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## Abraham Doolittle and some of his Descendants.

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**T**HE origin of the name Doolittle is somewhat obscure. Bardsley in his *English Surnames* inclines to the opinion that it originated as a nick name, in common with many others after the advent of the Normans in England. W. A. Curtis, in an article in the *N. Y. Churchman*, holds that Doolittle is an Americanization of the good Huguenot French name *De L'Hotel*. There is no doubt however that the name has been one of long standing in England, although it is not often found in the history of that country. Hon. Mark Doolittle says in the *N. E. Gen. Reg.*, Vol. 6, p. 293, "That there were prominent Puritan divines (certainly one) flourishing at the time of the great emigration to New England, is well attested. One of the most remarkable men of this sect, was the Rev. Thomas Doolittle, who was a native of Kidderminster in Worcestershire, where he was born in 1630, and for whom the famous Richard Baxter, had a great regard and affection. After completing his college course at Pembroke Hall, in Cambridge, he became minister of Alphage, in London, and kept a private academy in Crophledge. He trained up several ministers of note also. After the Restoration, he became one of the ejected ministers by the act of uniformity. Ten years after, Charles II, licensed him to preach, which