

of Otho Gilbert, whose lady, a maiden of the Champernowne family, bore not only Humphrey, the adventurer who discovered Gilbert's Straits and established the earliest British settlement of Newfoundland, but also his more famous uterine brother, Walter Raleigh. For upon that Otho Gilbert's passing, his dame mated with Walter Raleigh of Fardel, and by him produced a prodigy: the poet, statesman, soldier, courtier, explorer, and first jewel of Elizabeth's Court. A noble matron truly must have been that Katherine, mother of two such heroes; and less only in honour to these knights were Sir Humphrey's brothers. Of these, Sir John, his senior, rendered himself acceptable to God and man by his manifold charities, his virtue and his activity in public concerns; while Adrian Gilbert is declared to have been a gentleman very eminent for his skill in mines and other engineering projects.

Here, within these walls, a tradition, more credible than most, affirms that the half-brothers, Sir Humphrey and Sir Walter, not seldom met; that Raleigh smoked his first pipe on English