

III.—SYSTEMATIZED GENEALOGY.

1. Francis or Frances Crip, died at Ely, county of Cambridgeshire, England, 1609, possibly the father or mother of

2. Thomas Cripps, whose wife was buried at Ely, September 9, 1630. I conjecture him to have been the father of (3) Thomas and (4) William, who in the fourth decade of the seventeenth century appear to have been the heads of two collateral branches of the Crips family in Ely, though he may have been identical with (3) Thomas, in which case, however, he must have married twice, and each time an Anne.

3. Thomas Crips, married at Ely to Anne (surname illegible) in 1629 (day and month illegible). It was during his lifetime, *i. e.*, about 1633, that the spelling of the name was changed from Crips to Scrips—a change probably caused by the union of the last letter of his Christian name with the surname, in writing it from dictation. It will be observed that there were three, if not four, generations of Thomases, covering a period of about one hundred and forty years. During this period they were the elder and principal heads of the family, and very naturally established the orthography of the family name. It will readily be seen, by repeating it aloud, how easily Thomas Crips became transmuted to Thomas Scrips. The date of his death is not recorded, but Anne Scrips, “widow of Thomas,” was buried October 27, 1650. Their children were :

| | Baptized. | Buried. |
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| (5) William Crips | October 3, 1630. | |
| (6) Thomas Crips+* | October 18, 1632. | |
| (7) William Scrips+ | March 30, 1634. | |
| (8) Joan Scrips | January 21, 1637. | |
| (9) Robert Scrips+ | May 16, 1641. | |

*The sign + following a name signifies that more is said of the person further on.