

ered. But England was certainly the place whence the family came. On 8 April 1756, William Benchley of Providence, Rhode Island, husbandman, quitclaimed to his son William Benchley of Providence, mariner, all his right to the estate "of my ever honowred Grand Father Robert Benchely of Little Rainham in the county of Norfolk in the Kingdom of Great Britain late Deceased" (Smithfield [R.I.] Deeds, 4:224-226, City Clerk's Office,

Central Falls, R.I.). The article that follows presents what information has