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THE VERNON FAMILY AND ARMS.

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WHEN the inscriptions and coats-of-arms on the tombstones in the old burying ground situated in the northern part of Newport, R. I., were copied for the *Heraldic Journal*, those bearing the arms of the Vernon family were overlooked; probably from the fact that the family lot is surrounded by a high arbor-vitæ hedge. Within this enclosure are many ancient and modern stones to different members of the family; the two oldest being to Daniel, the emigrant ancestor, and his wife Ann. The next in order are two large, broad, flat stones engraved with the Vernon arms, and bearing an inscription to the Hon. Samuel Vernon and his wife Elizabeth. They are dated 1737 and 1721-2, respectively. Samuel was the son of Daniel, who came over from England and founded the American family of the name. Daniel was in possession of a seal ring bearing the same arms as those on the tombstones mentioned, which he inherited from his brother, Samuel Vernon, of London, whose widow sent it to him from England. The ring is now supposed to be lost; but a good impression of it, from which the cut at the head of this article was engraved, is in the possession of Thomas Vernon, Esq., of the firm of Vernon & Hill, attorneys and counsellors at law, New York city. Mr. Vernon, who is the son of the late Hon. Samuel Brown Vernon, of Newport, formerly General Treasurer of Rhode Island, has furnished, at my solicitation, most of the material for this genealogy, and the affidavits from the originals in his possession.

It will be seen that the Vernon family is one of our few families who have always been able to trace the use of coat armor to their English ancestors.

The following affidavits were made to enable the Hon. Samuel Vernon, of Newport, son of Daniel, to assert his title to property in London, consisting of a range of warehouses on the Thames and Quay, which had been much injured by the fire, which, after the death of his father and his father's sister, he went over to England and disposed of.

The Deposition of Elisha Dyre of North Kingstown in the Colony of Rhode Island, &c., who being Duly Sworn Testifyeth and Saith—

That he was Personally Acquainted with Daniel Vernon Late of North Kingstown in the Colony Aforesaid, Now Deceased, and with some of his Sisters and his Brother Samuel Vernon's Widdow that Lived in the City of London, and Likewise with Samuel Vernon of Newport in Rhode Island, Esq^r. Son to the S^d Daniel Vernon, which S^d Samuel Vernon he Knoweth

of his Ceartaine Knowledge to be the only and Ligitimate Son of the Afore Named Daniel Vernon, and Further this Deponent Saith, that when he was in London the Widdow of the first Named Samuel Vernon Desired him to bring her Husbands Legacy of A Gold Ring to his Brother Daniel Vernon Afore Named, but he Refused it by Reason he was not A Coming Directly to New England, and She Sent it by John Scott to the Said Daniel Vernon and he Received it Accordingly to this Deponant Knowledge.

ELISHA DYRE.

The above Subscriber Elisha Dyre Personally Appeared in North Kingstown and made Solemn Oath to the Whole Truth of the Above Written Evidence the 15th Day of May A.D. 1736.

Before CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS, Justice Peace.

The Deposition of Hannah Place of North Kingstown in the Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. Who Being Duly Sworn Testifyeth and Saith—

That She was well Acquainted with Daniel Vernon Late of the Afores^d North Kingstown, Butt now Deceased^d and his Wife Ann Vernon, And was Present and Saw them Married Together According to Law, and That to her Ceartaine Knowledge Samuel Vernon of Newport Esq^{ro} is the only and Legitimate Son of the Afore Named Daniel Vernon and Ann Vernon his Wife.

HANNAH PLACE.

The above Subscriber Hannah Place Personally Appeared in North Kingstown and made Oath to the Whole Truth of the Above Written Evidence the 15th Day of May, A.D. 1736

Before CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS, Justice Peace.

Daniel Updike of Newport in the County of Newport in the Colony of Rhode Island &c., Gentleman, Aged about forty two years, and being duly Sworn testifyeth and Saith that about the Year 1715, One Daniel Vernon died at the Deponer^t's Fathers House in North Kingston after having lived for many Years preceeding said Time at said Place as a Tutor to the Deponer^t's and to his Father's other Children. And the Depon^t very well remembers that by the Account the said Daniel Vernon gave of himself and Family he was the Son of One Samuel Vernon of London and was himself born there, and that he had had Two Brothers Inhabitants of that City, One named John Vernon and the other Samuel Vernon, the latter of which by the Relation given by said Daniel Vernon was drowned, And the said Daniel Vernon shewed me a Seal Ring being a Corneliou Stone cut with Three Wheat Sheaves the Arms born by the Family of Vernon, which was (as he said) his said Brother Samuels. Further the Depon^t testifyeth that a French Bible by him produced printed at Rochelle Anno 1616 was the Bible of the said Daniel Vernon, and by him left at his Death, and that the Hand Writing on the Back Side of a Leaf in said Bible on the other Side of which is the Command^{ment} (which Writing gives an Account in English of the Death of Samuel Vernon the said Daniel Vernon's Father, of John Vernon, of The said Daniel Vernon's Mother, and of Samuel Vernon his Brother,) the Depon^t knoweth to be the Hand Writing of the said Daniel Vernon as perfectly as he knoweth any Writing that was not written in his Presence. And Further the Depon^t saith he never knew or heard of any Person besides the aforementioned Daniel Vernon that bore that name Saving his Son who deceased without Issue; Again the Depon^t testifyeth that he well knoweth Samuel Vernon of Newport aforesaid Esq^{ro}, and that he is the Lawful Son and Heir of the aforementioned Daniel Vernon (who died

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at the Depon^t Fathers House as aforesaid) in the Acceptation of Man-kind in the Govern^t where the Depon^t liveth, which is also the Place where the said Samuel Vernon liveth, is well known and Sustaineth the Place of a Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature. Further the Depon^t Saith not.
DANIEL UPDIKE.

Newport Rhode Island May 28th Anno 1736.

The within named Daniel Updike Gentleman, Personally Appeared before me the Subscriber one of his majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Newport, and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the within written Deposition, to which had subscribed his name, and the Bible hereunto annexed is the very Bible to him Referred to in S^d Deposition. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and for the Annexing S^d Bible Affixed my Seal.
SAMUEL WICKHAM.

Katharine Updike of North Kingston in the County of Kings County in the Colony of Rhode Island, &c. Gentlewoman, being duly sworn testifieth and saith that about the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifteen, One Daniel Vernon died at the Dwelling House of the Depon^t Father in said North Kingston, at which Place the said Daniel Vernon had lived for many Years preceeding his Death. And the Depon^t lived in the Same House with him for several Years, even until the Time of his Death, and hath often heard him give an Account of himself and Family. That he was born in London and that his Fathers name was Samuel Vernon. That he had had two Brothers Inhabitants of that City, One named John Vernon and one named Samuel Vernon. That they were both dead and that the latter of them was drowned a fishing in the New River, And the Depon^t observed a Ring Worn by the said Daniel Vernon set with a Cornelian Stone cut with Three Wheat Sheaves which he said was the Arms of his Family and sent from England to him, And the Depon^t saith that a French Bible printed at Rochelle, Anno 1616, was the Bible of the said Daniel Vernon, and by him given to the Depon^t at his Death, And the Hand Writing on the Back Side of a Leaf in said Bible on the other side of which is the Commandments (which Writing gives an Account of the Death of Samuel Vernon the said Daniel Vernons Father, of John Vernon, of the said Daniel Vernon's mother, and of Samuel Vernon his Brother) The Depon^t knoweth to be the Writing of the said Daniel Vernon as well as She knoweth the writing of any Person, she being much acquainted with it. And further the Depon^t saith not.
KATHARINE UPDIKE.

Newport Rhode Island May 28th 1736

Then the above named Mrs. Katharine Updike. Personally Appeared before me the Subscriber one of his majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Newport, and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the above written Deposition to w^{ch} She had Subscribed her name and the Bible hereunto Annexed is the Very Bible by her Referred to in S^d Deposition. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name and for the Annexing the Bible Affixed my Seal as aforesaid.
SAMUEL WICKHAM.

[A certificate prefixed to these depositions, dated May 29, 1736, and signed by "John Wanton," governor, and "Jas. Martin," secretary of the colony of Rhode Island, certifies that Samuel Wickham, Esq., was then a justice of the peace in commission for the town of Newport, and that Christopher Phillips, Esq., was justice of the peace in commission for North Kingstown.]

The Bible of Daniel Vernon, referred to in the above affidavits, is now owned by Mrs. George Talbot Olyphant, of New York. It

is in the French language, printed at Rochelle in 1616. It also contains the whole book of psalms collected in English metre, London, 1629; also confession of faith, and so forth.

In this Bible are the following entries in Daniel Vernon's handwriting:

My Hon^d Father Samuel Vernon Dyed the 25th day of April 1681—St. Marks day. My brother John Vernon Dyed April, 1682, 42 years of age, in London, on St. Marks day. My Hon^d Mother Dyed April 24th, 1701, Aged four score years the time the Queen was crowned.

My brother Samuel Vernon was drowned at ye New River a fishing 17th July, 1703, Aged 42 years.

Myself was born in London Sept 1st 1643.

My son Daniel Vernou was born the 6th day of April 1682, at one O'clock at Newport, Rhode Island.

My son Samuel Vernon was born the 6th day of December in the year 1683, in the day time at 8 o'clock at Narragansett.

I was married to my wife 22 Sept. at Narragansett 1679.

My daughter Catharine was born the 3^d day of Oct. Sabbath day, two hours before day break at Rhode Island in the year 1686.

Mr. Vernon, who made the above extracts from the bible twelve or fifteen years ago, thinks that he paid no attention to the ancient mode of spelling or use of capitals at that time.

1. SAMUEL¹ VERNON, had children:

- i. JOHN, b. about 1640; d. April, 1682, a. 42.
- ii. DANIEL, b. Sept. 1, 1643.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. about 1661; d. July 17, 1703, a. 42.

2. DANIEL² VERNON (*Samuel*¹), born in London, Eng., Sept. 1, 1643, is said to have come to this country about the year 1666. His emigration is thought to have been in part determined from the losses his father sustained in the great fire of that year in London; a range of his warehouses on the Thames and Quay having been burned in that disastrous fire. Mr. Vernon had received a very superior education; spoke several languages, and was long a tutor in the family of Lodowick Updike, of North Kingtown, R. I. In 1683 he was clerk of Kingston; also constable. In 1686 he was appointed marshal of the province and keeper of the prison; in 1687, with Henry Tibbets, he was appointed to lay out certain highways in Rochester. On his arrival from England he appears to have first resided at Newport, but shortly removed to Narragansett, where at Tower Hill, Sept. 22, 1679, he married Ann Dyre, a widow, daughter of Capt. Edward Hutchinson. She died Jan. 10, 1716; her gravestone is still standing in the family lot at Newport, beside that of her husband. He died Oct. 28, 1715. Children:

- i. DANIEL, b. April 6, 1682; d. young, probably in infancy.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 8, 1683.
- iii. CATHERINE, b. Oct. 3, 1686; d. unm. March, 1769.

3. SAMUEL³ VERNON (*Daniel*², *Samuel*¹), born Dec. 6, 1683; m. April 10, 1707, by Nathaniel Coddington, Esq., to Elizabeth Fleet, of Long Island. He became a very distinguished citizen of Newport; was an assistant from 1729 till his death in 1737, and a judge of the superior court of judicature. His constant election to office shows that he was highly esteem-

ed in the community, and he doubtless would have attained still further distinction had not his useful career been arrested by his death, Dec. 5, 1737, while still in the prime of life. Mrs. Vernon died March 5, 1721-2, æ. 37 years. Their gravestones, bearing the family arms, are still in the Newport cemetery. Children :

- i. ANN, b. Jan. 23, 1707-8; d. Sept. 23, 1782; m. Mr. Sanford; had one son Samuel, secretary of the Newport Insurance Co.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 4, 1709; m. Capt. Elnathan Hammond, of Newport, merchant.
4. iii. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 6, 1711.
- iv. ESTHER, b. Aug. 20, 1713; spinster.
- v. DANIEL, b. Aug. 20, 1716; freeman 1738; descendants still reside in Newport.
- vi. THOMAS, b. May 31, 1718; m. Sept. 9, 1741, Jane, dau. of John Brown, merchant, of Newport. She d. April 29, 1765, æ. 43 yrs. He next m. May 20, 1766, Mary Mears, who d. Aug. 1767. He was a merchant of the firm of Grant & Vernon; was royal postmaster at Newport from 1745 to 1775; register of the court of vice-admiralty twenty years; secretary of the Redwood Library, and senior warden of Trinity Church. He was a tory, the only one of the family, and suffered eight months imprisonment on account of his tory principles. He wrote a journal of his captivity, now in possession of the Newport Historical Society. His house was on the west side of Division Street. He died in 1784 without issue.
5. vii. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 17, 1719.
- viii. MARY, b. Dec. 23, 1721; d. May 17, 1770.

4. SAMUEL⁴ VERNON (*Samuel³, Daniel³, Samuel³*), born Sept. 6, 1711; m. Amey, daughter of Governor Richard Ward. She d. Jan. 17, 1792, in her 75th year. He was a prominent Newport merchant; long a member of the house of S. & W. Vernon. His house was the old Olyphant house on Church Street, still owned by his descendant, Mrs. E. De W. Thayer. He died July 6, 1792. Their gravestones are standing. Children :

- i. ELIZABETH, b. April 24, 1738; m. Capt. Valentine Whightman.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 3, 1739; died the following Saturday night.
- iii. AMEY, b. Sept. 12, 1741; d. Aug. 28, 1742.
- iv. MARY, b. Feb. 17, 1742-3; m. Nov. 26, 1760, Christopher Ellery, an eminent merchant of Newport and a revolutionary patriot. He was a son of Deputy Gov. William Ellery, and brother of William Ellery, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was Deputy in the Colonial Assembly, a Judge of the County Court, and an Assistant of the Colony. He was chairman of the committee of arrangement appointed by the town of Newport to receive Washington on the occasion of his first visit to Newport, and entertained the distinguished guest at his residence. Children :—1. *Elizabeth Almy⁶ Ellery*, b. March 24, 1764. 2. *Benjamin⁶ Ellery*. 3. *Christopher⁶ Ellery*, b. Nov. 1, 1768. 4. *Samuel⁶ Ellery*, b. Sept. 29, 1770. 5. *Mary⁶ Ellery*, b. May 15, 1772. 6. *Margaret⁶ Ellery*, b. June 17, 1775; d. Dec. 1775.
5. v. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 17, 1744-5; d. Dec. 1, 1809.
- vi. AMEY, b. July 19, 1746; d. Aug. 18, 1746.
- vii. AMEY, b. Nov. 19, 1747; m. Samuel King, portrait painter; instructor of Allston and Malbone. Children :—1. *Samuel⁶ King*, an eminent merchant, of New York, who as early as 1803, and probably earlier, was head of the East India house of King & Talbot. He m. his cousin Harriet, dau. of Samuel Vernon. 2. *William Vernon⁶ King*, bachelor, lawyer, graduate of Brown University.
- viii. WILLIAM, b. July 21, 1749; d. September, 1749.
- ix. WILLIAM WARD, died young in Jamaica, W. I.
- x. ANN, one of the sprightliest wits of Newport colonial society; m. Oct. 23, 1786, Dr. David Olyphant, a Scottish gentleman whose devotion

to the Stuart cause, sealed at Culloden, compelled his emigration to America. He went first to Charleston, S. C. On the breaking out of the Revolution he espoused the patriotic cause, and became medical director of the armies of the Carolinas, under Generals Gates and Greene. He was a member of the Rhode Island branch of the Society of the Cincinnati. Children:—1. *Ann^e Olyphant*, b. Oct. 27, 1787; spinster, who died in 1861 or 2 at Salem, N. C. 2. *David W. C. Olyphant*, born March 7, 1789; an eminent merchant of New York, head of the great house of Olyphant & Co., China, and of Talbot, Olyphant & Co., of New York. His grandson, Talbot Olyphant, son of his son David, is now a member of this house, and resides in New York, having lately returned from China. Mr. Olyphant m. Mrs. Archer, a widow; he died at Cairo, Egypt, in June, 1851.

5. WILLIAM⁴ VERNON (*Samuel³, Daniel², Samuel¹*), born Jan. 17, 1719; m. Judith, dau. of Philip Harwood, and great-granddaughter of Deputy Gov. Clarke and Gov. John Cranston, of Rhode Island. She died Aug. 29, 1762, æ. 38 years. He died Dec. 22, 1806. Their graves are marked in the family lot; his by a marble monument, hers by a stone. Mr. Vernon's house was at the corner of Clarke and Mary Streets, and is still standing, a fine specimen of colonial architecture. It has an historical interest, Mr. Vernon having given the gratuitous use of it to the Count de Rochambeau during the Revolution, and thither Gen. Washington repaired on his first visit to Newport. Mr. Vernon was one of the most distinguished of the Newport merchants, and one of the most self-sacrificing patriots of the Revolution. His trade extended to all the maritime nations of Europe, the West Indies and Africa. He lost eight vessels by capture in or about the year 1758. So conspicuous was he as a merchant, that in 1778 a French house in Bordeaux solicited his patronage, and spoke of him as "universally known all over the continent of America." He contributed a vessel to the expedition against Louisburg. In 1773 the Colonial Assembly of Rhode Island appointed him one of a committee of three to prepare a letter to "his Majesty's Secretary of State" upon "the endangerment," by a bill then pending in the House of Commons, of the fisheries prosecuted by R. I. merchants in and near the Gulf of St. Lawrence." He early espoused the patriot cause, and became a most unflinching "Son of Liberty." His great abilities as a merchant, and extensive acquaintance with marine affairs, enabled him at a very early period to assist Congress by his counsel. In 1774 he was appointed one of the committee of correspondence of the town of Newport, with the town of Boston. In 1775 he was appointed by the General Assembly, with William Ellery and others, a committee to collect statistics in regard to losses inflicted upon Rhode Island by the ministerial forces. In this year one of his vessels, the brig *Royal Charlotte*, was seized by Wallace in Newport harbor, taken to Boston and confiscated with its cargo. In 1776, when the British occupied Newport, he was forced to leave the place. May 6, 1777, he was elected by Congress one of the Continental Navy Board, established at Boston, and was the president of the board from its organization to its dissolution. He not only gave his services without charge to his country, but advanced large sums to the government, which were only in part paid. His two colleagues in the navy board were James Warren and John Deshon, of Massachusetts. Of his losses he thus speaks under date of Oct. 10, 1778, in a letter to Josiah Hewes: "Mammon is no idol of mine. If we establish our rights and liberties upon a firm and lasting basis on the winding up of this bloody contest, I am con-

tent; altho' I own, if I could come at the property our enemies are possessed of, belonging to me, it would increase the pleasure. I do assure you it is not less than twelve thousand pounds sterling at least, besides my real estate at Newport; yet I can with truth say it never broke my rest a moment." At the close of the war he reëntered upon commercial pursuits, and was one of the founders of the Newport Bank, of which institution his son Samuel and his grandson William were successively presidents. He was also one of the founders of the Newport Artillery Company in 1741. He was a great friend of learning, and assisted Dr. Witherspoon in raising funds for Princeton College. . . . On the death of Abraham Redwood, he was elected the second president of the Redwood Library. He was on terms of affectionate intimacy with La Fayette, Dr. Stiles, Adams and Franklin; and was intimate with Jefferson, Viscount de Noailles, and other prominent men too numerous to mention.

His correspondence during colonial, revolutionary and post-revolutionary times, which is very large and well preserved, is in possession of Thomas Vernon, Esq., of New York, who contemplates printing it at some future day. He has also a large family correspondence of the Wards, Ellerys and Vernons of the same periods, which throws a good deal of light upon colonial times and life, and upon the feelings which permeated the men and women immediately before, during and after the Revolution.

Mr. George C. Mason, of Newport, in 1853, contributed a serial sketch of Mr. Vernon to the *Newport Mercury*.

William Vernon was a man of very imposing presence and courtly manners. Children:

7. i. SAMUEL, b. May 29, 1757.

ii. WILLIAM, b. March 6, 1759; d. unm. in 1833. He was afterwards known as William H. Vernon; was for many years secretary of the Redwood Library. He was a man of elegant and courtly manners, and was known in Newport as "Count Vernon." He graduated at Princeton College in 1776. He is famous as the owner of a celebrated collection of paintings of great merit, which he made in France; an account of them is given in the *Galaxy* of December, 1876. It is thought that he may have inherited the seal ring referred to in the affidavits, which may have been lost by him, as while in France he went through many vicissitudes. He was a constant and favored guest at the court circles of Louis XVI., and a favorite of the Queen.

At one time during the French Revolution he was recognized as a courtier by the mob, dragged to a lamp-post, and was only rescued from being hanged by a Frenchman who knew him and assured the mob that he was an American citizen.

iii. PHILIP HARWOOD, b. April 3, 1761; d. Aug. 26, 1762.

6. SAMUEL^a VERNON (*Samuel*^a, *Samuel*^b, *Daniel*^c, *Samuel*^d), b. Feb. 17, 1744-5; d. Dec. 1, 1809. He had two children:

i. HARRIET, m. her cousin Samuel King.

ii. WILLIAM S., of Louisville, Ky., who m. America Fontaine, and had:—
 1. *George Talbot*,⁷ m. Mary Ross. 2. *Charles Fontaine*,⁷ dead.
 3. *Mary Ann*,⁷ m. Nathaniel Wolfe, a distinguished lawyer of Louisville. 4. *Ann M.*⁷ 5. *Harriet King*.⁷ 6. *Daniel Smith*.⁷ 7. *William S.*,⁷ dead. 8. *Edward Harwood*.⁷ 9. *Grace*,⁷ m. Francis L. B. Noad, of Montreal, Can.

7. SAMUEL^e VERNON (*William*^a, *Samuel*^b, *Daniel*^c, *Samuel*^d), b. May 29, 1757; m. Dec. 31, 1784, his cousin Elizabeth Almy, daughter of Christopher and Mary (Vernon) Ellery. She was born March 24, 1764; died Feb. 21, 1857, æ. 93. Mr. Vernon was an eminent Newport merchant,

and at one time its wealthiest citizen; was the second president of the Newport Bank, and president of the Newport Insurance Company. During the Revolution he carried on business at Boston, where his father was discharging his official duties. He fought as a volunteer under Gen. Sullivan at the battle of Rhode Island, August, 1778, and his tomb was decorated with flowers on the centennial celebration of that battle. He died Nov. 22, 1834.

Children :

- i. MARY, b. July 21, 1786; d. Feb. 14, 1787.
- ii. CATHERINE, b. July 7, 1787; d. May 20, 1871; m. Rev. Joel Mann.
- iii. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 4, 1788; d. Dec. 18, 1867; m. first, Eliza D'Wolf, of Bristol, R. I.; m. second, Elizabeth Bryan, of Charleston, S. C.
- iv. Daughter, b. Sept. 15, 1789; d. Sept. 22, 1789.
- v. MARY, b. Jan. 3, 1792; d. July 16, 1811.
- vi. EDWARD, b. Sept. 8, 1793; d. Feb. 12, 1861; m. Anna, dau. of Hon. Jabez Clark, Judge of Windham County, Conn.
- vii. ELIZABETH ALMY, b. April 28, 1795; d. Feb. 1816.
- viii. PHILIP HARWOOD, b. Dec. 4, 1796; d. Sept. 16, 1834.
- ix. THOMAS, b. Dec. 20, 1797; d. May, 1876; m. Adelaide Augusta, dau. of John Winthrop, of Boston.
- x. Daughter, b. 1799; d. next day.
- xi. SAMUEL BROWN, b. April 27, 1802; d. May 29, 1859; m. Oct. 26, 1830, Sophia, daughter of Joseph Peace, lawyer of Philadelphia, and left issue.

The arms borne by the American family correspond with those of the noble family of Vernon in England, viz.: Or on a fesse az. three garbs of the field. Crest, A demi Ceres affrontée ppr. vested vert holding three ears of wheat over her left shoulder or, and in her right hand a sickle ppr., handle or. These arms are accorded by Burke to representatives of Richard de Vernon, who accompanied William the Conqueror to England, and was created, by Hugh Lupus, baron of Shipbrook, county of Chester.

Genealogical research in England may possibly connect Samuel of London, the ancestor of our Vernons, with this family.