

advantage of abstracts from the records in the British Museum, and other record depositories, collected by Columbus Smith, Esq., of Vermont, a gentleman who has made it his business to examine into and prosecute claims of American parties in England, in his humble opinion, it is almost an impossibility to connect the American and English families; the lapse of time proving an insuperable barrier.

In making this statement the writer is aware that he differs from the views entertained (as before stated) by a large number of the family; but nothing is to be gained by assuming for *facts*, what can not be well authenticated.

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