WOLCOTT FAMILY.

"*Walcott* of *Walcott*, a very ancient family in ye Countie of Salop, as doth appeare by ancient histories and monuments of great antiquitie, as by one seene within one mile of ye Bathe, as they where plowing in ane fielde called Campœ de Walcott ane urne was dugged upe whereon was ane inscription of Walcott in ye time of ye Romaynes; from whome are many and worshipfull gentles descended, as Sir Will Cecill, Baron of Burleigh is descended by a daughter and heir of Walcott, the Earles of Exeter and Salisbury, Lord Roose, with manie others of ye nobilitie are descended from Walcott." — *Kennett's History*, iii. 400.

The spelling of the family name (as was usual in those days) was very variable; it is found in not less than a dozen forms. It is given in three different ways in the signature, the seal, and the superscription of the same letter. A single sarcophagus, bearing date of the sixteenth century, still standing in Tolland, England, whence the family migrated to this country in 1630, records the name in four modes of spelling.

It is believed that the following line of descent from Traharen is fully established, and admits in its *essentials* of no reasonable doubt. It rests upon the "Herald's Visitations of Shropshire," in the years 1584 and 1623, verified by subsidy rolls, wills, and parish records. The English branch of the family, tracing its descent from Roger Wolcott (6th), is now represented by Admiral Walcott, M. P., and the Rev. McKenzie Walcott, Dean of Chichester, an eminent antiquary and genealogist. The latter, who has given to it very great labor and study, maintains that the genealogy is directly traceable throughout, and admits of the fullest documentary proof.

1st. *Traharen*, son of Jerworth, of Gothmore, married Dyddgo, daughter of Meredith, son of Robert, of Kedowan.