

## EDWARD BAYLIFF DOCUMENTS

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**1714 EDWARD BAYLY BAYLIFF BAILIFF** was born around 1714 in Dublin, Dublin, Ireland. **EDWARD** was christened 12-April-1714 at Saint Peter and Saint Kevin Church in Dublin, Dublin, Ireland. His father was **EDWARD BAYLY**. It appears that **EDWARD BAYLY** changed his name from **BAYLY** to **BAYLIFF** when he first appears in the 1740 tax records of Chester County, Pennsylvania [maybe the tax man didn't understand the name and spelled it on the tax records wrong and the name stuck]. **EDWARD BAYLIFF** is the brother of **THOMAS BAILIFF SR**. The fact that **EDWARD BAYLIFF OR BAILIFF** left his entire estate to **THOMAS BAILIFF SR** seems to confirm a close relationship.

**1740 EDMUND BAYLIFF** [freeman-- meaning unmarried] is taxed for the first time while living in West Bradford Twp, Chester County, Pa. It possibly would take a year or two after **EDWARDS's** arrival to appear on the tax list suggesting **EDWARD** and his younger brother **THOMAS** may have arrived in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1718 or 1719.

**4-APR-1754 EDWARD BAYLIFF'S** name was published in the Pennsylvania Gazette in Philadelphia as having a letter in the Post Office there.

**12-OCT-1757 EDWD BAILIFFE** attended the **QUAKER WEDDING** of **THOS. HARLAN** and **MARY BAILY** in the meeting house of the **NEW GARDEN MONTHLY MEETING**.

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**1759 EDWD BAILY** [freeman] is taxed in West Bradford, Chester County, Pennsylvania. This is probably **EDWARD BAYLIFF** since I don't find other **EDWARD BAILY'S** listed.

**DEC 1769 EDWARD BAYLIFF** dies.

**30-DEC-1769 EDWARD BAYLIFFE** Estate Record; Residence---Newlinton [or **NEWLIN TWP**]; Granting Letter Date: **Dec 30, 1769**; Granted to: **THOMAS BAYLIFFE**; Bond: 500 pounds; Sureties: **WM CLOUD** and **RICHARD BARNARD**; Inventory: April 27, 1770; No. of Paper: 2539; Will Book 2, P. 211.

**20-JAN-1770** The **INVENTORY OF APPRAISEMENT** of **EDWARD BAYLIFF**. There were two people, **RICH'D BAYLIFF** and **JOEL BAILY**, taking the Inventory of **EDWARD'S ESTATE**.

**SOURCE:** Inventory of the Estate of Edward Bayliff, deceased. Newlin Twp, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Case # 2539.

**NOTES:** **EDWARD BAYLIFF** in his inventory paid for "a servant man's time". A lot of the Scotts Irish coming to Pennsylvania lack the resources to pay their transportation to come to America from Ireland. A family member or friend or someone who needed labor would pay for the individual's ship transportation. In return, the person needing transportation had to agree to work for the individual paying the transportation for a period of 5 years or an agreed upon term.

These people were referred to as indentured servants. They were almost always white and a man usually did farm work or a woman would work in the house. The Inventory shows that **EDWARD'S** estate is owed "a servant man's time". The phrase "a servant man's time" tells us that **EDWARD BAYLIFF** has paid the transportation for another person coming into Chester County. **EDWARD** has paid for someone who has not yet served his 5 years of work time. There is no evidence that **EDWARD** was an indentured servant.

**BOOK DEBT** mentioned in the inventory means **EDWARD** has accumulated a good amount of wealth. He has been loaning his money to his neighbors and friends on interest. At the time of his death, he has 139 pounds of money out on loan which seems to be a large amount of money for the 1700's. **EDWARD** seems to have accumulated a lot of wealth compared to his neighbors. **THOMAS BAYLIFF** inherited this full amount of money when the estate was settled. Maybe this is where **REBECCA** in Orange County, North Carolina, obtained money to buy land for her sons **THOMAS** and **ABNER**.

The mention "**Deer Creek in Maryland**" in the inventory suggest that he has items in Maryland that need to be sold. There is a Quaker Church on Deer Creek and probably a Presbyterian Church in the area.

**21-AUG-1785.** **JAMES WATSON** of Orange County, North Carolina, sells **150 ACRES** on **WATSON CREEK** to **ABNER BAILIFF**, signed by **REBECCA BAILIFF**, his mother. This indicates **ABNER** was under age at the time of sale. Witnessed by **THOMAS MULHOLLUM**, Priest, and **PHILLIP AUSTIN** of Orange County, North Carolina.  
**SOURCE:** Orange County, North Carolina, Deed Bk 2, P. 168.

**21-AUG-1785.** **JAMES WATSON** of Orange County, North Carolina, sells **150 ACRES** on **WATSON CREEK** to **THOMAS BAILIFF**, signed by **REBECCA BAILIFF**, his mother. This indicates **THOMAS** was under age at that time. Witnessed by **THOMAS MULHOLLUM**, Priest and **PHILLIP AUSTIN** of Orange County, North Carolina.  
**SOURCE:** Orange County, North Carolina, Deed Bk 2, P. 164-165.