

**EDWARD BAYLIFF APPEARANCE IN BRADFORD TWP CHESTER COUNTY TAX  
RECORDS 1740**

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**1740.** Bradford [Twp] [Chester County, Pa] “Freeman”.

**SOURCE:** Chester County, Pennsylvania, Archives.

**NOTES:**

1. There are no surviving tax list in Chester County, Pennsylvania, from 1741 through 1747.

**DEFINITION OF FREEMAN:** Single and is at least 21 years of age. [This suggest **EDWARD BAILIFF** was **born 1719 or earlier** and is not married.] It turns out **EDWARD** is born **1714** in **Dublin, Ireland**. He had to be out of servitude or apprenticeship at least 6 months at the time of being taxed. If someone paid your transportation to America, it was typical that you worked 3 to 5 years for the person paying your transportation. Some sources say 7 years. I think the length of time is whatever you can negotiate at the time. I see no evidence that **EDWARD** was indentured unless the records have been destroyed. Single men living with their parents often were not taxed even if they were older than 21 years. The fact **EDWARD BAILIFF** is taxed in 1740, we know **EDWARD** is not living with his parents in 1740.

**SUMMARY OF EDWARD BAILIFF’S STATUS IN 1740**

1. All of the tax records in Chester County on **EDWARD BAILIFF** list him as single.
2. **EDWARD** was born in 1714 in **DUBLIN, IRELAND**.
3. There is no evidence found of **EDWARD** being an indentured servant.
4. **EDWARD** is not living with his parents in 1740.
5. **EDWARD** was able to work and support himself because “the poor and infirm were dropped from the tax rolls”.
6. If a person is listed on the tax rolls with the term “**inmate**” after their name, this means the person was “married or widowed but did not own land”. Once he is married he is not listed as single again. The tax list doesn’t consider him single again if a spouse dies. He is widowed. This is why it appears to me that **EDWARD** was single his entire life.
7. **THOMAS BAILIFF** was the executor of **EDWARD BAILIFF’S ESTATE** in 1769. The fact **EDWARD** is single and **THOMAS** is his executor and receives his entire estate strongly suggest to me that **THOMAS** and **EDWARD** are brothers. This **EDWARD** is not **EDWARD P. BAILIFF** which is another line which could be related in Ireland **EDWARD P. BAILIFF** is from **DANIEL BAILIFF** line which is probably the **DANIEL BAILIFF** in the 1740 tax records of Chester County, Pennsylvania. This Daniel turns out to be a **BAILY**.