

## PREFATORY.

FRED GILYATT was born in the township of Redbourn, near the town of Brigg in the ~~feas~~ <sup>parish</sup> of Lincolnshire, England, May 27th., 1845, about 8 A. M., on what was then known as the Hase Farm. My father and mother were godly people. My father was from Huguenot extraction. His father was born in Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire, and my great grand father was brewer or maltster to the Earl of Yarborough. On my mother's side, I am supposed to be of English and Irish extraction. Her name was Hird. Her grand father was born in the town of Rasen, Lincolnshire, and was a soldier in the 5th Cumberland regiment and served through the revolution and war. My mother's grand mother was an Irish lady. I am not as yet positive about her maiden name, but some think either Mansfield or Mahoney, and say that she was a descendant of one of the Irish royal families. But this has to be proved so far. Both my great grand father and grand mother are supposed to be lying in a vault under the old Roman Catholic Chapel in Hull, Yorkshire, England, in vault No. 5. So the priest told me when I was in England in 1886, but I'll leave this and go along with my narrative.

FRED. GILYATT.

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