

BRADFORD.

The ancestors of Governor William Bradford lived in Austerfield, Yorkshire, England, where he was born. The name, originally from the Saxon Bradenford or Broad-ford, appears on the Parish Register spelled Bradfarth and Bradfourth, but orthography was then in an uncertain state.

In 1877 the writer, in company with his cousin, residing in Yorkshire, went to Austerfield, met some descendants of the Bradfords there, and visited the little stone Church or Chapel, where Governor Bradford was baptized and which still remains as it was at that time. The font was taken to Philadelphia in 1876. The old Communion service, flagon, chalice and paten, of pewter, were still in use. The Parish clerk said that an offer had been made by an American Bradford to exchange them for a set of solid silver, which was declined. The Chapel belongs to the Parish of Bawtry, where, at the Rectory, was seen the old parchment Register containing the record of the baptism of Governor William Bradford. Photographs were obtained of this record and also of the interior and exterior of the chapel at Austerfield.

I. WILLIAM BRADFORD, the grandfather of Gov. William Bradford, lived in Austerfield, in or about 1575. "The time of his death appears only from a record of his burial, noted as happening on the 10 January, 1595-6." He had four children :

1. William, who married Alice Hanson.
2. Thomas.
3. Robert, who married Alice Waingate.
4. Elizabeth, who married James Hill.

II. WILLIAM, the eldest son of William and father of the Governor, married Alice, daughter of John Hanson. He was buried on the 15 July, 1591. His children were :

1. Margaret, b. 8 March, 1585; died young.
2. Alice, b. 30 Oct., 1587.
3. William, the Pilgrim, the record of whose baptism reads thus :

"William son of William Bradfourth baptized the
NINTH day of March Anno DM. 1589."

By the death of his father he was left an orphan at the age of about two years. He m. 1st, Dorothy May, 2nd, Mrs. Alice Southworth.

III. GOVERNOR WILLIAM BRADFORD, baptized March 19, 1589, married 1st, Dorothy May, and had by her one son, John, born before the emigration, who came to N. E. about a year after his parents.

About 1608 he went to Holland and joined the Pilgrims and came to Plymouth in the Mayflower in 1620. His wife was accidentally drowned, Dec. 7, 1620, during the absence of her husband on an examining tour, before the company in the Mayflower reached Plymouth.

He married, 2nd, Alice, widow of Constant Southworth, Aug. 14, 1623. Her maiden name was Carpenter. He had courted her in England but her parents being unwilling that she should come to America,