

CHAPTER XI.

MATHEWS FAMILY.

I. NICHOLAS MATHEWS (or Mathewes), of Reading, in the County of Berks, England, died prior to the year 1624, leaving issue a son, Richard, *of whom hereafter*.*

II. RICHARD MATHEWS, cloth merchant and citizen of London, afterwards of Stoke Newington, in the County of Middlesex,† (son of Nicholas,) was born in 1610, and, December 6, 1624, apprenticed to John Webster, of the Clothworkers' Company, obtaining the freedom of that ancient corporation in 1631, after serving his apprenticeship of seven years.‡ He was one of the Proprietors of the Province of West New Jersey, his name being the eighth in the list of 153 persons who signed the "Concessions and Agreements."§ His signature was attached to that document in London, as he did not immigrate, but sent his son to look after his interests, which were very extensive, he having in March, 1676, purchased "one full equall and undivided ninetieth p't of y't undivided tract of land called West New Jersey, in "America," and in August, 1678, one-sixth of a like share of the province. He sold a part of this land to John Haddon, of Rotherithe, in Surrey, from whose family the village of Haddonfield, in New Jersey, takes its name. The conveyance was dated June 20, 1699, and in it he is styled "Richard Mathews, formerly of London, Blackwell Hall, factor, and now of Stoke Newington, in y^e County of Middlesex and Kingdom of England."||

* Certified extract from the Registers of the Clothworkers' Company of the City of London, in the possession of Dr. James W. White.

† Liber G, III, Gloucester County Deeds, p. 458.

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§ Original document at the Surveyor-General's office, Burlington, N. J.

|| Liber G, III, Gloucester County Deeds, p. 458.