

In 1573 John Nanste was a burgess of Saint Ives. In 1578 he contributed to the equipment of a trained band fitted out against the Spaniards. In 1590 Captain John Nance. In 1595, John Nanse Captaine, etc. 1543, Symon Nanc. 1592, Mr. Trenance.

John Nance, Jo Nance, Wm. Nance, Rio Nance, Geffrie Nance, Wm. Nance, Wm. Nance church warden, and others appear all along up to about 1700. Marriages: 1778, John Nance and Elizabeth Stevens. 1701, Alien Nance and Wilmot Thomas. 1711, Thomas Kempthorn and Elizabeth Nance. 1729, Richard Eustis and Margery Nance.

From John Wesley's diary the following items are taken:

"Visited Saint Ives a second time April 3, 1744. I was a little surprised at entering John Nance's house, being received by many, who were waiting for me with a loud, though not a bitter cry.

Again, "Went with John Nance to Rosemargay, in Zennor, etc."

Again, " But between seven and eight the mob came and beset John Nance's house. John Nance and John Paynter went out, and stood before the door; though they were quickly covered with dirt. The cry was, bring out the preacher. Pull down the house."

And again, "On Sunday, 30, about six in the evening, I began preaching in the street near John Nance's door."

Concerning his twenty-fifth visit, on August 26, 1785, Wesley writes: "In the evening I preached in the market place at Saint Ives, to almost the whole town. This was the first place in Cornwall where we preached and that was where Satan fought fiercely for his kingdom; but now all is at peace. I found that old John Nance had rested from his labors. Some months since, sitting behind the preacher, in the pulpit, he sunk down and was carried out and fell asleep."

Many other quotations might be made from this work, but these are given not because of any real value, but to give some idea as to the age, number, and prominence of the family.

"Exhibit E"

Belfast Street Tramways Co.

Andrew Nance, Manager

Geo. W. Nance, Esquire - My dear Sir: - I was away on my vacation when your letter arrived, and so it has not been answered as soon as I could have wished. Your letter very much surprised me for two or more reasons. The number of persons of our name who are known to you in America, is astonishing, and the similarity of traditions with regard to them.

For my own part I do not take any interest in ancestry, nor should I take any trouble about it. My uncle, William, however, who was a lawyer, took a world of trouble and spent a good deal of money in inquiries. I have at some time when a young man, either read or was told what he discovered, but I don't know whether it exists now, nor if it ever was written, or where it would be if it did exist.

First, he found out the "Coat of Arms" of the family. I send it on the paper enclosed. The motto is the same as that of Queen Elizabeth, and I'm told that it indicates that the royal blood of France is in our veins, whether legitimately or not I cannot say. My uncle, William, appears to have satisfied himself that two Huguenot brothers named Clement and Andrew were obliged, with their families, to flee from France at the time of the Huguenot persecutions. They appear to have been an aristocratic and noble family, and the name Nance was a territorial name, and probably we could call ourselves De Nance, if we so desired. They appear to have landed in western

Tramways Office, Sandy Row

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