

England about that period, and the elder brother, Andrew, settled there, and Clement disappeared, You have explained what happened to him in your letter. My uncle, William, would have been delighted to hear what you have written about him. As I told Mr. J. Nance, a friend of mine who spent a summer in the Scilly Islands, found that on one island, all or nearly all, the people were named Nance, I am too old to go and see into the matter, and in truth it is not of any interest to me,

It appears that Andrew Nance lived in or about Cornwall, and there are plenty of Nances thereabouts descended from him.,, Every eldest son was named Andrew. I am the tenth Andrew, the eldest born of each generation, My only child died in infancy and my brother, Walter, named his eldest boy Andrew. So he will be the eleventh, and will probably have what few dollars I possess when my wife is done with them, The seventh Andrew crossed to Normandy from Cornwall and lived there. In Normandy the eighth Andrew was born. The eighth Andrew went to Kent when he was about twenty-one, and I believe the seventh Andrew and his wife, Martha, died there, The eighth Andrew soon left: Kent when his parents died, and came to Portsmouth and set up as a hatter, He was a most enterprising man, He bought the "Fountain" and "Blue Ports" Hotels. He married a lady near Portsmouth; had a large family and died there, The ninth Andrew (my father), also lived all his life in Portsmouth, and his wife (my mother), is named Martha, the same as his grandmother. That is wholly all I know and I don't think anyone knows any more. No doubt a search in France would reveal the history and origin of the family from the first.

Truly,

Andrew Nance

Exhibits A,B,C,D, and E have been copied exactly as they appeared in the Nance Memorial by George W. Nance. 1904, pp. 333-337,

September 9, 1610 - Richard, son of Mr. John Nance., baptized at Kavarne (Cornwall, England), From Visitation to Cornwall in the Year 1620 by Vivian and Drake, London. 1874,

There is no evidence whatsoever that this is Richard, American emigrant before 1639, other than the fact that most of the English Nances were found in Cornwall. This Richard and the emigrant Richard seem to be near the same age and the name John is most common among American Nances.