

CHAPTER V.

STOUT FAMILY.

THERE is no doubt that the sisters, Rebecca Stout, wife of John Cranmer (see that family, *Chapter IV*, p. 16), and Penelope Stout, wife of Jacob Henry Falkenburg,* members of the Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting, were descendants, probably great-grandchildren, of Richard and Penelope Stout, of Middletown, N. J., as on the latter's decease, in 1712, aged 110 years, she is said to have had five hundred and two descendants.† A manuscript genealogy was compiled by a Mr. Stout, and is said to have been at one time in the possession of the father of Ex-Governor Parker, but that gentleman was not able to give the compiler any information on the subject.

Partial copies of the Stout MS. are in the possession of the Rev. G. C. Schenk, of Marlborough, N. J., and Dr. J. E. Stillwell, of New York City, but they do not give the names of Rebecca and Penelope Stout's parents, though Mr. Schenk writes the compiler that Richard, second son of Richard and Penelope Stout, settled at Squan Beach, where he raised a large family, and is likely to have been the father or grandfather of Rebecca and Penelope, who lived in that neighborhood.

I. RICHARD STOUT was the son of John Stout, a gentleman of good position in Nottinghamshire. He had a disagreement with his father, which caused him to leave England. Embarking on a man-of-war, he served seven years, being honorably discharged at New York,‡ where he remained until April 8, 1665, when he became one of the original incorporators of Middletown, East

* Married in the years 1726 and 1731 respectively. Minutes of the Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting.

† Edwin Salter's *Historical Reminiscences of Ocean County, N. J.*

‡ *Ibid.*