

EARLY EMBREE ANTECEDENTS IN AMERICA.

The history of the Embree Family goes back to the earliest settlement of Flushing, on Long Island, U. S., and there is reason to believe that it was of French Huguenot origin, and tradition reports that they came from Normandy, the original form of the name being d'Embree. As the name appears in the United States many years before the Huguenot immigration in 1686, they were probably among the large number of families who fled from France to Holland to escape persecution, and thence came to America with the Dutch.

Their first settlement was in Westchester, N. Y., from whence they removed to Long Island, N. Y. One of the earliest mentions of the name is in the will of Nicholas Percell or Parcell dated March 10th, 1689, -90. In this he leaves a legacy to Robert Embree, son of my daughter Sarah. She was probably the wife of John Embree whose name appears at an early date. About the same time appears the name of Moses Embree, probably the brother of John, these two seem to be the progenitors of the race.

Robert Embree was probably the father of John Embree who married Sarah, daughter of Francis Doughty. She was born September 1703.

Her grand-father, Rev. Francis Doughty, is inseparably connected with the founding of the towns of Flushing and Newton. His sons Elias and Francis were very prominent in the early annals. Francis Doughty married Margaret, widow of Rev. John Moore, of Newton. She was a daughter of Edward Howell, whose name must ever be famous as the founder of Southampton, the first English town in the Province of New York, and the ancestor whose descendants may be numbered by the thousand.