

THE BROCK FAMILY

The Brock family to which this Canadian branch belongs has spelled the name as above since the time of William Brock of Basford, "Gent". (1683-1730) through seven generations.

In the will of William Brock, 1683-1730, the name is spelled Brock and Brocke.

Previously for four generations the name was spelled Brocke. In the early and middle part of the 16th Century there were in the County of Essex, in England, four brothers, John, William, Richard (died 1563) and Thomas (died 1561). Throughout the will of Thomas the name is spelled Brocke. In the will of Richard it is spelled Brocke and Broke alternately and signed Richard Broke.

I have not been able to find the wills of John and William. John's name appears in the Heralds Visitation of Essex, 1570, and is spelled "Brock" in the original manuscript at the Heralds College, London, but in a manuscript at the British Museum—Visitation of Suffolk, 1612, recording the pedigree of his grandson, Bartholmew Brocke of Southolt Manor, Worlingworth, Suffolk, it is spelled Brocke throughout.

Their Father, George Broke, second son of John, sixth Lord Cobham, spelled the name Broke and Brocke.

The Brokes Lords Cobham spelled the name also Brok. Broc is another medieval spelling.

"The Broke family spelled the name Brooke for the first time in the reign of Charles II."

Brock, Broc, Broke, Brocke, Brook, Brooke "are all the same name originally" as appears in a letter to Colonel Henry Brock from Heralds' College, London, England, in 1910.

Brok and Broocke are spellings found in different indices.

The following are different derivations:

Brock: "An archaic form for Brook." See Dictionary of Names by Chambers.

Broc: A Village in Anjou, France.

Broc: The Anglo Saxon for badger. Also for horse. See Dictionary of Names.