

## WATERS.

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THE name of WATERS is of Norman origin. Bardsley classes it with Wat, Watts, Wattare, Water, Watson, Waterson, Watkins and Watkinson, which were originally nicknames of Walter, the name of a saint who resided in Aquitaine, where through his celebrity the name had become widely spread in the early part of the tenth century. He also places it with the numerous class of locative names, such as Roger atte (at the) Lane, Thomas atte Brooke, Walter atte Water, which afterwards became Roger Lane, Thomas Brooke, Walter Atwater, or Waters.

The name has also been derived from the Norman French, Euille or Everaux (a spring or waters), from which Wassa, Washbourn (afterwards Washington), Waterton and Waters; and from the first form we have the name Wells, and from the second the root of Vernon (ver, a spring).

Waters is a common name in England, and it is possible there may be as many distinct families as there are different ways of deriving the name. In America there are as many as four entirely distinct families, but they may have a common origin. In Yorkshire, England, many have borne the name of Waters.

From the year 1400 to 1600 it appears in various forms: Wartyr, Warter, Watter, Wattars, Waters.

Emmerton and Waters, in their "Gleanings from English Records", (Salem, 1880), say that "Robert Watter, of Cundall, an eminent merchant of York, was twice lord mayor thereof, viz.: 1591 and 1603. He entertained King James VI of Scotland on his way to London to be enthroned as King of England and was knighted by that monarch 20 April, 1603."

Sir Robert died 12 May, 1612, and was buried in the choir of the Church of St. Crux, under a goodly monument ornamented with the effigies of his wife and three children and with several other figures and bearing this inscription: