

A few years ago Miss Juliet Lay Axtell, second daughter of the Rev. Henry Axtell, 2nd, and grand-daughter of the Rev. Dr. Henry Axtell, of Geneva, made a voyage to England and visited St. Peter's Church, at Berkhamstead, and made the following copy from the church register. The copy was kindly furnished us by Mrs. Harriet Tracy (Axtell) Platt, widow of Col. Edward R. Platt, and a sister of Juliet Lay Axtell.

"The order to keep a Parish Register was first issued in A. D. 1538."

John Axtell, ye sonne of John Axtell, christened 1539.

William Axtell, ye sonne of John Axtell, christened 1541.

William Axtell and Joan Phillips, married 1543.

John Axtell, christened April 15th, 1560.

Anne Axtell, christened Oct. 7th, 1565.

John, sonne of Robert Axtell, christened 1564.

Susanna, daughter of William Axtell, christened 1599.

John, sonne of William Axtell, christened 1614.

William, sonne of William Axtell, christened 1616.

"Thomas, sonne of William Axtell, christened Jan. 16th, 1619." (This man came to Massachusetts in 1642, and was the progenitor of the Axtells in America.)

"Daniel, sonne of William Axtell, christened May 26th, 1622." (This man was one of the Regicides, and a Col. in Cromwell's army, and was beheaded upon the restoration of Charles II, in 1660.)

Samuel, sonne of William Axtell, christened Dec. 15th, 1625.

Anna, daughter " " " " " May 26th, 1627.

Sarah, " " " " " Jan. 20th, 1629.

Mary, " " Thomas Axtell, " Sept. 25th, 1639.

Elizabeth, " " John Axtell, " May 7th, 1640.

Margaret, " " " " " Dec. 23rd, 1641.

Ann, " " William Axtell, " June 6th, 1641.

Henry, sonne " Thomas Axtell, " Oct. 15th, 1641.

(This man and his sister Mary, christened Sept. 25th, 1639, were brought to America by their father in 1642.)

John, sonne of William Axtell, christened Sept. 5th, 1670.

William, " " " " " Nov. 15th, 1686.

John, " " " " " Dec. 26th, 1700.

Mary, daughter " " " " " Jan. 9th, 1703.

Anne, " of " " " " Jan. 26th, 1707.

Elizabeth, " " Samuel Axtell, " April 6th, 1734.

John Akstyle was one of a house of "bon hommes," good men, or Monks, who signed the instrument which transferred their property to Henry VIII, about A. D., 1535.

See Chauncey's "History of Hertfordshire, Eng."