

CHAPTER XV.

TONKIN FAMILY.

I. EDWARD TONKIN, of Springfield Township, Burlington County, West New Jersey, was one of the early settlers of that locality, and probably came either from Cornwall or Devonshire, as the name is common in those counties. The public records of Burlington County contain only one mention of his name, and he does not appear to have been a member of the Society of Friends.

He died a short time prior to March 14, 1690-91, O. S., when John Tonkin gave bonds to faithfully administer the estate of his "late father, Edward Tonkin, of Springfield, deceased."*

Issue of *Edward Tonkin* and — — — —, his wife:

- i. JOHN, of whom hereafter.
- ii. ELIZABETH, m., in 1687, William Bustill, constable of the town of Burlington in 1699,† by whom she was probably the mother of Samuel Bustill, Esquire, deputy registrar of the Province of West New Jersey, who m. Grace, dau. of Thomas Gardiner, Esquire, first Speaker of the General Assembly of New Jersey. See Gardiner family, p. 46.
- iii. JOSHUA, constable of the town of Burlington in 1716.‡

II. JOHN TONKIN, of Springfield Township, Burlington County, N. J., yeoman, (eldest son of Edward,) was born about 1665, and baptized, together with his wife and four children, at St. Ann's (now St. Mary's) Church, Burlington, February 1, 1703-4.§ He died in August, 1735, his will being dated July 4, 1734, and proved August 20, 1735. He left small legacies to his children, Edward and Elizabeth, bequeathing a life interest in the rest of his property to his wife, after whose decease it was to be equally divided between his sons John, Charles, Joshua, and Jacob. See *Appendix XXVI.*

* See *Appendix XXV.*

† Burlington Court Records and Burlington Town Book.

‡ Burlington Town Book.

§ Records of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.