

descended from John Stockton, Esquire, of Keddington (eldest son of Thomas, of the same place), who about the year 1550 married Eleanor, daughter of Vivian, grand-daughter of Owen, and sister and heiress of Daniel Clayton, of Chorleton. They had issue several daughters and five sons, viz., Owen, Thomas, Randall, William, and John. Their third son, Randall, became a merchant, and removed to London, where he died some time prior to 1657, having married his cousin, Elizabeth Clayton, of that city, who survived him, and by whom he had issue Richard, *of whom hereafter*, Francis, and Cecilia. Richard proved his mother's will, of which he was executor, February 16, 1658, but died a few days afterwards, when his widow, Dorothy, continued the executorship. The compiler has never been able to trace the descendants of this gentleman, which is a source of great regret to him, as the evidence, though only circumstantial, seems to point to the conclusion that he was the father of Richard Stockton, of Flushing, Long Island, and afterwards of Springfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey.

[The pedigree on the two succeeding pages will serve to illustrate the compiler's remarks about the English Stocktons, and is inserted with the hope that it may prove of interest to the American family.]

I. RICHARD STOCKTON, of Flushing, Long Island, Esquire, and afterwards of Oneanickon, Springfield Township, Burlington County, West Jersey (who is presumed to have been a descendant of John Stockton, Esquire, of Keddington, in the Parish of Malpas and County of Chester, who about the year 1550 married Eleanor Clayton), arrived at Flushing, from England, some time prior to November 8, 1656, when his name appears in a petition of some of the inhabitants of that town requesting the release of William Wickendom, who had been fined and imprisoned for preaching without a license. In 1685 he was one of the freeholders of Flushing, as appears by a deed of that date* confirming the old Dutch patent of 1645.†

In 1675 his estate at Flushing consisted of 12 acres of land, one negro slave, five horses, five cows, and five swine, and in

* Original petition at the Department of Archives, Albany, N. Y.

† Abstracts of Patents, Vol. III, p. 65, Secretary of State's office, Albany, N. Y.