

OUR CROCKER ANCESTORS

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The first of our Crocker ancestors of whom I have positive information and identity, was Edward Crocker. The early records of the proceedings of the Vestry of the Upper Parish of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, have been lost, but there is a Vestry book of said Parish commencing in 1723-4, now in the clerk's office of the Court of said County. The report of the Processioners made pursuant to the order of the Vestry January 4, 1723-4, shows that the said Edward Crocker was then in the possession of the home place where I was born, and which came down from him through successive lineal ancestors to my brother, William Andrew Crocker, and to me. The subsequent reports of the processioners show that he was in the possession of the said home place until his death. The Vestry book also shows that he and Richard Blunt were the processioners of their district in 1727.

There were a number of other Crockers in the County contemporaneous with Edward Crocker, but I never heard of any claim of kinship with any of them. The will of Edward Crocker, dated 24th of September, 1751, was admitted to record on the 2d of July, 1752. In it he mentions his two sons, William and Thomas, daughter Martha, wife of Ambrose Hadley, and his grandson, Joseph Crocker, who was the son of his son, William Crocker.