

ily name, I cannot pretend to accuracy ; but the information which I have collected, will perhaps be of some service to others, who possess a greater stock ; and if the various branches of families would contribute their mites, it would be an easy way of remedying the deficiency, which at present exists in American genealogy.

THE first person by the name of Willard who settled in this country, was Major Willard, whose name is recorded in the history of New-England wars. In the year sixteen hundred and seventy five, in the time of " Philip's war," a notorious Indian who lived within the present limits of the state of Rhode-Island, Major Willard who then lived in the town of Lancaster in Massachusetts, commanded a troop of horse ; and among his vigorous services, he relieved the town of Brookfield from the Nipnet Indians, who had burnt every house but one, and had almost reduced that to capitulation. When Lancaster was destroyed by the Indians, Major Willard removed to Salem, where he spent the rest of his days. He had two sons, one of whom was a settled minister in the town of Groton ; which place