

CROWWELL

Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, though called the "Great
Commoner" claimed descent from the kings of Scotland through his mother,
Elizabeth Steward. His father was the great-grandson of Morgan Williams
who married the sister of Thomas Cromwell the ruthless and brilliant
minister of Henry VIII. This minister was the son of Walter Cromwell,
alias Smyth. Richard Williams, son of Morgan, acted as his uncle's secre-
tary and took the name Cromwell.

OLIVER CROMWELL, M. ELIZABETH BOUCHIER
son

HENRY born Jan. 20, 1628 at Huntingdon
died March 27, 1674 at Spinney Abbey, Cambridgeshire
married 1653, Elizabeth (died 1637) daughter of Sir Francis
Russell

son

EDWARD and his brother Francis, fled England in 1674 on the ship
"Caledonian" to New Perth, New Jersey, and settled in Wood-
bridge, N. J. While on the high seas they wrote their
name on parchment, cut out the "w", and with solemn cere-
mony dropped the letter into the ocean and assumed the name
Crowell. Later they became leading founders of the Wood-
bridge Presbyterian Church.
Edward may have married Mary Lathrope, whose people were
from Barnstable, Mass.

son

Edward II born Oct. 17, 1680 in Woodbridge (or June 6, 1685)
died Oct. 30, 1756 in Woodbridge
married first Oct. 5, 1705 Sarah Vail (Veal) Coule,
born 1685, died May 16, 1730, daughter of
Thomas Vail (Veal)

son

EDWARD III who with his brother John (or Joseph) moved to Halifax
County, North Carolina about 1720, and settled at Crowell's
Cross Road. John married a Barnes, famous for her beauty,
and Edward married Martha Rabun, an aunt of Gov. Mathew
Rabun of Georgia. In 1781, a party of Tarleton's Legion
looted the home of Edward Crowell III and in doing so des-
troyed the original parchment used in the shipside ceremony
as well as the family genealogy recorded on vellum.
Edward died in 1792.

daughter

SARAH born June 8, 1763 in Halifax County, N. C.
died 1838
married Jan. 1, 1782 in Halifax County, N. C. Henry Braiford

EELBECK

Colonial records of North Carolina spell this name as Eelbeck, Elbeck, Ealbeck, Eolbeck, Eilbeck, Elbeck Elbick and Elbech with the first two predominating. The early wills are all probated in Halifax County, North Carolina.

Henry Eelbeck was established in Halifax long before the Revolution. His wife, Jane, may possibly have been a sister of Joseph Montford an outstanding North Carolinian of that time. Henry's will was probated in 1783.

son

Montford Ealbeck, Sr. was sheriff and Associate Judge in Halifax County before the Revolution. He was Judge of the Courts 1777-79 and many various committees with Joseph Montford, John Bradford and Wiley Jones. His wife's name was Mary. The children mentioned in his will were Anna Maria, Penelope, Ann Housen, Elizabeth M. Frohock, Susanna, Mary, Montford (will probated Aug. 1818) and John.

Of these, Mary married John Bradford.