

## SECTION XX.

## DURNFORD PEDIGREE.

When my father turned his attention to the claims of the heirs of Thomas Durnford, prior to proceeding further it became necessary to obtain the baptismal registry of each; in procuring these, he had some trouble, attended with considerable expense, but he regarded neither, for the inquiry was full of interest to him. He says in his "Autobiography," I have traced my ancestry back to 1590, and probably he would have carried the search much farther, but that it was attended with expense. The essential result of his labours is subjoined.

The Domesday Book mentions, as then existing in the three adjoining parishes of Sarisburie; now Stratford, Darneford, now Durnford; and of Ambresbury, no less than 17 mills."—*Duke's H. of J. H.*

"Roger de Derneford, in 12 of Henry II., held the fifth part of a knight's fee in the county of Wilts, of Patrick, Earl of Salisbury."—*Liber niger Scaccarig*, page 108.

"Stephen Durnford was Sheriff of Devon, 6, Henry V., his arms sable, a ram's head, erased argent, horns or."—*Isaac's Antiquities of Exeter*.

Extract from Lyson's *Brittannia*, under the head of Plymouth, Devon.

"Among the great Cornish landholders of the present day, we may reckon Earl Montedgewombe, who possesses the ancient patrimony of his family at Cotehill, and the Durnford estates, the more valuable part of which is on the Devonshire side of the water, comprising the town of Stonehouse, and the Montedgewombe Estate, &c., &c., arms, &c., being the Ram, whose heiress Durnford married Cuthbert Fisher, Esq., Chief Clerk, Treasurer's office, Ordnance, Streatham, Norwood."—*Tewkesbury Glossary*.

Another Extract. On the origin of the surname. Its use was merely limited to the Lord of the Parochial Town or Mill, as Edwardas de Sarisberrie, Ricardas de Derneford.

"Sir Thomas Arundel, ancestor to the Lord Arundel of Trerice, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Durnford, of the county of Somerset."—*Collins' Peerage*, Art. 7, page 171.

"Sir Piers Edgecombe, of Mount Edgecombe, Devon, H. B., married to his first wife, Jane, daughter and heir of Stephen Durnford, of East Stonehouse in the same county, by his wife, the daughter of Rame, of Rame, Esq. Sir Piers died August 31, of Henry VIII."—*Collins' Peerage*, vol. 7, p. 341.

Extract from the Survey of Cornwall by Richard Carew, of Antonie, Esq.

"The first promontory of this harbour, speaking of Plymouth, on the west side, is Rame Head, by his proportion receiving by his possession giving that name and arms to his owner, whose posterity conveyed it by