

PYNCHON.

1. **William Pynchon**, or Pyncheon. Mr. Savage gives the following account of him. He was associated with the patentees of Massachusetts in 1628, who purchased from the Plymouth Company that year, and was named to office by the Royal Charter of March 4, 1629. He came in the fleet with Winthrop in 1630. He is the first named in Roxbury Church.* He brought a wife,

* Since my sketch is written, the record referred to, and made by the famous Rev. John Eliot, the "Indian Apostle," has been transcribed by William B. Trask, Esq., and published in the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register," for January, 1881. The first is:

"he came in the first
company, 1630. He was
one of the first founda-
tion at Roxborough."

"MR. WILLIAM PINCHON. — He was chosen an Assistant
yearly so long as he lived among vs. his wife dyed
soon after he landed at N. Eng. he brought 4 children
to N. E.: Ann, Mary, John, Margret. After some years,
he married Mrs. Francis Samford, a grave matron of the

church at Dorchester. When so many removed from these parts to Plant Conesicott
river, he also, with other company, went thither & planted at a place called Agawam, &
was recommended to the church at Windsor, on Conesicott, vntill such time as it should
please God to provide y^t they might enter into church estate among themselves. his
daughter Ann was married to Mr. Smith, sone to Mr. Samford by a former husband.
He was a Godly, wise young man, & removed to Agawam with his parents. His daughter
Mary was married to Mr. Holloke, the sone of Mr. Holloke, of Linn, Mr. Pynchon's
ancient freind. Afterwards he wrote a Dialogue concerning Justification web was Printed
anno 1650, stilled 'The meritorious price,' a book full of error, & weakenes: & some
heresies, web the Generall Court of ye Massachusetts Condemned to be burnt, and
appointed Mr. John Norton, then teacher of Ipswich, to confute y^e errors contained
therein."