

The will of John Gaisford of Devizes is dated 1720. Stephen Gaisford is a name conspicuous in the narrative of the tumultuous Westbury election of 1734.

A word may be added in respect of the burnt school-houses at Bratton and Westbury. The lad who was guilty of both these acts assigned as his motive that he wanted his father to send for him home, as he had been kept at school for fourteen months. During his conveyance to Devizes gaol, he was near being subjected to popular violence. In that prison he put an end to his life by hanging.

Devizes Wick Branch.

At page 6 mention is made of Robert Wayland of Devizes Wick, who married Edith daughter of Philip Prater of West Kyngton. For four generations following, the representative name continued to be Robert. The latest Robert Wayland of Wick, yeoman, born 1681, left two children, Thomas and Mary, in whose persons this branch became extinct in the direct line; but from William the younger son of Robert first above mentioned, sprang what must now be set forth as the

Somerset Branch.

WILLIAM WAYLAND of Frome Selwood, younger son of Robert Wayland of Devizes Wick, married Anne Francis and was father to Francis, of whom presently; and William, conjectured to be the William Wellen mentioned at the head of page 8, as a sufferer in the Duke of Monmouth's cause.

FRANCIS WAYLAND of Frome Selwood Esq., elder son of the foregoing, born 1649, had issue, Francis, of whom presently, and John, whose son John married Anne daughter of John Sheppard of Frome.

FRANCIS WAYLAND of Frome Selwood had issue,

1. Francis, who died unm.
2. Samuel, of whom presently.
3. James, born about 1725, of Frome Selwood, had issue as follows,