Ambrose Willoughby, second son of Charles, the second lord; but that gentleman's grandson, Henry Willoughby, having emigrated to America, the second branch remained in ignorance of the failure of the elder, and putting in no claim to the title, it was presumed to have become likewise extinct: the Barony of Willoughby, *of Parham*, under these circumstances, was adjudged *erroneously* to the son and heir of Sir Thomas Willoughby, youngest son of the second lord, (refer to issue of Charles, second baron,) and he was summoned to parliament accordingly, 19th May, 1685, as

SIR THOMAS WILLOUGHBY, eleventh Baron Willoughby, of Parham. His lordship *m.* Eleanor, daughter of Hugh Whittle, Esq., of Horwath, in Lancashire, and had, with other issue,

Hugh, his successor.

Francis, *m.* to Eleanor, daughter of — Rothwell, of Hay, in the county of Lancaster, and had issue,

Thomas, *d.* unmarried.

Edward, who *s.* his uncle as Lord Willoughby.

Charles, who *s.* his brother.

His lordship *d.* in 1692, and was *s.* by his eldest son,

HUGH WILLOUGHBY, twelfth baron. This nobleman *m.* first, Anne, daughter of Lawrence Halliwell, Esq., of Tockholes, in Lancashire, and had a son,

Thomas, who *d.* young.

His lordship espoused secondly, in 1692, Honora, widow of Sir William Egerton, and daughter of Sir Thomas Leigh, son and heir of Thomas, first Lord Leigh, but died *s. p.*, in August, 1712, when he was *s.* by his nephew,

EDWARD WILLOUGHBY, thirteenth baron, who, when the honour devolved upon him, was abroad as a *private soldier* in the confederate army, under John, Duke of Marlborough. His lordship did not, however, enjoy the peerage long, for he *d.* in the next year, and was *s.* by his brother,

CHARLES WILLOUGHBY, fourteenth baron. This nobleman *m.* Hester, daughter of Henry Davenport, Esq., of Darcy Lever, in Lincolnshire, by whom he had, Hugh, his successor, and Ellen. He *d.* 12th July, 1715, and was *s.* by his son,

HUGH WILLOUGHBY, fifteenth baron. This nobleman was elected vice-president of the Royal Society in 1752, and president of the Society of Antiquaries in two years afterwards. His lordship was esteemed a man of abilities, but according to Cole's MSS. in the British Museum, he was a presbyterian of the most rigid class. "I have heard," (says Cole) "Mr. Coventry, of Magdalen College, Cambridge, declare that his conscience was so nice, that he could not bring himself to receive the sacrament in the church of England on his knees, without scruple, and thought it idolatry. He had a very small estate, and when he came to it, with the title, was in a very humble capacity in the army." He *d.* unmarried in 1765, when the barony was claimed by

HENRY WILLOUGHBY, representative of the elder branch, (refer to Sir Ambrose Willoughby, second son of the second lord,) and the house of Lords adjudged, in 1767, "That he had a right to the title, dignity and peerage of Willoughby, of Parham; which was enjoyed, from the year 1680 to 1765, by the male line (now extinct,) of Sir Thomas Willoughby, youngest son of Charles, Lord Willoughby, of Parham, who were successively summoned to parliament by descent, in virtue of letters patent, bearing date 16th February, in the 1st year of Edward VI., and sat as heirs male of the body of Sir William, created Lord Willoughby, of Parham, by the said letters patent, contrary to the right and truth of the case; it now appearing, that Sir Ambrose Willoughby, the second son of the said Charles, (and elder brother of the said Thomas,) who was averred to have died without issue, left a son; and that Henry Willoughby, Esq., the claimant, is great-grandson and heir male of the body

of such son, and consequently heir male of the said Sir William, who was created Lord Willoughby, of Parham, the male line of the elder son, Charles, Lord Willoughby, of Parham, having failed in or before the year 1680." Mr. Willoughby became, therefore, sixteenth baron Willoughby, of Parham, and took his seat in the House of Peers 25th April, 1767. His lordship *m.* Susannah, daughter of Robert Gresswell, Esq., of the county of Middlesex, by whom he had one surviving daughter, Elizabeth, who *m.* first, John Halsey, Esq., of Tower Hill, and secondly, Edward Argles, Esq. He *d.* 29th January, 1775, and was *s.* by his nephew,

GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, seventeenth baron, who *d.* issueless in 1779, when the Barony of Willoughby, of Parham, became extinct.

ARMS.—First and fourth or, frette az. second and third, sa. a cross engrailed or.

This pedigree, got up in England by Burke, of the Willoughby family, is undoubtedly correct in most particulars; but he has left out many important branches, and perhaps a branch entitled to the family title and estates. He is not considered good authority as to pedigree in England.

From the information I gathered in England, I came to the conclusion that there must be property there which belonged to some unknown Willoughbys. And I find in America it is the general opinion among the descendants of Joseph Willoughby, that they are entitled to this property. It has always been handed down in the family that there was a large property in England belonging to the descendants of Joseph Willoughby, who was born in England, in 1691, and died in New London, New England, in April, 1751.

Mrs. Ann Whitaker, of Gloversville, New York, who has made many examinations in America relative to the Willoughby family, and possesses much information relative to the family and estate, sent me much information relative to Joseph Willoughby, (from whom a branch of the American Willoughbys are descended,) his family and the property. She has the Willoughby coat of arms, which is the same as used in England.

From Mrs. Whitaker and from the papers furnished by Mr. J. A. Scott, of Providence, R. I. I have gathered the following information, which has been collected from different branches of the family, and from a narrative now extant, written by Joseph Willoughby.

Joseph Willoughby was a young man of great intelligence, and pleasing address, master of the fine arts, and an adept at fencing and music. He entertained Queen Ann* with the sweet strains of his herp, and soon became a great favorite with the Queen. He was one of her life guards, and she is said to have granted him a township of land in the county of Nottingham, England, and created him Lord of the Manor of Willoughby, in or about 1712 or 1713. It is said the Queen's Lord Chamberlain dishonourably entered or attempted to enter her Majesty's bed chamber, and that Joseph Willoughby resented this indignity to his Queen, so much, that he fought the Lord Chamberlain and slew him. According to the laws of the kingdom he should have been tried for murder and executed, but instead of that, he (being a favorite with the Queen) was only banished from the kingdom, and his property, instead of being confiscated, was taken from him and placed in the hands of trustees for a term of years; but the term fixed was so long that he could not possibly survive to enjoy it, and at the expiration, it was to revert to his heirs. She presented him with a finely wrought sword and scabbard, and a diamond ring, and a suit of mourning to be worn at her death. Mr. Scott says most of "the above statement is in some degree corroborated by the statement of Joseph's son, Dr. John Willoughby, who undoubtedly received the information from his father. There is now living in Brooklyn, an old lady, a Mrs. Margaret Harris, who knew Dr. John Willoughby well, and has often heard him say that there was a large property in England which would one day come to his family, but being entailed it could not come in his day, but would eventually come to his descendents." Mr. Hayes, of New York city, an agent employed by Mrs. Whitaker and friends, to investigate the Willoughby claim to the property in England, "told me that the township of land was in the hands of government agents and was all leased for farming and other purposes, producing a very heavy income from rents. Now if these statements are true, there must be an immense property for somebody. It seems to me there can be but little difficulty in tracing it out. Joseph Willoughby,

*Queen Ann ascended the throne of England 1701 and reigned until 1714.

in pursuance of the royal decree of banishment, in or about 1714, and before the death of the Queen, left England and went to Carthagenia, in South America, where he remained about two years. About 1716, not liking the climate of Carthagenia, he left there and went to Norwich, Conn., where he settled. In 1719 he was married to Thankful Bliss, of Norwich. The issue of this marriage were Ann, (named after his favorite Queen) Bliss, Samuel, Joseph and John. Ann married Timothy Corliss and settled in Haverhill, Mass., in which town and vicinity there are quite a number of her descendents."

"Bliss Willoughby, the eldest son of Joseph, was born 1721, and was married to Hannah Corliss, (supposed to be the sister of Timothy above named.) He was a Baptist minister, and resided for a number of years in Norwich and had several children, four of whom with his wife Hannah were swept away by an epidemic in a short space of time. He married again, but whom I do not remember. He removed to Shaftsbury, Vt., where he died in 1807, leaving several children. His son Ebenezer, settled in Kingsbury, Washington Co., N. Y. He was the father of Rev. Reuben Willoughby, now living in Little Valley, New York. This Reuben Willoughby is in possession of the most extensive and accurate genealogy of the Willoughbys of any one in America. His pedigree states that Joseph Willoughby was the son of George Willoughby, and that Joseph was born in Nottinghamshire, in England, in 1691. This date corresponds with the inscription on his grave stone."

"Joseph Willoughby continued to reside in Norwich until 1750, when he purchased a farm in the north Parish of New London, (since incorporated into Montville,) where he immediately removed and, as is indicated by items in his inventory, was collecting materials to build him a house, when on the 8th of April, 1751, he was thrown from his horse and so seriously injured that he died on the 10th of the same month, in the 61st year of his age, and was buried in the family burying ground upon his farm, where Mrs. Scott succeeded in finding his grave; the head stone tipped over upon the ground, so covered with dirt and moss that it took some two hours to clean it, so the inscription could be read." The inscription reads

as follows: "In memory of Mr. Joseph Willoughby, who died April 10th, 1751, in the 61st year of his age." "His will was duly proved in the Prerogative Court at New London, and is now on file at that office."

The following is an exact copy of the will:

In the name of God, Amen.

The eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-one,

I, Joseph Willoughby, of New London, in the county of New London and Colony of Connecticut, in New England, being weak in body, but of perfect disposing mind and memory, (thanks be to God therefor,) calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for man once to dye, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following, viz:

Principally and first of all, I recommend my soul unto the hands of God who gave it, hoping thro' ye Merits, Death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full and free Pardon and forgiveness of all my sins, and to inherit Eternal life; and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor and Executrix hereafter named; nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of ye same in the following manner and form, that is to say,

Item First.—That those debts and duties as I do owe in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever, shall be well and truly contented and paid, or ordered to be paid in convenient time after my decease by my Executor and Executrix hereafter named.

Item.—I give and bequeathe to Thankful my dearly beloved wife that is to say, during her widowhood, the improvement of the one half of my dwelling house together with the improvement of the one third Part of all my lands and movable Estate which shall remain after my Debts are paid, and the Legacy to my Daughter which I shall hereafter order to be paid; And furthermore I give to my said wife, the Negro woman Nit, to be her own free Estate, to dispose of to my children or either of them, as her pleasure shall be.

Item.—I give to my well beloved sons Bliss, Joseph, Samuel and John all my Lands, and all my Moveable Estate, that is to say, all my Estate both Real and personal, that I do not herein otherwise dispose of, to be equally divided between them, to each of them their heirs and assigns forever, they and each of them complying with this my will, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and here it is to be understood, and my will is, that whereas, I have heretofore given to my eldest son Bliss, a certain tract of land scituate in ye Township of Norwich which land I gave him by Deed of gift, and Designed it as a part of his Portion of my Estate, my will is, that said land be now Reckoned to him

accordingly. That is my said son Bliss should have so much less in the division of my estate which I now have in my Hands. or that his brethren aforesaid be made equal with him, each and either of them. And further Forasmuch as I lent to my said son Bliss £100, old tenor for which I have his Bond, my will therefore is, that this £100 be also Reckoned to him as part of his portion out of my Estate, and that he shall have so much ye less in ye division of my Estate among my sons as aforesaid.

Item.—I give to my well beloved daughter Ann: Coriiss, wife of Timothy Corliss of Norwich, the sum of two hundred Pounds Money old Tenor, to be paid out of my personal Estate, that is to say, and my will herein is, that within six months after my decease, my Executor and Executrix do take ye said two hundred Pounds out of my personal Estate, and put ye same to interest for ye use and benefit of ye children of my said daughter Ann: Absalom, Thankful, Ann, Timothy and Samuel, to be paid to yem, to each and either of them equally by my Executor and Executrix as they come of age. And my will is, that this together with what my said Daughter Ann hath had out of my estate, be Reckoned to her ye full of her portion.

Item.—I do hereby constitute, make and ordain my well beloved wife Thankful before named, to be Executrix of this my last will and testament, together with my loving friend and brotherinlaw Peletia Bliss of New London aforesaid, whom I do constitute, make and ordain Executor of this my last will and testament, nothing doubting his good will and Fidelity, together with my wife to see this my last will and testament performed according to ye true intent and meaning thereof.

Furthermore I do hereby Disannull and make void all other ye testaments, wills or Executors by me in any way, or at any time made, Rati-fying, confirming and Declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

Signed,

JOSEPH WILLOUGHBY.

Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced, and declared by the said Joseph Willoughby, as his last will and testament in ye presence of us,

ROBERT CLELLAND,

SARAH DARONS,

DANIEL JEWETT.

The will of which the above is a copy, was proved and established by the Probate Court of New London, May 7th, 1751, and ordered to be recorded.

The inventory of Joseph Willoughby's estate contains among many other articles, one silver hilted sword, one silver tankard, and one Negro woman Nit.

Mr. Scott says: "We are looking for two estates, one called the titled estate and the other the Joseph Willoughby estate. It has

been said there are three estates, but the third one I do not know."

He further says, in speaking of the relics which belonged to the Willoughby who came to America: "I have not been able thus far, to get the slightest trace of the sword, or to trace the ring into the possession of, or the hands of his immediate descendents, but I have succeeded in tracing out the chest, two table covers, two napkins, two pillow cases, a silver porringer, and a diamond ring. It seems there were two ladies by the name of Sarah and Elizabeth Lynde residing in Seabrook, Conn. They must have been there at or about the time Joseph Willoughby came to Norwich; and how long before thnt time I cannot say.

"Elizabeth Lynde married George Griswold and had one daughter named Elizabeth, and soon after died. This daughter she gave to her sister Sarah who accepted her as her own. Some years afterwards, and late in life; Sarah Lynde became the second wife of Joshua Raymond, and when she removed to her new home she took with her a large chest containing many valuable articles, and also her adopted daughter Elizabeth Griswold, who afterwards became the wife of John Raymond, the son of Joshua. When Sarah Raymond died these things passed into the hands of Elizabeth, the wife of John. She had twelve children, and at her death these articles were all distributed among her children, and thus passed down to the present possessors. The table covers and napkins are in Ohio. They are particularly described, and the manner of their descent, by two excellent letters written by Mrs. M. A. Baker,* of Norwalk,

*Mrs. Baker, in a letter to Mr. Scott, referred to by him above, says :

"A silver can or porringer belongs to Mr. William Raymond, of Mountville, and is lettered F. M. W., said te be the initials of Frances and Margaret Willoughby. Frederick Dolbear, a nephew of Mrs. Raymond, has a gold and shell snuff box with the same initials. There is also, I believe, in Mr. Raymond's possession, a bible printed in 1500. The tankard, if it is not broken up and converted into other articles, is in the possession of Raymond Dolbear, brother of Frederick.

The table cloth belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Sherman, is now before me. I will describe it as minutely as I can. It is composed of fine linen one yard in breadth and one and one quarter yards in length, with two rows of most exquisite needlework across it, said to have been wrought by Queen Elizabeth when she was confined in the Tower in her sister Mary's reign, and given by her to Lord Francis Willoughby, who was a relative, and thus handed down. This table spread was,

Ohio. The pillow cases and porringer are described by Mrs. Sarah R. Vincent,* of Gales Ferry, Conn., and the diamond ring is described in a letter from Stephen B. Ransom,† of Jersey City, N. J.

The ring is in possession of Mrs. Elizabeth Ransom, his mother. S. A. Willoughby and C. W. Dayton have made several fruitless attempts to get possession of this ring."

"The chest is in possession of a family named Hillhouse, residing on or near the farm owned by Joseph Willoughby. They state the chest was there when they purchased the farm, and was included in

no doubt, from its size, a toilet table cover. The ends are finished with a hem-stitch that corresponds with the embroidery across it; the sides are the original selvages. In one corner is a device, which is not probably a coat of arms, but a private mark. It has the appearance of having once had a similar stitch or dot at the right hand of the bottom as at the left. I have also before me a large table cloth and napkin of beautiful damask linen; the pattern a hunting scene in a forest with stags, hounds, and a man on horseback. These are marked with W. W. E. apparently woven in the fabric, or perhaps wrought with a needle with the same linen as the material.—I cannot learn as any of the family know just the relationship of the Lyndes and Willoughbys, but it has always been understood that they were nearly connected; and that the relics in question descended from the Willoughby family, as indeed the initial letters would show. That they were once in the possession of Sarah Lynde Raymond is certain. The children of Elizabeth Griswold Raymond who inherited them from her aunt, were all born between the years 1748 and 1772; so if the tankard named in the will of Joseph Willoughby, dated 1751, is the same as that now in the possession of Raymond Dolbear, it must have come into the possession of Sarah Lynde Raymond after the marriage of her niece Elizabeth, and she, Elizabeth, received them some time after. It is my opinion that the mother of the Lynde girls was a Willoughby or that they were half sisters of Joseph Willoughby. All the knowledge I have of the matter was derived from my husband's mother, who died four years since. If my opinion is correct, the heirs of Elizabeth Griswold Raymond can of course have no claim on the estate given by Queen Ann to Joseph Willoughby."

*Mrs. Sarah R. Vincent, in a letter written to Mr. Scctt, referred to above, says:

"SIR: I received yours of the 22d November. 1860, wishing me to give you a description of the relics of the Willoughby family in my possession. They consist of a pair of Holland pillow cases marked W. F. M. Frances or Frank and Margaret Willoughby. The relics found among the Raymonds come by the way of my grandmother, Elizabeth Griswold, of Lime, Conn. Her mother was a Lynde, of Saybrook, Conn. She inherited them from some of her ancestors."

†Mr. Ransom, in a letter referred to above, says: "The ring in possession of my mother is a plain gold ring, in which is set seven diamonds. The centre one is about one quarter of an inch square, the other six about one quarter the size.

the purchase some thirty or thirty-five years ago. The chest is made of some foreign wood, always emitting an agreeable and pleasant odor. The wood is somewhat variegated with pure light to deep yellow, with strips slightly tinged with red. The outside is plain, except some lettering around the corners. Mrs. Scott has seen the chest, and owing to the peculiar form of the letters, (being something like German text) she was unable to make out the inscription. The inside is all covered with carved work, of a high order of taste and design, and of superb workmanship. In a conspicuous place is carved the true Willoughby coat of arms. That being the case, it must have descended from some of the Willoughbys. It is a massive chest, eight feet long, four feet wide and four high, and the lid is quite a lift for a woman to raise it. It is presumed that the mother of the Lynde girls was a Willoughby. She might have been the sister or near relative of Joseph Willoughby.

There are no marks or inscriptions of any kind upon it. My mother's mother was a Raymond. Her maiden name was Anna. She had a sister by the name of Elizabeth Raymond, who married Joshua West in 1789, but died without issue. Mrs. Elizabeth West gave the ring to my mother for her name. Elizabeth and Anna Raymond were daughters of Joshua Raymond and Elizabeth Griswold, who were married —. This Elizabeth Griswold was the daughter of a Miss Lynde, who married a Griswold, and who had a sister by the name of Sarah Lynde, who married Joshua Raymond, the father of the said Joshua Raymond, as his second wife, and who died without issue. The said Elizabeth Griswold received from her mother, whose maiden I believe was Elizabeth, the ring in question, and from her mother and aunt Sarah, who was her husband's step-mother, the other articles you mentioned, viz., table cloths, porringer, &c. These articles all come by direct descent from these two ladies, viz., Elizabeth and Sarah Lynde, to the family of my grandmother. Sarah Lynde was married to Joshua Raymond as his second wife in 1730. Sarah and Elizabeth Lynde, I understand, were descendents of Joseph Willoughby, probably grand daughters, and received the articles in question from him."

This conclusion of Mr. Ransom will be seen to be impossible, for Joseph Willoughby was born 1691, and was not certainly married before 1712. It is not probable that a daughter of his was married before 1730 or 35. Supposing this daughter, the mother of Elizabeth and Sarah, married a Lynde, Sarah and Elizabeth could not have been married before 1750. But we find Elizabeth was dead leaving a daughter, and that Sarah Lynde in middle life married Joshua Raymond in 1730. It is certain that if these Lynde girls were descended from a Willoughby, they were descended from an older branch of the family. I think probably from William Willoughby, who came from England or Wales to New London, 1697.

At any rate it must have descended to them from some of the Parham Willoughbys. It does not seem to be known to any one with whom I have corresponded how long the Lynde girls have been in Seabrook, or whether they were born there, or whether it was their parents or grand-parents came over and brought the chest. There seems to be a mystery hanging over that chest. The neighbors say that it is on the farm that once belonged to Joseph Willoughby. The question now arises how came it there? If it was in the hands of Joseph Willoughby at the time of his death it would have been named in the inventory of his property. There are several chests there named, but all but two were chests of drawers, and these two were appraised so low that I think they were neither of them this chest. And again if the chest had been there the other relics would have been there also, and some of them would have been valued at very high prices. Now the Willoughby farm may have passed through the hands of some of the Raymonds, if so they may have placed the chest in that house. It is apparent that the chest was put there after the house was built; this is evident from the fact that the marks are now visible where a window was removed and a hole cut through the side of the house sufficiently large to admit the chest into the room where it now stands, the window replaced, and the hole closed around it.

There are other queries that arise in relation to this chest and contents. Who were the Lynde girls? were they half sisters to Joseph Willoughby or was their mother sister to him or some near relation? How came they in possession of the chest? Was it sent over from England for Joseph Willoughby? There is a silver hilted sword mentioned in Joseph's will which may be the one for which we are in search, though I doubt it. As I cannot trace it, I think it may have been sold out of the family."

"From pedigrees sent me and from the information furnished me by different branches of the Willoughby family, I am convinced that there must have been two or three branches of the Willoughby family settled in Connecticut or Massachusetts, and afterwards younger branches of these families emigrated to different States. I think these relics above named must have been in America some

years before Joseph Willoughby came over, and that Joseph Willoughby probably went to a relative's, a Mr. Willoughby, the ancestor of the Misses Lynde, when he first came to New England. The grant of a township from Queen Ann must belong to the descendants of Joseph instead of any other branch of the family. But there seems to be a question, to which branch of the family does the Parham estate belong? I have thus far seen no evidence convincing me that one branch of the Willoughby family in America stands any better chance than another in proving title to this estate.

Mrs. Whitaker in a letter to me says that she was informed by Mr. Hays* that the Willoughby estate in Nottinghamshire is a princely estate, and the property is situated in Nottingham and its neighborhood. That a portion of the estate is called Parham, some three or four miles from the city of Nottingham. She says the elder brother of Joseph Willoughby who came to America, is said to have left no issue, and she has been informed that some years since, two Willoughby ladies went to and resided on the estate, but as they had no title, they were ordered off by the government.

She further says that A. P. Willoughby of Norwich, Conn., wrote her "he could demonstrate that the Willoughby unclaimed property was in England, but the difficulty had been in getting a correct pedigree of the Willoughby family in America."

It seems to be an established fact among most of the Willoughby descendants that there is a Willoughby property in England which of right belongs to them, but the difficulty has been in proving pedigree. I believe the pedigree of the different branches of the fam-

*I have seen several documents which came from Henry Hays, of Broadway, N. Y., relative to this family and estates, but I have so little confidence in the integrity of the man, that I have thought best to pass them without remarks. Mrs. Whitaker informs me that she employed Mr. Hays about three years since to investigate the Willoughby claims in England, and paid him in full for his services \$240, and gave him all her papers relating to the family and property. These papers she thinks very important, and has tried to get them from Hays, but he refuses to deliver them up without a further sum of \$25 is given him, though she cannot learn that he has made any particular examination relative to the matter. By request of Mrs. Whitaker I called upon Mr. Hays and I could not see from his own statement that he had the least claim on her papers.

ily can be proved to the satisfaction of any court, though it will take much labor.

I am informed through several sources, that an American Willoughby now living, who has been several times to England, and who has grown suddenly rich without visible cause, is supposed to have recovered some of this property fraudulently and appropriated it to his own use. It is also reported that within a few years, a certain man coming from England, having in his hands some valuable papers relating to the Willoughby estate and pedigree in England, fell overboard and was drowned. He is thought by some to have come to his death by foul means. I have no means of judging of the truthfulness of these reports.

The following pedigree was furnished me by Mrs. Anna Whitaker, of Gloversville, N. Y. :

I. Joseph Willoughby came from England and settled in Norwich, Conn., in 1716, and married Thankful Bliss of the same place, in 1719, and had issue four sons and one daughter, viz.:

II. Anna, *b.* 20th day of January, 1720, *m.* Timothy Corlis, of Norwich.

2. Bliss, *b.* 15th day of December, 1721, *m.* and had issue, viz., Elijah, Ebenezer, Betsey, who *m.* John Downer, and settled in Williston, Vt., Bliss.

3. Joseph, *b.* May 6th, 1724, *m.* Bridget Wickwire.

4. Samuel, *b.* 20th August, 1730, *m.* Alice English, of Cornwallis, N. S., and settled there.

5. John, *b.* 21st December, 1733, *m.* Gloria Anna Edwards, of Stratford, Conn., 1765, and settled there and had issue, viz :

III. Christopher, Charles, John, Milton, Nancy, William, Betsey, Sally, Gloria Anna, Catherine, and Eunice, who was *m.* to Samuel Hall, November, 1797, and had issue one child only, viz :

IV. Anna Hall, *b.* November 6th, 1798, *m.* James Whitaker, March 29, 1816, and has issue.

The following is the pedigree of A. P. Willoughby, of Norwich :

I. William Willoughby came to New London, 1697, who had a son Joseph, who *m.* a Wickwire, and by her had issue,

III. Joseph, who *m.* and had issue, viz :

IV. Bliss, who *m.* Hannah Corliss, of Haverhill, Mass., in 1739, and had six children, viz :

V. Elijah, Reuben, Robert, Mary, Hannah, and Lydia.

Elijah above named *m.* and had issue, viz :

VI. Robert, who *m.* and had issue, viz :

VII. A. P. Willoughby, now of Norwich, Conn.

A family record of Joseph Willoughby and Bridget Wickwier, his wife. (This Joseph was the son of Joseph who came to America and died April 10th, 1751.)

Joseph Willoughby and Bridget Wickwier, his wife, were married Nov. 18, 1755.

John, their eldest son, was born Sept. 11th, 1756, and departed this life Aug. 28th, 1762.

Samuel was born Aug. 4th, 1758.

Amelia was born January, 1760.

Hannah was born June, 1762.

Elizabeth was born Nov. 27, 1764.

John Bliss was born Feb. 22, 1767.

Joseph Russell was born September, 1768.

Joseph, Jun. was born July 27, 1771.

Joseph Willoughby departed this life May 3d, 1771, and Bridget, his wife, departed this life May 6th, 1810, in the 77th year of her age.

A family record of Bliss Willoughby and Fanny Pattan, his wife.

Bliss Willoughby was born Feb. 22d, 1767.

Fanny Pattan, his wife, was born Jan. 10, 1768.

Bliss and Fanny were married April 20, 1791.

Nancy, their eldest daughter, was born April 25, 1792.

David P. was born April 20, 1794.

Levi C. was born March 9, 1796.

Margaret P. was born Feb. 4th, 1799.

John B. was born Jan. 16, 1802.

Eliza P. was born Aug. 17, 1804.

Lucetta was born Jan. 24, 1807.

William D. was born Jan. 2, 1811.

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Margaret departed this life January 13, 1815.

Fanny, the wife of Bliss Willoughby, departed this life Feb. 7, 1815.

William D. departed this life April 11, 1832.

The above is a true copy from a family record in the possession of Mrs. Joseph Willoughby, of 505 Hudson Street, N. Y. She is the widow of Joseph Willoughby, who died August, 1859.

Mrs. Willoughby showed Mr. Fisher and myself, when we called on her in March last, a deed given to her father, Richard Amos, of New York, March 25, 1788, by the Right Hon. Willoughby, Earl of Abingdon, of Great Britain, for several acres of land where Hudson Street now is. The consideration of this deed was £450. This shows conclusively that some of the Lord Willoughbys had interests in America at an early day, and nothing would be more

natural than that some of the younger branches of the family should settle here, and have been here provided with a home at the expense of Lord Willoughby the father, or elder brother.

I understand the pedigree you have furnished me relative to your branch of the Willoughby family, so far as you have been able to trace it is as follows :

- I. John Willoughby, born Dec. 25th, 1707, settled in Billerica, Mass., and married Anna Chamberlain, in 1735, by whom he had issue, viz :
 - II. John, born Dec. 24, 1735, died 1834.
 2. Jonas, *b.* March 31, 1737, *d.* 1792.
 3. Joseph, *b.* Feb. 17, 1737, *d.* July, 1810, of whom hereafter.
 4. Anna, *b.* May 30, 1740, *d.* 1773.
 5. Molly or Mary, *b.* Feb. 10, 1742, *d.* 1752.
 6. Susannah, *b.* June 26, 1744, *d.* Sept., 1828.
 7. Samuel, *b.* Feb. 24, 1746, *d.* Oct. 26, 1832.
 8. Mehitable, *b.* Aug. 3, 1747.
 9. Rebecca, *b.* Feb. 13, 1749.
 10. William, *b.* Sept. 2, 1751, *d.* Nov., 1773.
 11. Elizabeth, *b.* April 3, 1753, *d.* April, 1753.
 12. Josiah, *b.* July 30, 1755, *d.* Sept., 1757.

John Willoughby first above named, moved from Massachusetts to Hollis, N. H., in or about 1746, when his son Joseph was seven years old.

II. Joseph Willoughby, before named, resided in Bennington, Vt. He married Lois Ball, May 22, 1760, and moved to Monkton, Vt., about 1793, and died there on the 3d day of Jan., 1805. He had issue by his wife Lois, viz :

- III. 1. Joseph, *b.* Nov. 13, 1761.
2. Josiah, *b.* July 30, 1763.

Lois, wife of Joseph Willoughby, died Sept. 4, 1763, aged 26.

II. Joseph Willoughby, married again to Mehitable Rice, Aug. 22, 1765, by whom he had issue, viz :

- III. 1. Sarah, born June 1, 1766, of whom hereafter.
2. Susannah Willoughby, *b.* Feb. 1, 1770.
3. Mary, *b.* March 16, 1772.

II. Mehitable Willoughby, second wife of Joseph Willoughby, died June 29, 1804, in her 74th year, and Joseph Willoughby married his third wife, Annis Bates, Jan. 3d, 1805.

III. Susannah Willoughby, second daughter of Joseph Willoughby, by his second wife Mehitable, above named, was married to Hezekiah Smith, at Bennington, Vt., by Rev. Job. Swift, June 21, 1787, and by him had issue, viz :

- IV. 1. Laura Smith, *b.* May 21, 1788, *m.* John Benedict, of Cornwall, Vt.

2. Horatio A., *b.* July 26, 1790, *m.* first Amanda Dean, July 4, 1841, second Ursula Wincher, May 5, 1824, and third Jerusha Bell, Aug. 26, 1829.
3. Octavia Smith, *b.* July 19, 1794, *m.* Malhl. Dean.
4. Amanda D. Smith, *b.* June 11, 1797, *m.* T. C. Smith, of Monkton, April 2, 1818, and had issue, viz:
 - Harrison O., *b.* Jan. 9, 1819.
 - Timothy C., *b.* June 14, 1821.
 - Louiza Gertrude, *b.* Sept. 30, 1828.
 - Hellen Adel, *b.* Jan. 11, 1834.

Amanda D. Smith, above named, married her second husband, A. Wilcox, November 14, 1858.

5. Julia Smith, *b.* Nov. 25, 1799, *m.* Z. Beckwith, Nov. 26, 1818.
6. Sabrina Smith, *b.* Feb. 27, 1802, *m.* Oris Pier.
7. Carsinda Smith, *b.* May 3, 1804, *m.*
8. Buel W. Smith, *b.* Nov. 13, 1806, *m.* Jane Gordon, Burlington, Vt.
9. Samantha Smith, *b.* April 11, 1808, *m.* Charles Stone.
10. Carlton H. Smith, *b.* Sept. 6, 1811, and died April 7, 1812.

Hezekiah Smith *d.* Jan. 22, 1813, aged 48, and was buried in —

III. Joseph Willoughby, son of Joseph and Lois above named, married and had issue, viz:

- IV. 1. Fanna Willoughby, *b.* May 17, 1791.
2. Betsey, *b.* Oct. 12, 1793.
3. Justin, *b.* Dec. 13, 1796.
4. Minerva, *b.* May 30, 1798.

III. Sarah Willoughby, daughter of Joseph and Mahitable, above named, married Josiah Lawrence, and had issue one daughter, viz: <

IV. Ruby P. Lawrence, who was born April 19, 1794, and married John Partch, of Hinesburgh, Vt., April 13, 1814, and six children, viz:

V. Casenda Malvina, Noble Lawrence, Lephia Ann, Marind Amanda, Nelson Willoughby, and Mary Jane.

V. Casenda M., above named, born May 1, 1815, married William R. Lawrence, and lives at Shelburn Falls.

Noble L., *b.* March 2, 1817, *m.* Laura M. Darwin, June 15, 1843, and lives in Hinesburgh.

Lephia A., *b.* April 6, 1819, *m.* Dana Winslow, and lives in 177 E. 20th Street, New York city.

Marind A., a spinster, *b.* May 10, 1821.

Nelson W., *b.* April 5, 1823, *m.* Lucy Ann Barker, Oct. 8, 1851, lives in Hinesburgh.

Mary J., *b.* Sept. 4, 1830, *m.* Hiram Calkins, Jan. 28, 1858, lives in New York, No. 26 Cottage Place.

I understand it has always been handed down in this family, that this branch of the family is descended from Lord Willoughby.

The following copies from town and parish registers, were furnished me by Mr. Scott, of Providence, R. I., viz:

[Deed from Samuel Edgecomb to Joseph Willoughby.]

A certain tract of land containing by estimation about one hundred acres, with the buildings thereon, which land lies in New London, adjoining northerly on land in the possession of Alexander Baker, easterly on a brook called Stony Brook, south on land of Peter Wickware, west on the common land.

[Deed dated April 25, 1721—Book 8, page 63.]

Joseph Willoughby sells the above property to Ebenezer Williams, of New London, for one hundred and eighty pounds.

[Deed dated March 11, 1722—Book 8, page 147.]

Deed from James Otis to Joseph Willoughby, of a tract of land in North Parish of New London, for £4000, bounded by the highway 248 rods and a half, thence west 77 1-2 rods, thence south 69 1-2 rods, thence west 30 °, south 71 1-2 rods to corner of Abner Avery's land, thence south 95 rods to a fence by the road, thence by the fence a crooked line 139 rods to the bounds first mentioned, containing 161 acres and a half, lies on northerly side of highway, with the buildings thereon.

[Deed dated April 12, 1750—Book 14, page 229.]

Deed from Jonathan Harris to Joseph Willoughby, son of Joseph deceased, of one-third part of the above named tract including one-third the house, Book 16, page 60. The deed states that the land belonged to Joseph Willoughby, late of New London, deceased.

John Willoughby, son of Joseph, sells his share of the land set out to him in distribution of estate of said Joseph, to Daniel Fitch, of New London, Dec. 31, 1754.

Joseph Willoughby, son of Joseph, sells his distributive share of the above land to Daniel Fitch, of New London. Book 17, page 34—34, Jan. 15, 1755.

Bliss Willoughby, son of Joseph, sells to Andrew Denison his distributive share in the above farm.

Samuel Willoughby, son of Joseph, sells to Andrew Denison his distributive share in the same land, Feb. 29, 1752. Book 16, page 1.

I see no other record on the books concerning the family. I send this rough sketch, and if you should require copies of the various deeds, I will send them to you.

Yours respectfully,

GILES BAILEY, Town Clerk.

To Joseph A. Scott, Providence, R. I.

Joseph Willoughby and Thankful Bliss were married ye sixth day of April, Anno Domini,	}	1719
Ann Willoughby, the daughter of Joseph and Thankful, was born ye 20th day of January,		1720
Bliss Willoughby, was born ye 15th day of December,		1721
Joseph Willoughby, was born ye sixth day of May,		1724
Samuel Willoughby, son of Joseph and his wife Thankful, was born the 20th day of August,	}	1730

John Willoughby, ye son of Joseph Willoughby and of his wife } 1733
 Thankful, was born on ye 21st day of December, }

The above is truly taken and copied from the first book of records of marriages, births and deaths, in the town of Norwich, Conn., from the 86th page.

Attest, OTHANIEL GAGER, Town Clerk.

Norwich, Conn., Nov. 10, 1860.

In the records of marriages, kept by the Rev. Enoch Huntington, of the first church in Middletown, State of Connecticut, and solemnized by him is the following entry :

“1801, May 24, John Willoughby, of Stratford, and Lydia Bailey, of Middletown.”

A true copy from the records of the first church in Middletown, State of Connecticut.

Attest, JEREMIAH TAYLOR, Church Clerk.

Middletown, Nov. 19, 1860.

Stratford, Sept. 1, 1759.—Married, John Willoughby with Gloriana Edwards.

Children of John and Gloriana Willoughby baptized, as follows :

Christopher, son of Dr. John Willoughby, June 15, 1760. Died February 8, 1761.

Christopher, February 7, 1762.

Anna, Sept. 11, 1763.

Elizabeth, June 16, 1765.

Katharine, February 22, 1767.

Gloriana, October 9, 1768.

Sarah Edwards, . . . December 30, 1770.

Eunice, June 6, 1773.

Charles, October 29, 1775.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy from Stratford Church Records.

Attest, CLAUDIUS B. CURTIS,

Stratford, Nov. 20, 1860.

Parish Clerk, Epis. Soc., Stratford.

The Willoughby families in this country seem to be somewhat noted families, and the records where most branches of the family have resided have been well kept. I think the pedigrees of the different branches of the family can be easily proved by public records. In some cases, undoubtedly, private records will be made to prove some points, but these I think can be got, as very many of the family have kept family records, which are now accessible.

Your obedient servant,

COLUMBUS SMITH.

The foregoing report having been sent me by Columbus Smith, I have had it printed for the benefit of the Willoughby Association. I have succeeded very well in raising funds thus far, and hope to be prepared for Mr. Fisher, who starts for England the present month. All members of the Willoughby family are cordially invited to join our association and forward their pedigrees to me.

H. O. SMITH,
Agent for the Willoughby Association.