

Washington's birth to "Westmoreland, England," the Rev. Joseph Abbott (unless Mr. Lambe's memory was at fault) must have had the Virginia Westmoreland in his mind, and thus been misled as to the Ball and Washington families. The north of England shire that is associated with the Washingtons is Durham, from a village in which county the name is said to be derived. But that was at an earlier stage of their history. The parents of George Washington never, as far as I can find, took up their abode in the English Westmoreland. Cookham in Berkshire, is the place with which the story of the English nativity is connected from first to last.

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AMEDA—SPRUCE—SASSAFRAS.

AMEDA.—In Cartier's account of his voyage, 1535, he speaks of a tree by this name, having marvellous curative powers, but does not attempt to identify it with any tree known to him or his fellow-voyagers.

In "Hakluyt's Voyages," Edit. 1600 (p. 227-234), it is said to be the "*Sassafras*," a tree well-known to have been in demand, on European shores, for sanitive purposes, in early days.

The word is otherwise written by different authors—*Annedda*, *Haneda*.

In Parkman's *Pioneers of France*, he says:—"This valuable tree seems to have been the spruce." The authority of Hakluyt is cited to show that the tree called *Ameda* or *Annedda*, reported to have cured Cartier's followers of the scurvy, was the *sassafras*. Hakluyt had no information, except that derived from Cartier's narrative. He apparently conjectures the tree to have been the *sassafras*, because, in his time, the *sassafras* was supposed to have curative properties. It is certain, however, that the tree was an evergreen, as the Frenchmen are said to have made a decoction of its leaves, in the month of December, when