

Our local records show the following variations in spelling the name, which have occurred since Robert, the immigrant, reached Salem.

I find, Dec. 27, 1769, Receipt to Rich<sup>d</sup> Derby, signed Robert Rintoul. Oct. 15, 1774, Rob<sup>t</sup> Rentoul, of Salem; certificate of intention of marriage; and Rev. James Diman's record of the marriage, Nov. 3, 1774, of Rob<sup>t</sup> Rantoul to Mary Preston. Tax bills of Capt. Rintoul for '76 and '77. Dec., 1782, deeds to Mary Rentall and Robert Rentall. July 15, 1784, probate certificate of death by shipwreck of R. Rentoul, signed by Wm. Gray, Jr., and Benj<sup>n</sup> West; and April, 1788, an inventory of his estate, signed "Mary Rentoul." In 1793, the "widow Rentall" is mentioned in the records and by Benj. Pickman in his notes (Hist. Coll. Essex Institute, Vol. VI, p. 94) as a householder at the corner of Central and Essex streets, and a deed to Mary Rantoul, July 14, 1792, is the second instance of the use of any other vowel than "e" or "i," prior to a deed to my grandfather, Hon. Robert Rantoul, March 1, 1800, since which date the use of the vowel "a" has been uniform. A few miles south of Charleston, S. C., on the Charleston and Savannah Railroad, is "Rantowle's Station," but I know nothing of the origin of its name. The town of Rantoul, in Champaign County, Illinois, was so named by the directors of the Illinois Central Railroad, for my father, Hon. Robert Rantoul, jr., of Beverly, a member of the first board of directors of that road. The towns of Rantoul in Calumet County, Wisconsin, and in Franklin County, Kansas, are named after the same person.

Major Robert Rintoul of Lahill in Fifeshire, late of the Fife Militia Artillery, in a letter dated Aug. 20, 1883, says playfully that the acknowledged position of chief of the clan belongs to Lieut. Col. Robert Rintoul, late 16th [Queen's] Lancers and formerly Captain 4th Dragoon