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Bradford, Cromwill and Belbeck Families  
Allied Family Histories  
Halifax, County North Carolina

List of the descendants of John Bradford of Halifax County, North  
Carolina, and Patience Reed, 1708.

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## BRADFORD

All of them came originally from the vicinity of Bradford in Yorkshire, England. The name goes back to the Saxon period, and William the Conqueror mentions it in Doomesday Book, including it in the Barony of Pontefrash which he granted to Ilbert de Lacy.

John Bradford, born in Halifax County, North Carolina in 1708, married in 1751, Patience, daughter of Henry Reed holder of royal grants in Halifax County.

### children

Rebecca	born Dec. 25, 1752 died married April 6, 1770	John Branch, first territorial governor of Florida. In 1826, Lafayette was entertained in their home.
Elizabeth	born May 1, 1754 died married	
Tabitha	born Dec. 7, 1756 died married	
Frances	born May 25, 1759 died married	Samuel Crowell
Henry	born Dec. 4, 1761 see later	William Wooten
John	born May 15, 1764 died married	
Mimi	born July 12, 1766 died married	

John married second Dorothea Miriam Burgess

### children

Miriam	born June 15, 1769 died married	Colonel Crowell
Richard Henry	born September 30, 1770 died married	Suffolk County, Virginia
Ann	born Sept. 12, 1772	

John married third Elizabeth Norwood

### children

Neal	born Feb. 10, 1775 died July 20, 1776
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Sara	born June 2, 1776 died married
Martha	born Jan. 6, 1779 died married
Mary	born Nov. 7, 1780 died married
William	born Sept. 20, 1786 died will probated Halifax County November, 1824. Never married.

John Bradford was most active in the affairs of both his county and state before and after the Revolution. The records are full of references of his services. After the Revolution he was a member of the first Constitutional Convention of North Carolina and appointed to the committee which drafted the first constitution for the state of North Carolina. He was an intimate friend of Wiley Jones, benefactor of John Paul Jones. He was a colonel in the Revolution and his records in the DAR may be found under numbers 3250 and 39493 among others. He is referred to in the index of these records as "Col. John Bradford of North Carolina" for convenience. John Bradford died in 1787 (will probated Nov., 1787).

Henry Bradford, son of John and Patience Bradford, was ordained by the Rev. Francis Asbury, and married by the same bishop on Jan. 1, 1782 to Sara Crowell, daughter of Edward and Martha Rabun Crowell. Henry later founded Bradford's Chapel in Halifax County, North Carolina.

children

Martha	born Oct. 10, 1782 died married John Judge
Nathaniel	born March 30, 1784 died married Sarah Temple
Elizabeth	born July 10, 1786, died in infancy
John	born Dec. 3, 1787 see later
Thomas	born Feb. 17, 1790 died
Henry	married Elizabeth Eselback born Oct. 30, 1791 died
Mary Crowell	married Ann Harris born Jan. 29, 1793 died Eliza Taylor
Sallie	married Gen. Ely Whitaker born Sept. 22, 1796, died in infancy
Edward	born Aug. 25, 1798 died
Richard Henry	married Martha Lewis born Nov. 15, 1800 died
	married Ann Bryan Fort

John Bradford and his five eldest brothers were among the Halifax men stationed at Norfolk, Virginia during the War of 1812. It is said

that the combined height of these six brothers fighting the British was forty feet.

John Bradford married Mary Eelbeck in Halifax County. Soon after they migrated into Franklin County, Tenn. at the same time that his brothers took advantage of their brother-in-law's position and moved to Florida. John later settled in Wetumpka, near Montgomery, Alabama and became a prosperous merchant. He is buried there. Mary Eelbeck died prior to 1837.

children

Sally	born	
	died	
	married	Henry Cooper
John	born	
	died	with his three sons in the War Between the States
	married	Lillie
James	born Jan. 25, 1816	Franklin County, Tenn.
	see later	

In early manhood, James worked in Mobile, Alabama and met there his wife, Margaret Ann McRae. Margaret Ann was the daughter of Mary Melissa Booth (said to be a cousin of John Wilkes Booth) and - McRae. She was born Nov. 18, 1816 in Anson (now Macklenburg) County, North Carolina. Her father was an Indian agent and disappeared on one of his trips. After that she, her sister and two brothers were reared by their uncle, John McRae in Winchester, Wayne County, Mississippi.

This uncle also had homes in Pascagoula, Miss. and Mobile. Later his son, John J. McRae, became governor of Mississippi and another son, Colin, was a Confederate Financial Agent in England.

James and Margaret Ann were married in Lowndes County, Alabama, March 20, 1837.

children

Ella Matilda	born June 18, 1838	
	see later	
Laura	born Jan. 5, 1840	
	died	
	married	Patrick Laurence David Hutchinson
Sarah Elizabeth	born Nov. 6, 1841	
	died	1826
	married Aug.	1865 William Jasper Callan
Henry Montford	born Dec. 10, 1843	
	killed Dec. 15, 1864	at Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Mary	born Dec. 2, 1845	
	died	
	married July 25, 1875	James Marsh
John Crowell	born Nov. 8, 1849	
	died Nov. 28, 1849	dropped by Negro nurse
Thomas	born July 18, 1852	
	died	
	married	Louisa Wills
William	born Oct. 25, 1847	
	died	1829
	married Leonora Walker	
	William was a physician and Confederate	

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Edward

soldier  
born May 29, 1853  
died

Frances

never married  
born Aug. 10, 1856  
died  
married

J. Darrell

James Bradford died April 6, 1887 and is buried in Centre, Alabama.  
Margaret Ann Bradford died May 28, 1899 and is buried in Cedartown, Ga.

WAR RECORDS OF JAMES BRADFORD

Member of Capt. Isaac Tichenor's Company  
1st Regiment of Texas Volunteers  
Texas War 1835-36

This was the company destroyed  
at the battle of the Alamo.  
James had become sick with ma-  
laria and was left in Mobile  
while his baggage was taken to  
Texas. In 1890 his heirs were  
given a cash gratuity from the  
State of Texas in lieu of land.  
His name is carved on the Alamo.

Company "H"  
19th Alabama Infantry  
1st Lieutenant of the Command  
enlisted Aug. 17, 1861 at Huntsville, Ala.

said to have served under "Little  
Joe Wheeler"