

THOMAS BAILIFF [SR] AGE ESTIMATE

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“1747. **THOMAS BAILIFF [SR]** is taxed in West Bradford Twp., Chester County, Pa.” This is **THOMAS BAILIFF’S** first appearance in the tax records.

[We have to assume that **THOMAS [SR]** is single [**FREEMAN**] in 1747 since he is not listed as married.]

PROJECTED AGE: Born 1726

ESTIMATED ARRIVAL IN CHESTER COUNTY: 1738 or 1739

Terms used in tax records.

FREEMAN: Single and at least 21 years of age. [This means **THOMAS BAILIFF [SR]** was born 1726].

INMATE: Married or widowed and landless. [This means a person is either married or widowed. A widowed person is never listed as single. If the person owned land it would say “Land”.]

SUMMARY OF THOMAS BAILIFF’S AGE ESTIMATE

1. **THOMAS BAILIFF [SR]** born 1726 in Dublin, Ireland.
2. **THOMAS BAILIFF [SR]** is living in the home of his brother until 1747.
3. **THOMAS BAILIFF [SR]** name evolved from **BAYLY** to **BAYLIFF** to **BAILIFF**.

TIMELINE ON THOMAS BAILIFF

1747	THOS. BAYLIFF [SR] single and taxed in West Bradford Twp.
1749	THOMAS BAILIFF [SR] single and taxed in West Bradford Twp.
1751	THOMAS BAILIFF [SR] single and taxed in East Bradford Twp.
1753	THOMAS BAILIFF [SR] inmate taxed in East Bradford Twp suggesting marriage in 1753.
1754-1761	THOMAS BAILIFF [SR] inmate taxed in West Bradford Twp. Possibility 1 st wife died during this time period.
1762-1768	THOMAS BAILIFF [SR] is not in Chester County, Pa, during this time period. [Found in Orange County, NC, county board minutes listed as serving on a Grand Jury 1765.]
1769	THOMAS BAILIFF [SR] inmate taxed in Newlin Twp. [Appears his brother EDWARD is ill and died Dec. 1769 without any known descendants] [THOMAS [SR] is married and wife is named Rebecca.]
1770	THOMAS [SR] is not on the tax list but in this year is appointed as administrator of his brother’s estate. THOMAS [SR] receives the entire estate of EDWARD’S in Newlin Twp.
1771-1778	THOMAS BAILIFF [SR] inmate taxed West Bradford Twp.
1778	THOMAS BAILIFF [SR] name is first written on tax list THEN CROSSED OFF suggesting he left the county in this year.
1779-1783	No BAILIFF’S appear in Chester County, Pa.

1784-1785 **THOMAS [SR]** inmate taxed in East Bradford Twp. [It appears **THOMAS BAILIFF [SR]** died on the trip back to Orange County, NC, in early 1785.]

1785 **REBECCA BAILIFF** buys land for sons **THOMAS BAILIFF [JR]** and **ABNER BAILIFF** in Orange County, North Carolina.