

APPENDIX EARLE.

FIRST GENERATION.

3219

**RALPH EARLE\***

Died 1678 in Portsmouth, R. I. Will recorded Jan. 14, 1678.  
Mar.

**Joan** ———

Died 1680+

Their children :

**EARLE—**

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| 3220 | <b>Ralph</b>   | m. Dorcas Sprague.                                |
| 3221 | <b>William</b> | m. { (1) Mary Walker.<br>(2) Prudence ———         |
| 3222 | <b>Mary</b>    | m. { (1) William Cory.<br>(2) Joseph Timberlake†. |
| 3223 | <b>Martha</b>  | m. William Wood.                                  |
| 3224 | <b>Sarah</b>   | m. { (1) Thomas Cornell.<br>(2) David Lake†.      |

Of the place of birth, the residence previous to emigration from England, or the ancestry of Ralph, we have no positive history. There is a tradition among his descendants that he came from Exeter, in the year 1634, and this tradition is probably correct. There is little doubt that he was married in England, and that his wife came with him, but her maiden surname and the dates of her birth and death are unknown. Her christian name is spelled in the old records in three different ways, viz: Ione, Jone and Joan; we have adopted the last orthography as now the most common.

The earliest trace of Ralph hitherto discovered, is in the records of Newport, R. I. His name is there found under date of "first of eighth month" (October), 1638, in a list with fifty-eight others arranged as "A Catalogue of such persons who, by the General Consent of the Company, were admitted to the Inhabitants of the Island now called Aqueedneck, having submitted

\*From the Earle Family, Ralph Earle and his descendants compiled by Pliny Earle of Northampton, Mass.

†These second marriages from Austin's Gen. Dictionary of R. I., pages 69 and 70

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