

THE GRAINGER FAMILY

of ANDOVER.

Launcelot Grainger was in Ipswich in 1648. He lived later in Newbury, and married in 1654, Joanna Adams, daughter of Robert Adams and wife, Elinor, also of Newbury. They had eleven children. The family moved to Suffield, 1679. Launcelot died in 1689; widow Joanna was alive in 1701.

Their children were :-

John(2), b. Jan.15, 1655; m. Martha Poor, Feb.9, 1678⁹, in Chlemsford. She was daughter of Daniel Poor. They lived across the road from her father. Andover Town Records of the year 1714, state that the job of John Grainger was in the Court Yard " against the Watch-house" - a note of the old whipping post and stocks. John died April 5, 1725; Martha died Dec.1723.

George (2). b. 1658; m. 1693, Lydia Younglove, dau.of Rev. Jn. Younglove.

Elizabeth (2), b. 1662; m. 1684, Vicary Sykes.

Dorothy (2), b. 1665.

Samuel (2), b. 1668.

Abraham (2), b. 1673; lived in Suffield.

Thomas (2) ; of Ipswich.

Rebecca (2), b. ; m. Joseph Wolcott.

Robert (2), b. ; killed in Indian fight at Brookfield, 1709.

Hannah (2), b.

Mary (2), b.

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John (2) Grainger (Launcelot (1) and wife, Martha Poor, had:-

Mary (3), b. Sept. 27, 1680; d.Oct.15, 1682.

Martha (3), b. May 17, 1682; m. Moses (3) Haggett, Feb.21, 1700.

John (3), b. Dec.1, 1683;d. unm.,Nov.30,1752.

Children of John (2) Grainger and wife, Martha Poor, (cont.) :-

Daniel (3), b. June 16, 1687; killed by Indians, June 16, 1723.

Joanna (3), b. Feb. 4, 1692; m. James Farnum, 1722.

Elizabeth (3), b. Jan. 30, 1696; m. Daniel Dane, 1721.

Samuel (3), b. April 12, 1701; m. Martha Marston, 1728; he d. April 27,
1739; she d. 1753 age 59.

George (3), b. ; m. Mary Adams, widow of Wm. Haggett, March 1728.
She d. in Chelmsford, 1757, age 77. He d. April 9, 1746.

Martha (3) Grainger (Jn. (2) Launcelot (1) and husband, Moses Haggett, had:-

Martha (4), b. Jan. 31, 1701; d. unm. Oct. 2, 1750.

Moses (4), b. Jan. 1704; m. Sarah Heath of Bradford (Me.?)

child (4), b. Aug. 21, 1709.

Henry (4), b. Feb. 15, 1711; d. July 8, 1714.

Sarah (4), b. Aug. 8, 1715.

Debora (4), b. April 26, 1719.

Joanna (3) Grainger (Jn. (2) Launcelot (1) and husband, James Farnum, had:-

James (4), b. April 24, 1723.

Martha (4), b. May 16, 1724.

Joanna (4), b. May 22, 1725; m. April 2, 1741, Ebenezer Stevens; m. 2nd.,
June 6, 1744, John Flint, Jr.

daughter (4), b. Nov. 18, 1726.
" " b. June 19, 1728.

Debora (4), b. Jan. 13, 1729.

Tabitha (4), b. March 18, 1730; m. Jacob Stevens.

Elizabeth(3) Grainger(Jn.(2) Launcelot(1) and husband, Daniel Dane, had:-

Nath'l (4), b. Jan.21, 1722; d. Jan.27, 1730.

Elizabeth (4), b. Aug. 1724; m. May 24, 1744, Col. Jonathan Poor; he d.
in the Army at Albany, N.Y.,1756. She m. 2nd.,Peter Carlton.

David (4), b. March 4,1726; d.Sept.11, 1727.

Mary (4), b. Nov.24, 1727; d. Aug. 5, 1738.

Hannah (4), b. March 4, 1734 ; d. Aug.9, 1738.

Samuel(3) Grainger(Jn.(2) Launcelot(1) and wife,Martha Marston, had:-

Martha (4). b. May 19,1730;d.Nov.15,1746.

Daniel (4), b. Dec.2,1731; m. Lydia Flower,May 22, 1755; she was dau.of
John Flower and w. Sarah Wright of West Springfield;she was b.
Sept.9,1735; Dan'l died Sept.1,1700; she m. 2nd.,Sam Palmer.
Lydia d. Nov.5, 1825.

Sam (4), b. May 14, 1733; d. Feb.9,1752.

John (4), b. May 23, 1734; m. 1st., May 11,1757,Hanna Messer of Methuen;
she was dau. of ; she d. 1760; he m. 2nd.,June 16,
1763,Rebecca Haskell of N. Braintree. He was a Capt. He moved
to N. Braintree after Hanna died . He d. in N.B.,Jan.21,1783.

Jacob(4),b.Aug.7,1735;m.Sarah Farnum;he served in Colomial Wars;he d.
Feb.4,1795; she d. May 3, 1806. Buried in Old North Yard.

Joseph(4). b. Sept.26,1737; d.Sept.8,1811. -----

John(4)Grainger(Sam(3)Jn.(2) Launce.(1) and 1st wife,Hannah Messer, had:-

Sam(5), b. 1759; m. July 8, 1784,Sarah Gilbert of N. Barintree; had 1 son,
who died at 5 years. Sam(5), d.Jan.22,1785.

John (5), b. 1760; m. 1st., Rebecca C.-- of Brookfield; m. 2nd.,Nov.15,
1790, Anna Warner of Brookfield.

Jacob(4) Grainger(Sam(3)Jn.(2) Launce.(1) and wife, Sarah Farnum, had:-

Jacob (5), b. Feb.9, 1759; served in Revolution; went to sea in Merchant Service; d. abroad, unm.

Sarah (5), b. May 4, 1760; d. July 5, 1764.

Daniel (5), b. March 2, 1762; m. Polly Jordan; he d. Jan.16, 1853, in Eastport, Me. Polly was dau. of Col. Tristram Jordan of Saco; d. 1848.

Joseph (5), b. Dec.7, 1765; m. 1st, Sarah Tyler; pub. Jan.20, 1794; he d.

May 21, 1847. Sarah was dau. of Silas Tyler; b. Oct. 1778; d. 1831, in Newburyport.

Samuel (5), b. Feb.9, 1768; d. Jan.3, 1808.

Farnum (5), b. Aug.14, 1770; d. unm. Dec.16, 1793.

Sarah (5), b. May 3, 1772; d. Dec.23, 1851.

Hanna Putnam (5), b. Nov.30, 1775.

It is a tradition that members of the above Grainger family kept a notorious roadhouse over in what is now South Lawrence. The story goes that one dark night in the year 1813, a young man procured an ox hide and horns and a length of iron chain, and walked two miles through the woods to the place on the old road that ran across the "old railroad" and the road to the former riding-park, on the North Andover-South Lawrence line. This was in the vicinity of the Sjostrom machine-shop- originally the site of the homestead of Daniel(1) Poor. At this location a small brook crossed the highway.

Here the young man waited for a neighbor, whom he knew would be returning late from Grainger's establishment. As the young reprobate passed the brook, the "devil" stepped up to him, clanked his chains, and tapping him on the shoulder said, "You are wanted below!" The victim of the joke rushed home and fainted away. Since then the brook has been known as the "Devil's Brook" and the bridge over the Shawshin, nearby, as "The Haunted Bridge."

Daniel(5) Grainger(Jacob(4)Sam(3)Jn.(2)Aunce.(1) and wife,Polly Jordan:-

Daniel (6), b.--- was in Eastport, Me., 1839.

(Daniel (5), m. Polly Jordan, April 8, 1792; she was of South Berwick, Me., daughter of Col. Tristram Jordan and wife, Hannah Goodwin, of Saco. She was b. April 1772; d. Jan. 17, 1848 in Eastport. Daniel(5) was in the Army in 1775 a substitute for his brother, and he served as musician. He taught school in Rochester, Dover, N.H., and Berwick, Me., and was in Saco in 1786, a merchant, etc. After his death Polly went to Eastport to live with her son, Daniel (6).
