

married, but the name of his first wife is not known. She is credited with one daughter, Joan.<sup>6</sup> His second wife was Christian —, who had two daughters, Reece and Ruth, and one son, John.<sup>6</sup>

*John<sup>6</sup> Williams* of Huntingdon, near Watton-under-Edge, Gloucester, d. in 1579, leaving a son, William.<sup>7</sup> No other particulars of this family are given.

*William<sup>7</sup> Williams* of Huntingdon, m. (1), Nov. 15, 1585, Jane Shepherd. She d. about 1600; a child of hers having been baptized Dec. 2, 1599. He m. (2), Dec. 4, 1603, Jane Woodward. She d. Feb. 2, 1614, and he in 1618. The first child by his second marriage, b. in Jan., 1606, was Richard<sup>8</sup> Williams of Taunton, Mass.

Thus it will be seen that Oliver Cromwell was a lineal descendant in the male line of Morgan Williams of Glamorganshire. His great-grandfather, Sir Richard<sup>6</sup> Williams, assumed the name of "Cromwell," it is true, but not until in mature years he had distinguished himself in the public service (temp. Henry VIII), under the patronage of his uncle, Thomas Cromwell (Vicar General, 1535), whom he proposed to honor by the adoption of his name. In fact, ever afterwards, Sir Richard used to sign himself "Richard Cromwell, alias Williams"; and his sons and grandsons, and Oliver himself, in his youth (1620), used to sign in the same manner. In important grants from the crown to Sir Richard (29 and 31, Henry VIII), the grantee's name appears in both forms, "Cromwell alias Williams," and "Williams alias Cromwell."

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ALPHEUS<sup>5</sup> PARLIN (*Oliver,<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Nicholas<sup>1</sup>*), born Aug. 19, 1767, at Concord, Mass.; married July 22, 1791, Polly Spear of Carratunk, Me.

The name of Alpheus Parlin appears in the records of Norridgewock, Me., as early as 1788.

Children, born at Bingham, Me.:

- i. Polly,<sup>6</sup> b. April 4, 1805.
- ii. Eliza, b. Feb. 14, 1807; m. Feb. 28, 1827, Calvin Boyd of Norridgewock. They went West.
160. iii. Simon, b. Sept. 16, 1809.
161. iv. Sumner, b. May 25, 1813.
- v. Benjamin, b. Oct. 26, 1818. He went to sea at an early age and was never heard from.