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PREFACE.

A DESIRE to live in the memory of family, friends, and the world at large is universal as is shown in the great variety of monuments from the Egyptian pyramids down to the marble slab or bit of wood that marks the resting place of the departed for a period of time more or less brief; the same desire also is shown in the written histories of individuals, families, communities, states, and nations, and in painting, poetry, and song, as well as in fiction, sacred or profane, of good and bad alike.

The writing up of a family history of eight generations in this new country with its changed and changing conditions from the early Pilgrims to the Twentieth Century (nearly 300 years) is not so easy nor pleasant a task as one might imagine.

In our Family Record we only ask the *full name, place and date of each birth, marriage, and death*, but there generally come family or personal items that go to help make up a family history. Efforts have evidently been made from time to time by individuals entirely unknown to each

other to collect the history of the Grannis Family, and if the present writer has been more successful than the others in rescuing these few names from oblivion for a few hundred years, more or less, it has been due more to the wonderfully improved mail, telegraphic, and transportation facilities that have come into use during the short space of his existence than to any superior ability of his own. When we read in our evening papers, the events of the day, in all parts of the world, including China, we are becoming more and more prepared for the conviction, that this little planet is to be put into communication with other planets, and probably with the whole universe by One who has already gone in person, to prepare a place for those who through faith and patience inherit the promises, and has declared that He will come again and receive them unto Himself, that where He is, there they may be also, in a condition with and like Himself, in the presence of His glory and power beyond the power of gravitation, (to say the least) and that to be to all eternity.

Whatever may have been the family name and local nativity of Edward (1630) it is certain that his father gave him a name that has stood high among the "Upper Ten" in England from 1004 to 1553 (see Johnson's *Encyclopædia*, article "Edward"), and when we consider the troublous times in Church and State in which he came to America we can well believe that he kept his family name and nativity a personal secret and that it died with him.

Whether he came as a Puritan or Independent is not certain but probably it was the latter. It would seem at

this distance that the family was early divided; the East Haven branch being Episcopal and the North Haven Congregational or Independent.

Col. G. W. Grannis, of San Francisco, Cal., says October 28, 1887: "My ancestors were mariners for several generations. My father was a sea captain. My predilections were maritime, and I was once a pretty good sailor."

"I have searched the business directories of London, Liverpool, Manchester, and Edinburgh, and did not find it (the name) in any directory in Great Britain or Ireland. I was told by an old clerk at Somerset House (House of Records) London, that I would find my name over in Flanders, that it was *Flemish*. Some years since I wrote the postmaster at Ayer, Scotland, and he replied that he knew of no person in the town or vicinity of the name *Granniss*. If we never find the name extant in the Old Country, then we may conclude that our ancestor changed his name when he came to America. It was done in many instances as you are probably aware."

The family as a whole are *rovers*, the men before sixty caring little for their ancestry. Many do not know the surname of their grandfather nor when he lived. The Family Bible is found in some instances, but contains records of not more than two or three generations. The women are much more reliable; their *tea table* records often run back three or four generations and are generally correct. Most of our Record is gathered from them. Neither is the family wealthy. There are a few names that will appear as we review the Chart. Our extensive correspondence shows good educa-

tion, all the professions being represented. No *wills* have been reported and the writer takes the liberty to record the old song "Daddy's Will" which may apply in some, perhaps in most cases.

SIDNEY S. GRANNIS.

Red Wing, Minn., May 1, 1901.

Daddy's Will.

To my dear wife, my joy in life,
I freely now do give her,
My whole estate, with all my plate,
Being just about to leave her.

A tub of soap, a long cart rope,
A frying pan and kettle,
An ashes pail, a threshing flail,
An iron wedge and beetle.

Two painted chairs, nine cards in pairs
And a large old dripping platter;
The bed of hay, on which I lay,
And an old sauce pan for batter.

A little mug, a two quart jug,
And a bottle full of brandy;
A looking glass, to see your face,
You'll find it very handy.

An old sword blade, a garden spade,
A hoe, a rake, a ladder,
A lamp oilcan, a close stool pan,
A clyster pipe and bladder.

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A tailor's goose, the handle loose,
 And a book put out by Bunyan,
A spinning wheel, an old hand reel,
 And a skein or two of spun yarn.

A flock of geese, a pot of grease,
 Two pothooks and a ladle;
A loggerhead, a trundle bed,
 And the little baby's cradle.

This is my store, I have no more,
 I freely now do give her,
My whole estate, with all my plate,
 Being just about to leave her.

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EDWARD GRANNIS¹

WAS born about 1630 and is first found, as a shoemaker, in Hartford, Conn., where he married Elizabeth, daughter of William Andrews (the schoolmaster), then of Farmington, Conn., May 3, 1654. Joseph, his first living son, was born in Hartford, March 31, 1656. They had no other children and we learn nothing more of her, but he married Hannah, daughter of John Wakefield, of New Haven, Conn., in 1662. She had two sons and five daughters, all of whom married; of the first three daughters born in Hartford, Hannah, Mabel, and Abigail, we have no date of birth. He removed to Hadley, Mass., about 1670, where Sarah was born, October 20, 1671, and John, December 5, 1674, and here we must conclude that the first Joseph born (March 31, 1656) died before naming of the second Joseph in the family, aged about twenty years.

He removed from Hadley to New Haven about 1677, where Joseph was born (March 12, 1677), and Ann the youngest was born, but there is no date of her birth.

So far as we know, he located in the Third School District, otherwise called the Muddy River District, in the North Parish of New Haven town, and here he brought up

his family. He followed the occupation of shoemaker and taught his sons the same.

Religiously he seems to have been an Independent or Congregationalist.

In those days, the *wife* is seldom mentioned; at marriage her name seems to sink into oblivion, and she has no record.

Col. G. W. Grannis, of San Francisco, Cal., says, June 5th, 1889:

"Have you read a late history of New Haven, edited by Edward E. Atwater? In it you will see that in 1680 a division of outside lands occurred, and Edward Grannis appeared with eight in his family, self, wife, and six children, and his share was thirty-eight acres, west of New Haven. This was drawn by lot and he did not receive land on his side of the town. This was the third division of lands. The first was to residents of the city proper and the lands (lots) were in the city. The second was to outsiders (outside the city) as well, but Edward does not appear. In 1669 he was not in the list of inhabitants of the town proper and here following is when he comes in.

"In the spring of 1644, Totoket (or Branford) a place fit for a small plantation betwixt New Haven and Guilford, was sold to Mr. Swain and others of Weathersfield, upon condition that they should join in one jurisdiction with New Haven and the other plantations upon the fundamental agreement settled in 1643, which, they duly considering, readily accepted.

"From this time to its dissolution in 1665, the New Haven Colony consisted of the six plantations of New Haven, Southold, Stamford, Guilford, Milford and Branford.

"Edward Grannis must have been inside the East Haven boundary (which was then New Haven town) or he could not have drawn his land in the division of lands in 1680.

"Did he come from Weathersfield? Then he came with

the Connecticut colony and not with the New Haven colony. His name does not appear anywhere that I find the names of the New Haven colony. But where did he come from in England? The New Haven colony were from Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hereford, Yorkshire, and sailed from the ports of New Haven and Hull in England and also from London."

The first one married in the family was Hannah, who married John Hill (January 12, 1681).

The second was Mabel, who married John Johnson (March 2, 1684).

The third was Abigail, who married John Allen Jr., (March 20, 1688).

The fourth was Sarah, who married Nathaniel Bishop (April 28, 1690).

The fifth was Joseph, who married Hannah Russell (November 3, 1702).

The sixth was Ann, who married Moses Brockett (January 8, 1706).

The seventh and last was John, who married Elizabeth Brockett (October 12, 1706) and probably took his wife home and occupied the old homestead and became a prominent man in civil, religious, and military affairs in the town. His father died four years later (December 5, 1710), aged eighty years and was probably buried in the Montowese cemetery, where two of the three little children of John were buried a year later (in 1711).

JOHN GRANNIS ²

Was born in Hadley, Mass., Dec. 5, 1674, and married Elizabeth Brockett in 1706; they had six sons and one daughter.

Mr. Sheldon B. Thorpe, of North Haven says, May 21, 1891 :

"Concerning the Grannis family at North Haven I make the following memoranda."

In January, 1716(7), John Grannis was moderator of the Ecclesiastical Society meeting. In 1717, December 3d, John Grannis was chosen one of the Prudential Committee in the above Society.

In 1718, August 5th, John Grannis was one of the committee to take care of ye ordination of Rev. James Wetmore. In this year he was 1st Lieutenant of the first military company in North Haven (then North Parish).

In 1721, December 21st, Lieut. John Grannis was on a committee to seat ye meeting-house.

In January, 1722(3), Lieut. Grannis was on a committee to procure a minister in the above Society. In 1725, December 7th, Lieut. Grannis was collector for above Society.

John Grannis was Tythingman in 1727 (North Haven Annals).

In December, 1730, Lieut. Grannis was chosen on Society Committee.

[Here occurs a break of twenty years in the Annals.]

John Grannis was Pound-keeper in 1732 (North Haven Annals). In 1733 he was made Captain.

In 1739 John Grannis was Agent of the Ecclesiastical Society to procure a new meeting-house.

Again he says: "The Ecclesiastical Society Church Records beginning 1760 carry the name of Capt. Grannis. I cannot tell his first name. It occurs with the footnote, that he was one of the original settlers of the town which would lead me to think it was probably John from his connection with the first military company here."

Again he says, May 21, 1891: "The name of Grannis does not appear on any stone in the old cemetery at North Haven in 1720."

In the Muddy River District (the locality where John and Joseph lived) are three rude stones, small and uncouth, marked:

HG	EG	EG
1711	1711	1719

These are all I have on my schedules. I believe them to stand for children of the Grannis family.

Again he says, Oct. 20, 1899 :

"The Third District and the Muddy River District are identical, so I suppose John remained where he was raised. I was in the Montowese cemetery a few days since and saw the three old stones. They are fast decaying. I notice the foot-stones which are under the surface of the ground somewhat retain the sharpness of the letters, but the surfaces exposed to the weather are perishing."

As there were at this time no other but the families of John and Joseph and no deaths in the latter, they could only belong to John; so the writer takes the liberty of arranging them in the Record, Hannah (1711), Edward (1711), and Edward (1719). The four remaining sons of John were John (1714), James (1716), Caleb (1718), and Enos (1720).

From this point we will follow the Chart, giving the personal and family history as found in the Record Book of each of the four sons of John (1674) and the six sons of Joseph (1677), separately through one generation after another.

There are doubtless many other deserving names (some soldiers) whose history has not been reported to the writer.

All these ten branches end the name with one "s".

JOHN GRANNIS ³

Was born in North Haven, Conn., in 1714, and married Mary Munson (1717) in 1738. They had four sons and three daughters. There has been much uncertainty in regard to these two brothers, John (1714) and James (1716) until this year (1900) when we learn from Mrs. Laura G. Peaseley, a descendant of John (1789) that James (1716) married Mabel Potter in 1739 less than one month after the marriage of his brother John (1714), and the tea table records seem to have been badly confused. At the same time we learn from Miss Margaret McIntire Grannis (1878), daughter of Frederic A. (1851), that the record of her ancestors back to Simeon (1748) clearly connects with James (1716), leaving it clear that John (1714) was father of John (1739).

John ⁴ (1739).

Was born in North Haven, Conn. All the writer has been able to learn of him is a *tradition* that he went south and was never heard from.

Timothy ⁴ (1750).

Was born in North Haven, Conn., and married first Sarah Sumner (1749) in 1771 and had seven children; he married second Sarah Nye (1759) in 1790 and had four sons; eleven children in all (all of whom married except one of the seven by his first marriage). His grandchildren numbered just fifty.

Mr. Solon C. Grannis (1801), Claremont, N. H., writes, Nov. 21, 1887, "Mr. Gilmore has furnished some copies from the Union Church Society Records which I enclose."

Aug. ye 13, 1780. Then Timothy Grannis had a son baptized William.

Sept. ye 28, 1793. Then Timothy Grannis had a son baptized Syrus. 1787. Timothy Grannis chosen vestryman.

Aug. ye 27, 1789. Timothy Grannis bought ye pen at ye left hand of ye door for ten pound.

Sept. 12, 1790. Then Timothy Grannis had a son baptized John.

Aug. 30, 1795. Timothy Grannis had a son baptized Sidney.

April, 1790. Timothy Grannis chosen 2nd Warden, again in 1791-92-93-99.

Vestryman in 1800, again in 1801, Warden in 1802 and 1803.

Timothy Grannis Junior Collector 1804 chose T. Grannis Junior Warden again in 1805. In 1810 chose Wm. Grannis Clerk.

1811 chose T. Grannis Junior Vestryman; 1824 Junior Warden and in 1825.

A list of ratable polls belonging to Union Church Society, April, 1817, contains the following Grannis names: Timothy, Timothy Jr., George, David, and Sidney.

Solon C. Grannis says, same date, "Grandfather Grannis was a prominent man among the first proprietors of the town. Was for a long time on committee of corporations and used to be an owner of *"town rights"*.

The writer learns from Mr. John M. Ives (1801) that "town rights" were certain rights to remove down timber, grass, etc., from the *king's land* (public) in return for his oversight of the same to prevent cutting and removing standing timber.

Timothy died in 1827, aged seventy-seven years.

Edward ⁴ (1752).

Was born in North Haven, Conn., and was twice married, and had one son by each wife but the wives' names are not known. He evidently had some knowledge of his ancestry and endeavored to perpetuate the memory of his (*supposed*) great grandmother, Elizabeth Andrews and her son Joseph (1657) by naming his first-born Joseph Andrews (1779), the *first double name* in the great family, but both wives died without further issue. The second son was Samuel Johnson (1785).

David ⁵ (1793).

Was born in Claremont, N. H., and married Olive Scott (1803) in 1832 and they had one son and two daughters. He died in Claremont, N. H., in 1837, aged forty-four years. One daughter, Jane (1833) was born in Claremont, was unmarried, and died in 1854. Their son David Henry (1835) was born in Claremont and was unmarried. He enlisted in the 3d Vermont Volunteers, June 6, 1861, but was taken sick and discharged before leaving the state. Enlisted again August 22, 1861, in the 3d New Hampshire Volunteers, Co. A, at Claremont, N. H. Was in the battle of James Island, June 16, 1862, and had his canteen shot away, but was uninjured. He died at Hilton Head, S. C., March 4, 1863, aged twenty-seven years. Their daughter, Mary Scott (1837), married Nelson F. Twing, of Springfield, Mass., in 1861. The *Record, Chart, and History of the Grannis Family* were printed in his office in Minneapolis, Minn., where they now reside.

Their children are : Edward Henry (1863), unmarried, died in St. Paul, Minn., 1888 ; Herbert Nelson (1867) ; Mary Scott (1869), unmarried, died in Minneapolis, Minn., 1889 ; William Fuller (1873).

Sidney ⁵ (1795).

Was born in Claremont, N. H., the tenth child in a family of nine brothers and two sisters, all but one of whom married. He served seven years apprenticeship in the Jarvis Clothing Works in Claremont ; married Betsey Strobbridge (1797) in 1819 and had five sons and three daughters. Removed to Irasburg, Vt., and engaged in running the clothing works with his brother Evander. Was Captain of Militia when the military spirit ran high after the War of 1812. The clothing business was abandoned and in 1825 he removed to Utica, N. Y., and found various employments until 1834, when he began work in the woolen mills of Smith & Tillinghart at Morrisville, N. Y. There he brought up his

family and died, a Congregationalist, in 1844, aged forty-nine years. His widow died in 1874, aged seventy-four years, and was buried in Red Wing, Minn.

Samuel ⁵ (1792).

Was born in New Haven, Conn., and married Sally Barnard (1795) in 1815, and had five sons. He died in 1880, at the age of eighty-eight years.

The third son, *Sidney Martin* (1827), never married; he was a singer in his early days and was a member of the Amphion Band which sang through New York and New England about the early fifties. Afterwards he travelled alone as a singer. He composed the music set to the song "Do they miss me at home? Do they miss me?"

He says, Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 22, 1888:

"Your name being the same as mine surprises me, as it is not a family name, mine coming to me as a compliment to an intimate friend of my mother. I find that you are ten years older than the writer and a widower. In that regard you have touched life at a point where I have failed, for my family are under my hat."

Martin ⁵ (1794).

Was born in New Haven, Conn., and married Amelia McGee in 1823, and died in 1828, aged thirty-four years; he had two daughters.

Mrs. Laura Kissam was a widow and her sister Harriet was living with her at the time of her death.

The only copy of the "Coat of Arms" that the writer had ever seen, bearing the full name of R. A. Granniss was presented by his father, Geo. B. Granniss (1798) to Mrs. Kissam or her sister, in about 1860 in New York City. By her it was given to Sidney M. Grannis, by him to his cousin, Anna M. Hickox, daughter of David Granniss (1790), by

her to her daughter Kathrine of Buffalo, N. Y., and finally by her to the writer. He has seen only one other copy and that had the initials cut off.

Laurens A. ⁶ (1803).

Was born in Claremont, N. H., and married, first, Mary Johnson (1808) in 1831; and, second, Martha Cole (1816) in 1836. He died in Guildhall, Vt., in 1896 at the age of ninety-three and a half years.

By his second wife he had four sons and three daughters. Their second son, Timothy (1841), enlisted in Co. E, First Regiment U. S. Sharpshooters about July 1, 1861 and served until January 31, 1862, when he died in camp at Washington, D. C., and was taken to Claremont, N. H., for burial.

Samuel R. ⁶ (1812).

Was born in Claremont, N. H., and married Caroline M. Higbee (1816) in 1839. They had four sons: Samuel Higbee (1839), Henry Sumner (1844), Charles William (1850), and George Francis (1852). Henry Sumner was a member of the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery. He volunteered Feb. 7, 1865, died in Chattanooga, Tenn., June 1, 1865, at the age of twenty-one years, and was buried in Chattanooga, Tenn.

William C. D. ⁶ (1826).

Was born in Hatley, P. Q., Canada, and married, first, Lucia Baldwin (1827) in 1851, and, second, Clara Brown (1842) in 1868, by whom he had one son and three daughters. He was president for some years of the Union National Bank of Chicago, and also in 1898, when he died at the age of seventy-two years.

Timothy O. ⁶ (1810).

Was born in Claremont, N. H., and married Julia B.

Kelsey (1821) in 1842, and had two sons and one daughter. He was for many years cashier and president of the Oneida Co. Bank of Utica, N. Y., and also when he died in 1883, at the age of seventy-three years.

Frederic W. ⁶ (1822).

Was born in Utica, N. Y., and married, first, Mary M. Bennett (1836) in 1852, and, second, Elizabeth Bartlett (1841), but the date of the marriage is unknown.

Of his second wife, the New York Graphic says: "Mrs. E. B. Grannis, a quiet little bundle of energy, weighing only ninety pounds, is editor and proprietor of the *Church Union*. She holds a tight rein and in her team of assistants drives seven Doctors of Divinity tandem. 33 E. 22nd St. N. Y. City."

Sidney S. ⁶ (1820).

Was born in Irasburg, Vt., and married Sarah S. Howe, (1816) in 1842. They had four sons and two daughters.

He invented the *Jointless Wire Heddle* for weavers harness and the machine to make it. It was patented in 1842, and renewed in 1856; it has gone into general use in this country and in Europe.

He removed from Morrisville, N. Y., in 1857, to Red Wing, Minnesota Territory, which became a state in 1858. Engaged in lumbering, was a member of the Red Wing City Council, School District Director in 1863 and '64, member of Legislature, County Commissioner of Goodhue County for three years, and retired in 1879. Was the genealogist of the Grannis Family from 1630, during the years 1885 to 1901.

See the "History of Goodhue County", 1878.

William P. ⁶ (1833).

Was born in Morrisville, N. Y., and married Marietta

B. Bronson (1839) in 1863. They had one daughter, Lucy S. (1869).

He learned the trade of a machinist in the works of his brothers, S. S. and G. H., in Morrisville, N. Y., which he left for the study of dentistry with Dr. A. M. Holmes of the same place in 1855. Commenced his practice in Havana, Schuyler County, N. Y. in 1859. Enlisted as a musician in 1862 and was in the terrible siege of Fort Pulaski, approaching from the sea. At the close of the war he practiced his profession in Morrisville, till in 1869 he went to Oswego, N. Y., where he entered the firm of Blanchard & Co., Sash, Blind and Door Makers, as financial manager, and remained with them till 1879, when he resumed the practice of his profession in the same place. The winter of 1886 and '87 he spent in Algiers, North Africa, with his family in the hope of removing the dreaded Bright's disease, returning in May, 1887. At the time of his sudden death in 1887, at the age of fifty-four, he was serving his second term as Deacon in the Congregational Church of Oswego.

William H. De Lancey ⁶ (1839).

Was born in Wales Centre, N. Y., and married Harriet S. Green in 1866; they had four sons and three daughters.

Mrs. Helen W. (Grannis) Redfield, of Montpelier, Vt., says, December 28, 1886: "Wm. Heathcote Delancey Grannis was a clergyman. I copy from "The Churchman": Entered into rest, January 8, 1881, at Havana, Cuba, the Reverend Wm. H. Delancey Grannis, Rector of St. James Church, Goshen, Orange County, N. Y. I think I never knew one so highly spoken of as in this Memoriam."

Amos ⁶ (1828).

Was born in Attica, N. Y., and married Jane Taylor (1832) in 1850, and had three sons and three daughters; he is reported wealthy.

He says, January 1, 1888 : "Our family came from an ancient Highland Scotch family, members of which emigrated to America in the latter part of the Sixteenth or early part of the Seventeenth Century. The earliest record we have is the marriage of Edward Grannis of Hartford, Conn., to Elizabeth Andrews, of Farmington, May 3, 1654. * * One hundred and twenty-one years later, we again find the name of Edward Grannis, a citizen of Hartford who declared for liberty and independence in 1775. *This was my grandfather*, who was subsequently killed in battle."

Edward ⁷ (1837).

Was born in Claremont, N. H., and married Hannah C. Knight (1844) in 1867; they had two sons, both of whom died young.

He enlisted at Guildhall, Vt., September 17, 1862, and was mustered into the Fifteenth Vermont, Co. G., at Brattleboro, Vt., October 22, 1862; then went to Washington, D. C., with five regiments of nine month's men from Vermont, called the Second Vermont Brigade, and there under General Stannard, in Corey's Division, 22nd Army Corps, he aided in the defence of Washington. "The Brigade was out near Fairfax Court House, and on the picket line, on Bull Run, guarding the railroad, as far down as Beaton Station through the winter and spring of 1863, till the Gettysburg Campaign, when we joined the First Army Corps. The 13th, 14th, and 16th Regiments were in the battle; the 12th and 15th were detailed to guard the trains and ambulances of the First Corps, and of course were not in the battle."

He was discharged at Brattleboro, Vt., August 5, 1863, and receives a pension of \$8.00 per month.

Rev. George H. ⁷ (1850).

The second son of Horace R. (1821) was born in Oberlin, Ohio, and married Agnes C. Conway (1864) in 1888.

They had two children, Herbert Conway (1889) and Lester Bruce (1892) both born in St. Louis, Mo.

By an oversight his name is not shown in the Chart of 1900.

Edward H. ⁷ (1854).

Was born in Morrisville, N. Y., and married Gertrude A. Van Vliet (1854) in 1876. They had one daughter, Marguerite (1878) and one son, Irving Van Vliet (1882).

He was Asst. Surgeon in the Third Wisconsin Infantry with rank of Captain for several years, and enlisted in the U. S. Service with his Regiment and went to Porto Rico; was promoted to Surgeon with rank of Major and was mustered out with his Regiment in 1899, but remained in the service of the State of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's Rifle Team.

Madison, Wis., January 4, 1901.--The State Rifle Team for 1900, composed of the ten members of the Wisconsin National Guard who made the highest aggregate score in the target shooting during the Annual Encampment of the State troops at Camp Douglass, is announced in General Order No. 10, just issued by Adjutant General Boardman.

Ten are awarded the decoration of "distinguished marksmen."

The revolver presented by General Charles King, for the best score with revolver, possible score 125, was won by Capt. Alva S. Goodier, Co. K., Third Regiment, score 121.

Major Edward H. Grannis, Surgeon Third Regiment, made the possible score 125, but having won once, was not eligible to win a second time.

Henry J. ⁷ (1841).

Was born in North Liberty, Indiana, and married Abigail C. Hubbell (1842) in 1866, and had three sons and two daughters. He enlisted for three years at Fayette, Iowa, September 15, 1861, in Co. C., Twelfth Iowa Infantry; was made Sergeant in the company and detailed as colorbearer of the Regiment, a position that he held during the entire

War. He re-enlisted as veteran volunteer, December 24, 1863, and was commissioned 1st Lieutenant of his company, December 8, 1865, but still acted as colorbearer. Was in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donaldson, Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing, Tupelo, Miss., Nashville, Tenn., (two days), Spanish Fort, and in the operations against Mobile, Ala. At Shiloh, Tenn., he was captured with the whole of his Regiment, and held a prisoner at Montgomery, Ala., and Macon, Ga., for six months and eleven days. Besides this, he was in many skirmishes, marches and expeditions and took part in every movement of the Regiment. Never wounded or otherwise unable for duty, and was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, January 30, 1866. Receives no pension or other reward than the empty honor of First Lieutenant's commission.—(Extract from correspondence by S. S. Grannis.)

Charles O. ^r (1842).

Was born in Cairo, N. Y., and married Harriet Buck in 1876. He served in the U. S. army through the slaveholder's rebellion, and died in New York City, February 17, 1880, aged thirty-eight years.

David N. ^r (1846).

Was born in Cairo, N. Y., and married Mary Manahan (1848) in 1876, and had four sons and two daughters.

He served in the U. S. Navy through the war of the Rebellion.

JAMES GRANNIS. ³

Was born in North Haven, Conn., in 1716, and married Mabel Potter, January 8, 1739.

Mr. Sheldon B. Thorpe, of North Haven, Conn., gives us the following from the town records: "James Grannis took up a fishing place on East river, in 1739."

Miss Margaret McIntire Grannis (1878) of Branford, Conn., daughter of Frederic Alonzo (1851) in partial record of her ancestors (see Chart) says: "James died after amputation of leg at Monmouth" (no dates). The writer finds no other *James* to whom this will apply.—S. S. G., Nov., 1900.

Eldad ⁴ (1764).

Was born in North Haven, Conn., and was twice married. Each wife had only one son. The second wife was Comfort Atwater, of Oxford, Conn.

Mrs. Rowena Grannis Steele (1824) of Merced, Cal., says (Feb. 5, 1888): "Eldad married very young, and had one son which was taken by its mother's friends when she died, and his brother *Harry* never saw him."

Marshal ⁶ (1815).

Was born in Waterbury, Conn., and married Lydia E. Grannis (1820) in 1848. She was daughter of Simeon, Jr., (1795). They had three daughters, whose names have not been reported to the writer.

James M. ⁶ (1818).

Was born in Waterbury, Conn., and married Irene Milton in 1838. Had one daughter, "Henrietta."

He was born in Shakers Society, and entered the employ of Benedict, Burnham & Co., brass founders, of Waterbury, Conn., at the age of fifteen. Learned the trade of mixing and casting metals, and cast first german silver. Remained

with the firm forty-five years. Chosen Captain of militia in 1836. High in Masonic affairs, member of Common Council, alderman, and assistant justice till health failed, and he went to England for two years without benefit; he died in 1880, at the age of sixty-three years.

Alonzo ⁶ (1820).

Was born in Waterbury, Conn., and married Esther D. Payne of Columbus, Ohio, in 1837. They had four children of whom only Frederic Alonzo (1851) survives. He entered the employ of Benedict & Co., when twelve years old, and continued with Benedict, Burnham & Co. for fifty-eight years. In 1890 he retired from business; at that time he was head of the department of sheet, brass, and silver rolling. For years he was a member of the Waterbury Common Council. (Margaret Mc Grannis, 1900.)

Caleb A. ⁶ (1827).

Was born at Sidney Plains, N. Y., and married Mary Jane Bronson (1824) in 1848. At the age of fifteen he entered the employ of Benedict, Burnham & Co., Waterbury, Conn., and remained with them twenty-four years; he was a member of the Common Council. In 1866 he removed to Bridgeport, Conn.

Norman Delos ⁶ (1833).

Son of Simeon, Jr. (1795) was born in Unadilla, N. Y., and married Caroline A. Pond of Waterbury, Conn. He entered the employ of Benedict, Burnham & Co., brass-founders of Waterbury, Conn., and remained in the casting department for forty years; he was a member of the Universalist Society, and stood high in Masonic affairs.

George W. ⁷ (1847).

Was born in Butler County, Pa., and married Eunice A. Barnes (1847) in 1872.

In June, 1864, he enlisted in Co. E, 163d Reg. Pa. Vol. under the call for 100,000 one hundred day men, and served four months. Disease contracted during the term of service prevented his re-enlistment.

For many years he has been a Trustee of the Willamette University of Salem, Oregon, and the Board has conferred upon him the honorary degree of D. D.

Since September, 1898, Dr. Grannis has been pastor of the McMinnville M. E. Church. September 12, 1900, he was appointed Endowment Agent of Willamette University. His address is Salem, Oregon.

CALEB GRANNIS.³

Was born in North Haven, Conn., in 1718. "The Rev Isaac Stiles married one Caleb Grannis to Patience Bunnell, Nov. 27, 1745." (North Haven Town Annals). They had one son, Benjamin (1747).

Benjamin⁴ (1747).

Was born in North Haven, Conn., and married Polly Wilcox (no date). They had three sons: Benjamin (1783), Benjamin (1784), and George Benjamin (1796), all of whom died young.

It would appear that Benjamin (1747) and Benjamin (1757) married sisters, Polly and Mary Wilcox. Upon the death of George B., third son of Polly, Mary adopted the name for her second son (1798) with the evident desire of perpetuating the name of George Benjamin.

The death of these three children of Benjamin (1747) brings the line of Caleb (1718) to a close.

ENOS GRANNIS. ³

Was born in North Haven, Conn., in 1720, and married Thankful (1732), daughter of his cousin Russell (1709), of the East Haven family, in 1751.

George S. (1868) writes November 29, 1898, "My grandfather (Sylvester B., 1820) had a lingering sickness, and just before he died, he wrote out a record of his grandfather's (Enos, 1720) family, as far as he knew. It was this way.

"He had a little Grannis girl, and married the girl he wanted. She did not have a dollar, so his people would have nothing to do with him, and what he put on that paper he did from memory."

Here was an evident intention on the part of both North and East Haven families, which consisted at the time of no more than eighteen persons, to ostracise, boycott, and shun him and his wife.

The writer has received two copies of Rev. Stephen Dodd's memoirs from different persons, neither of which mentions the name of Thankful, showing that her name was dropped from the family record. She became a member of the North Haven Congregational Church, lived many years with her son Benjamin (1757) and died at the age of ninety-three years. In the Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven her monument may be seen. Since her age and the date of her death is known, the year of her birth must have been 1732, which just fits in between the names of Russell Jr. (1730) and Samuel (1734) in the family of Russell (1709). There was no other family in which she could have been born, but that of William (1706) and in that family there is a Thankful (1730) who married Benjamin Moulthrop.

Col. Geo. W. Grannis, of San Francisco, Cal., writes June 8, 1891, "I enclose a Family Tree sent me many years ago by my mother." This tree contains the family and de-

scendants of Enos (1720) down to 1840, and the name of Robert A., born that year, is on one of the twigs.

The author of this tree is unknown to the writer, but it is evident that he had a good knowledge of the descendants of Enos (1720) for at least one hundred and twenty years. It is singular, however, that neither his name nor that of Thankful's are mentioned. Instead of Enos on the trunk we find *North Haven*. Circumstances point to Fanny (about 1785), daughter and only child of Benjamin (1757) by his first wife, as alongside of her twig is found the only reference to any one outside of the family. "Major John B. Scott. He was in the Artillery service in California." No dates are given on the tree.

Enos, Jr. ⁴ (1754).

Born in North Haven, Conn., and married Margaret ——. Died aged sixty-nine years.

[Copy.]

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,
Bureau of Pensions,
Washington, D. C., March 18, 1890.

(Return this letter with your reply.)

Sir: In accordance with your request you will receive herewith enclosed a statement on a separate sheet of so much history of Enos Grannis, a Revolutionary officer from Connecticut, as is contained in his application for Pension.

[Signed] GREEN B. BAUM, *Commissioner.*

Mr. Sidney S. Grannis,
Red Wing, Goodhue Co., Minnesota.

ENOS GRANNIS.

He was residing May, 1818, in Westmoreland County, Pa., aged sixty-four years and upwards.

In July, 1820, his age was stated to be sixty-five years and upwards. At the latter date his family consisted of his

wife and three daughters, aged respectively nineteen, eleven and nine years. No names given.

He died in 1824, and his widow Margaret (who it was stated in a letter had been married to Enos Grannis before 1794) died in 1843, but she was not a pensioner so that the date of marriage cannot be furnished.

Elizabeth Siper, probably living in Armstrong Co., Pa., was alive in 1855.

Archibald Adams of Lydan, Whiteside Co., Ill., stated that he was a son-in-law and at that time four heirs were living. No names given. He volunteered in 1776 for one year under Capt. David Smith in Col. Samuel Elmore's Battalion of Connecticut troops and was discharged January 7, 1777.

He stated that he was in Col. Porter's command, and if so it was only temporarily.

The record is that he enlisted April 18, 1776. The regiment was posted at Germat Flats in Herkimer County, N. Y. In August, 1777, he enlisted for the war under Capt. Pendleton as an artificer in Col. Jedutha's (a Massachusetts officer) regiment of Artillery; was appointed Sergeant Sept. 13, 1777, and promoted to Lieutenant Nov. 12, 1779, in the same organization. (The command was in the battle of Brandywine, Del., Sept. 11, 1777, at Germantown, Pa., Oct. 4, 1777, and at Monmouth, N. J., June 28, 1778, an excessively hot day.) General Green superseded Gen. Gates in the command of the Southern Army in November, 1780, and made a request for Capt. Pendleton's Company to be sent to him and they were the only troops that served south of Virginia during the war.

Grannis claimed that he was appointed Captain by Gen. Green but there is no evidence that he was commissioned as such; it may be that he was only acting temporarily. He remained at the South to the end of the war, then came to Philadelphia Nov. 3, 1783.

Grannis was at Watertown, Litchfield Co., Conn., when

he enlisted in the service. The \$1800 was granted by Congress as commutation or half pay by Act of June 30, 1834, and the date of marriage may be in those papers at the Treasury Department where it was paid.

Benjamin * (1757).

Was born in North Haven, and was thrice married. His first wife was Mary Wilcox (1765). The dates of the others are not known.

Robert A. Granniss, Esq., of "Overlook", Morris Plains, N. J. (Vice-President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of N. Y., 57 Cedar St.), says August 5, 1890 :

"Benjamin Granniss died at his residence, George Street, New Haven, Conn., May 19, 1832, aged seventy-five years, and was buried in the family lot in New Haven Cemetery.

"It is evident from this that he was born in 1757, but it does not appear what his father's name was and I have no record to show it. [The Family Tree does not show it.] At the time of his death he was a large manufacturer of boots and shoes in New Haven, Conn., doing business under the firm name of B. Granniss & Sons, with a branch house in New York under the firm name of C. B. Granniss and Co., and another in Charleston, S. C., doing business as Granniss, White & Co. My father (George B.) was the head of the Charleston concern.

"The Panic of 1837 caused the failure of these three firms and it took years of mercantile life on the part of my father to recover from the disaster. * * The old house in George Street, New Haven, where my grandfather Benjamin lived and died, and where his children were all born, is still standing (1899), but in a very shabby and ruinous condition.

"Benjamin Granniss' lot in the Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven, contains his grave and monument with a number of inscriptions.

"I think Benjamin's mother was named Thankful, but she would not have been born a Grannis unless he had married a cousin or relative of the same name."

William E. ⁵ (1790).

Was born in North Haven, Conn. There is no account of his wife. They had seven sons, whose names were: Solon A., Robert, Harry, William, John, Newton, Ransom, and Lorin.

"George W. Grannis was son of either Newton or Solon. He enlisted in Co. C., Twelfth Iowa, September 15, 1861, aged about forty years, and was lost in the battle of Shiloh, his fate unknown." (Henry J. Grannis, April 22, 1888.)

Palmer ⁵ (1787).

Was born in North Haven, Conn., and married Eunice Merriam (1791) in 1809; they had six sons and three daughters. She died in 1830, aged thirty-nine years. His second wife was Rebecca Russell (1804) and they had one son who died young.

When eight years old he was bound out to a German family in Herkimer Co., New York, for eight years. When his time was up he went to New Haven, Conn., and learned the trade of tanner and shoemaker with his uncle Edward (1752). He made a few trips on a merchant vessel to the West Indies; worked as a journeyman shoemaker in New York and went to Meriden, Conn., where he started a tannery. In 1817 he sold out his business and removed to Atwater, Portage Co., Ohio. In 1834 he succeeded in collecting a claim of \$2,000 pension money due his father Enos, Jr. (1754) for services as Captain in the Revolutionary Army. For his own work and expenses he received \$1,000 and the remaining \$1,000 was divided between eight heirs, \$125.00 apiece. He received the money in old U. S. Bank bills and

paid the heirs from his own hand. He died in Lima, Ind., in 1846, at the age of fifty-nine years.

George E. ⁶ (1845).

Was born in New Haven, Conn., and married Emma Bond in 1871. They had two sons and four daughters. He enlisted in Co. D., Connecticut Infantry Volunteers, Aug. 11, 1862, and was mustered in under Col. Dexter K. Wright. He served in Whipple's Division south of the Potomac, in the defence of Washington, in Virginia, North Carolina, and was in many battles, skirmishes, marches, etc., and finally was mustered out at New Haven, Conn., July 12, 1865, and receives a pension of \$6.00 per month.

Robert A. ⁶ (1840).

The Vice-President of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York City, was born in Brooklyn N. Y., and married Florence Peters (1849) in 1870. Their children are: Florence Anna (1871), Mary Wadsworth (1873) and Robert Andrews, Jr. (1880), a student in Yale College in 1900.

He and Col. George W. (1825) of San Francisco, Cal., have contributed liberally to the Record fund.

JOSEPH GRANNIS. ²

WAS born in New Haven, Conn., March 12, 1677, and married Hannah Russell, daughter of John Russell, of New Haven, November, 1702.

One year after marriage he was granted three acres from the estate of Jacob Merriman, in Wallingford, Conn. Here he probably followed the occupation of his father (shoemaker), and the grant of land may have been a bonus to start the business. How long he remained here is unknown but he subsequently returned to East Haven, and located at Faxon (Grannis Corners), where he brought up his large family of six sons and four daughters (all married), which became known as the East Haven family, while that of John (1674) on the old homestead was known as the North Haven family. Religiously, he appears to have been an Episcopalian.

His sons became mariners and followed the sea. The memoirs of Rev. Stephen Dodd (who was installed pastor of the East Haven Congregational Church, December 11, 1818, resigned April 20, 1847, and died in 1856) give a very meager record of the family up to about 1800, published in 1825, probably furnished him by some one of the family.

Nothing further is learned of Joseph, or his wife Hannah. Of his four daughters, Sarah married Matthew Moulthrop, 4th. Anna married Asher Moulthrop. Mabel married Ebenezer Bradley, in 1716. Hannah married Samuel Chedsey, Jr.

Col. G. W. Granniss (1825), of San Francisco, Cal., says, "My ancestors were mariners for several generations, and I was once a pretty good sailor. * * * I only know that I am a descendant of the East Haven family."

JOSEPH GRANNIS, JR. ³

Was probably born in Wallingford, Conn., in 1704, and married Bathsheba Thompson in 1728. They had one daughter, Desire (date of birth unknown), who died young.

He was lost at sea, and his line comes to an early close. A snatch from an old song gives a faint idea of the domestic life of the old time sailor.

"Away Annie darling, away with thy notion
Dear Annie, a parting must be.
I'd sail the seas over, I'd cross the wide ocean,
I'd sail the seas over—for thee."

WILLIAM GRANNIS. ³

Was probably born in Wallingford, Conn., in 1706, and married Thankful Allen (no dates). They had Wm. Jr. (1728), who married Sarah Grannis (1733) in 1755, daughter of his uncle Thomas (1711).

Thankful (—) who married Benjamin Moulthrop in 1761, and

Desire, who married Aaron Page.

Widow Thankful Grannis married Robert Dawson (no dates).

William, Jr. ⁴ (1734).

Was born in East Haven, Conn., and married Sarah Grannis (1733), daughter of his uncle Thomas (1711), and had five sons and six daughters, all of whom grew up and married, and his descendants extend into the eighth generation.

Charles De Witt. ⁷ (1840).

Was born in Fredonia, N. Y., and married first Susan E. Bacon (1842) in 1863. They had one daughter. His second wife was Carrie D. Talman (1855) in 1873; they had no children.

August 8, 1861 he enlisted in the 44th N. Y. as a private and was mustered into service September 24th as First Sergeant. On November 10, 1862, he received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant, was made 1st Lieutenant February 17, 1863, and on August 4, 1863 was made Captain. He was assigned the command of Company B, 44th N. Y. S. V., and held this position until the final muster out October 14, 1864. On June 27th he was taken prisoner at Gaines Mills, Virginia and taken to Richmond. There he was confined in Libby Prison until September 4th, when he was paroled and taken to the parole camp at Alexandria. About the 5th he was exchanged and rejoined his Regiment at Harpers Ferry, Va. He says "I was a member of the Third Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps, during my entire period of service and participated in all battles in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged during my term of service, excepting those occurring between the dates of June 27 and October 15, 1862. I was very fortunate in escaping all physical injuries either by wounds or sickness." He died in Alamo, Mich., January 1, 1901, aged sixty-one.

Marcus S. ⁷ (1843).

Was born in Fredonia, N. Y., and married Carrie E. Gurnee in 1876. His second wife was Rebecca B. Holmes, whom he married in 1883. They had no children.

He served in the Civil War from August 22, 1862 until August 8, 1864, and was then promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in the 12th U. S. Heavy Artillery (colored). He served in Kentucky from August, 1864 till April 30, 1866, when he was mustered out at Louisville, Ky. He died in Toledo, Ohio, from a fractured skull received in a street car accident.

RUSSELL GRANNIS.³

His third son, Russell, was born in 1709, and married Lydia Forbes. They had four sons and one daughter.

Their daughter, Thankful (1732), married Enos Grannis (1720) of the North Haven family (which see) and became a member of the Congregational Church of North Haven. She survived her husband, and died April 27, 1825, at the age of ninety-three years, at the home of her son Benjamin (1757), and was buried in the Grove Street Cemetery, in New Haven, where her monument may now be seen. Her name was dropped from her family record, and does not appear in Rev. Stephen Dodd's memoirs of the East Haven family, but her age, and date of death being known, gives the year of birth to have been 1732, as above. There was no other family in which she could have been born, but that of William (1706), which has a Thankful (1730), who married Benjamin Moulthrop in 1761.

NATHANIEL⁵ (1754).

Was born in North Haven, and married Martha Smith in 1777. There is no record of their three sons and five daughters, born in New Haven, but their names.

Col. G. W. Granniss, of San Francisco, Cal., says, Nov. 14, 1887: "The tombstones of Nathaniel and Russell Grannis, are among the oldest in the Union Cemetery, of Fair Haven, Conn.

"Nathaniel had no sons to arrive at maturity. * * * He and John Rowe owned most of the land on the West side of the Quinnipiac river, and Rowe agreed to give the town a burial ground if Grannis would give a green, or training ground. Accordingly, Grannis deeded a valuable piece of land on the principal thoroughfare (Grand street), and Rowe deeded a piece the same size, but in the interior of a field, with the right of way to it only."

Alva H. * (1843).

Was born in Fair Haven, Conn., and married Elizabeth Maley in 1871. They had Elmina Hellen in 1872.

He says, February 18, 1896 : "You ask for my war record, and I herewith enclose it, although I speak of the war with great reluctance."

"I enlisted in Company B, First Connecticut Cavalry, October 9 1861; was promoted to Corporal November 12, 1861, and to Sergeant, June 1, 1862. I was in the following engagements, battles and skirmishes: Morefield, April 3, and April 22d, 1862; Wardenville, May 30; Strasburg, June 1; Harrisburg, June 6; Cross Keys, June 8; Port Republic, June 9; Cedar Mountain, August 9; Rappahanock Station, August 22; Waterloo Bridge, August 24; Sulphur Springs, August 25; Thoroughfare Gap, August 28; Groveton, August 29; Second Bull Run, August 30; Chantilly, September 1, 1863; Waterford, August 7; Leesburg, Winchester, Berryfield, Snickerville, in September, and Harrisburg in November, 1864; Grove Church, May 1; Craig Church, May 5, and Todd Tavern Wilderness, May 6 and 7; Winchester, August 16; Summit Point, August 21; Charleston, August 22; Kearneyville, August 25; Winchester, September 13; Opegrean Creek, September 14; Limestone Ridge, September 18; Winchester, September 19; Front Royal, September 21; Spring Valley, September 25; New Market, September 25; Waynesboro, September 28; Bridgewater, September 29; Harrisburg, October 2; Strasburg, October 13; Cedar Run Church, October 17; Cedar Creek, October 19; forty-two in all, and all in Virginia. I served the latter part of the war under Sheridan in Gen. Custer's division. Was honorably discharged, November 2, 1864. Never was a prisoner; never wounded in action, but received injuries when on duty, for which I receive a pension."

[The omission of the above record of Alva H. (of 28 Grand Avenue, New Haven, Conn.) was not discovered until the book was finished and this *partial* remedy seems to be the only course left and is offered with the most sincere regret by the writer, SIDNEY S. GRANNIS.]

In the inscription on the tombstone of Nathaniel (1754) in the Cemetery of Fair Haven, Conn., (Rowe's gift), the name ends with one "s," "Grannis." That of Russell (1766), with two, in 1891.

Russell, 3rd ⁵ (1766).

Was born in North Haven, Conn., and married Mary Bradley (1765) in 1789. They had six sons and three daughters. The name "Bradley" does not occur in the North Haven family, so far as the writer has found.

Alva ⁶ (1794).

Was born in Fair Haven, Conn., and married Hannah Barnes (1795). They had one son and one daughter.

Col. G. W. Granniss, of San Francisco, says, October 28, 1887, "My father, Alva, was a sea captain. He was in the navy in the war with Great Britain (1812), and at the close was gunner of the General Armstrong (Privateer), which fought the boats of a fleet in the harbor of Fayal (Azores). In the fight, the Americans, ninety-four in number, killed and wounded over three hundred of the enemy. For this he received, with the other survivors, a present by Act of Congress. It was not called a pension.

"When he died, he had retired from the sea with what was considered a competence, but was not permitted to enjoy his well earned rest."

Henry H. ⁷ (1809).

Was born in Fair Haven, Conn., and married Lovisa Grannis (1807), daughter of Jared Grannis (1750). They had five sons and two daughters. All married except two sons, who died in childhood.

Col. George W. ⁷ (1825).

Was born in New Haven, Conn., and married Jane E. Barnes (1830), in 1849. They had one daughter, Hattie, who married Alex. Center, of Yokohama, Japan. He and Robert A. (1840), *contributed* liberally to the *Record fund*. He died of cancer, in San Francisco, Cal., January 26, 1901.

He says, November 14, 1887. * * * "I have been away from the graves of my sires nearly thirty-eight years. My early predilections were maritime, and I was once a pretty good sailor, but learned military, and coming to California, was called into service in the early squatter and Indian troubles.

"At the commencement of the war for the Union I was attorney in fact, and agent for the property of Major-General Halleck, in California. I commanded a company, and finally a regiment. Stanton and Halleck consoled us all by saying that by keeping this coast all right, we did good service. I was Colonel of Engineers on the staff of the last Republican governor, and am on the retired list as Colonel of Infantry, N. G. C. * * * In 1885, I presented the Fair Haven Cemetery with a stone arch gateway—wishing to mark the portal where all my ancestors entered it for the last time. I placed the structure away in the interior, at the entrance of the *Rowe gift*. I gave it in the name of Granniss. The Cemetery has been largely extended."

Again he says, March 12, 1900: My Dear Cousin: * * * "After the war I came into possession of all Gen. Halleck's papers. With the consent of Mrs. Halleck I forwarded them to Washington.

"Several years afterwards in cleaning out the bank vault I found a bundle of letters, in which was the one of which this is a copy. Secretary of War Gen. Alger learned of my having it, and wrote me for it. *He could have ordered it*. Before sending it I had this facsimile made."

Near Spotsylvania C. H., Va.,

May 11, 1864, 8:30 a. m.

MAJ. GEN. HALLECK,

Chief of Staff of Army,

General :

We have now ended the sixth day of very heavy fighting—the result to this time is much in our favor, but our losses have been heavy, as well as those of the enemy. We have lost to this time eleven general officers, killed, wounded, or missing, and probably 20,000 men.

I think the loss of the enemy must be greater, we having taken over 4,000 prisoners in battle, while he has taken from us but few, except stragglers. I am now sending back to Belle Plaine all my wagons for a fresh supply of provisions and ammunition, and *propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer.* The arrival of reinforcements here, will be very encouraging to the men and I hope they will be sent as fast as possible and in as great numbers. My object in having them sent to Belle Plaine was to use them as an escort to our supply train. If it is more convenient to send them out by train, to march from the railroad to Belle Plaine, or Fredericksburg, send them so.

I am satisfied the enemy is very shaky, and are only kept up to the mark by the greatest exertion on the part of their officers, and by keeping them entrenched in every position they take. Up to this time there is no indication of any portion of Lee's army being detached for the defence of Richmond.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT.

THOMAS GRANNIS. ³

Was born probably in East Haven, Conn., in 1711, and married Mehitabel Thompson (1713) no date. They had three sons and five daughters, all married but Thomas and Samuel, who were lost at sea.

Sarah (1733) married William Grannis, Jr., 1755. Abigail (—) married Joseph Russell in 1764. Joseph (1735) married Olive Ludington. Jemima married Isaac Moulthrop in 1761. Mehitabel married James Chedsey in 1769. Thomas unmarried. Hannah married Abraham Barnes in 1776. Samuel unmarried.

Joseph Grannis ⁶ (1791).

Was born in North Haven, Conn., and married Loue Ludington (1794), November 26, 1812.

They had nine sons and four daughters—single births. One died in infancy. Two, unmarried, aged eighteen and twenty-two, were lost in a shipwreck. Nine were married.

Willard, unmarried, born in East Haven in 1823, was in the Mexican war in 1846, and died in Galveston, Texas, in about 1848. All born within twenty-six years.

Ebenezer C. ⁷ (1817).

Was born in East Haven, Conn., and married Huldah L. Ludington (1818) in 1837. They had two sons and three daughters, only one married.

His son, Edward Joseph (1841) was Second Lieutenant of the Macon, Ga. Volunteers, and was mortally wounded while in the Confederate States service, in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., July 2, and died July 4, 1863. So says his brother, Horace M., of Orlando, Florida, January 20, 1892. The reply of his father to a letter inquiring of his son's war record, says: "I think the less said about it the better."

This is the only one the writer has found who was in the Confederate service.

Thomas, Jr. ⁷ (1825).

Was born in East Haven, and married, first, Fanny L. Tyler (1826). They had Thomas Scott (1850), Fanny Delphina (1852). Married, second, Hannah M. Tyler (1823), and had Harriet F. M. (1855). Married, third, Mary A. Johnson (1835), and had H. Minnie and Bertie A. (1869), twins.

He says, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 9, 1886: "Dear Sir:—I remember when a boy, Rev. Mr. Dodd, an old Congregational clergyman, in charge of the church in New Haven, Conn., published a register, giving the pedigree of all the families in New Haven, from about 1620 to 1820, and I have asked my brother Edwin, of East Haven, to send me a copy, and I would forward it to you." (See his reply.)

Edwin ⁷ (1828).

Was born in East Haven, Conn., and married Delia Lindsley (1831). They had no children, and died April 2, 1889, and April 21, 1889, aged 61 and 58 respectively.

He says in regard to the record of the East Haven family, by Rev. Stephen H. Dodd: Nov. 14, 1886. "I cannot send the book, but send you every item I can glean from it of the Grannis name, from 1644 to 1800."

Again, January 14, 1887: "The name was spelled more with one "s" with the early settlers, but some families used two. There are large numbers that date from 1700 with one "s." I think they were none of them particular. We do not belong to any aristocratic family, but our boast is, that we are descendants of the good old Puritans."

A similar copy of Rev. Dodd's Register was sent the writer in 1889, by C. H. Tolles, Esq., Deputy Sheriff of Hartford county, Connecticut.

Thomas S. ⁸ (1850).

Was born in Fair Haven, Conn., and married Ella C. Stevens, in Chicago, Ill., in 1874. They were divorced in 1886. Notable as the only divorce in the great family.

STEPHEN GRANNIS. ³

Was born in East Haven, Conn., in 1714, and married Hannah Dawson (1717). They had three sons and three daughters.

Joel married Sarah Pratt.

Stephen (1747) married Martha Thompson in 1784.

Of Jacob there is no record.

Mabel married Joel Hungerford in 1765.

Of Lydia there is no record.

Of Jerusha there is no record.

All of these were born in East Haven. Their tombstones may be seen in Southington, Conn., and the names end with one "s".

Stephen died in 1786 at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife Hannah in 1797 at the age of eighty years.

Chester ⁵ (1785).

Was born in Southington, Conn., and married first Dinim Moore (1791), and second Sarah T. Smith (1786).

He passed through the different military grades up to General of Brigade. He was of a noble personal appearance, of good conversational powers, and an excellent speaker at public meetings. He represented the town in the Legislature several terms. Probably no other man has ever lived in the town who has been so well calculated to attract the attention and respect of strangers as General Chester Grannis. (Extract from "A History of Southington", copied by C. H. Tolles, Esq., Deputy Sheriff of Southington, September 12, 1889. The History was issued in 1875.)

"At Southington, Conn., was a family, a member of which, commanded the State troops as Major General when Lafayette visited the state in 1825". (Col. G. W. Grannis, October 28, 1887.)

Isaiah M. ⁶ (1812).

Was born in Southington, Conn., and married Louisa Hammick in 1845, and had two sons and three daughters.

Anna Jane (1856) was authoress of "Skipped Stitches", a volume of poems, published in Plainville, Conn., in 1894. She also wrote the Song "*The Old Red Cradle*".

"Rocking, rocking, gently rocking,
In time with the tick of the clock on the wall,
One by one the seconds marking,
The old Red Cradle rocked us all."

ISAAC GRANNIS. ³

Was born in East Haven in 1716, and married Kiziah Moulthrop about 1740. They had two sons and four daughters, all of whom married.

Elizabeth (1741) married Ebenezer Chidsey in 1761.

Ame (1744) married Stephen Shepard in 1765.

Dedamea (1748) married Samuel Smith in 1773.

Isaac, Jr. (1751) married Mary Ludington.

Jared (1756) married, first, Martha Ludington, and second, Eunice Munson.

Larahama married Joseph Moulthrop in 1774.

Jared ⁴ (1756).

Was born in East Haven, Conn., and married Martha Ludington in 1786. They had three children, Isaac, Ame, and Jared. The two sons were lost at sea, while Ame was killed by a falling tree.

His second wife was Eunice Munson, and they had four sons and two daughters, born in East Haven.

He served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution and was one of those who followed Putnam to the defence of Boston after Lexington and Concord. He participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill, but shortly after left the land service and joined the crew of a Privateer ship. The vessel that he was on captured a prize and he was one of the crew put aboard the captured boat. While attempting to take the prize into New London harbor, they were captured by an English war vessel and all were taken as prisoners to England. There he remained in prison until the close of the war. At one time several of the prisoners (himself included) attempted to escape, and had dug an underground passage, reaching beyond the walls and to the surface, when they were discovered; two of their number, however, did escape and made their way to France.

At one time, he says, King George III. visited and addressed them, promising them liberty if they would enter the service of his Majesty, but they remained loyal and in prison until peace was declared. No news of him reached his friends, and they all (except his mother) had given him up for lost when he returned some time after the war ended.

Samuel H. ⁶ (1831).

Was born in Bramford, Conn., and married Ann Augusta Parrott (1837) in 1854, and they had three sons and three daughters.

He was commissioned Captain September 25, 1861, to raise Company B, 12th Conn. Vol. Infantry, and was mustered into the U. S. Service, November 12, 1861, at New Haven, Conn.

On March 1, 1862, his regiment embarked on the steamship "Fulton" at New York for Ship Island in the Gulf of Mexico, Gen. B. F. Butler's base of operations against New Orleans. On April 28, 1862, the fleet having previously silenced the forts steamed up the river and anchored off the city, and his regiment went into the deserted Rebel camp "Parapet," about eight miles above the city, where they remained until October 24, 1862, when his brigade was taken up the Mississippi, and his first battle was at Georgia Landing, La., March 27, 1863. Then Bisland, La., April 13, and Port Hudson siege, May 25 to July 9, 1863. Made an assault at midnight, and received a gunshot wound in the thigh. Was in hospital thirty-eight days, and then had surgeon's leave to return home for sixty days. Then joined his command although unfit for field duty. After the opening of the Mississippi river his corps was ordered to Bermuda Hundred, Va., and then to Washington to repel Early's raid on that city whom they had harassed up and down Shenandoah valley under Gen. Phil. Sheridan till the battle of Win-

chester, Va., on September 19, 1864. Then at Fishers Hill, on September 22d. His most severe battle was at Cedar Creek, Va., October 19, 1864, when his Company lost thirty men killed, wounded, and taken prisoners, and one Lieutenant killed. This battle was the origin of the poem, "Sheridan's Ride". He was also in many marches, skirmishes, etc., some of which were little less than general engagements. About the close of 1864 all the officers and men of his Company whose term of service had expired and who had not re-enlisted were eight officers and forty men (himself the senior) ; these were ordered home and mustered out, December 2, 1864, and from this date he received a pension. He afterwards received a commission from the Governor to return to his Regiment, but declined on account of ill health.

Andrew J. ⁶ (1841).

Was born in East Haven, Conn., and married Honoria E. Irwin (no date of her birth or marriage given). They have Mary Emiline (1872), and Honoria Elizabeth (1874).

He furnished, March 3, 1888, a pen sketch of the old Granniss Homestead, of the East Haven family at Faxon. (Granniss Corners), Conn. The house was demolished several years ago, but those who remember the old place say that it is a very good likeness.

Hon. Charles W. ⁶ (1844).

Was born in East Haven, and married Anna C. Irwin (1850) in 1874. They have three children, Irwin (1874), Chas. A. (1876), and Lincoln (1882).

He left school two months before he was sixteen and enlisted in Co. A., 16th Conn. Infantry, where he served four years and was twice wounded; once in the shoulder at Deep Run, Va., and again in the hand at Petersburg. Four

days before the surrender of Lee he was made a Sergeant. Because of wounds received in action, he was mustered out and receives a pension. In 1895 and 1899 he was a member of the Legislature, and now (1901) is Auditor of New Haven County. He owns and resides upon the old homestead of the East Haven family at Faxon, East Haven.

Henry Palmer, another grandson of Jared, was mortally wounded in the same battle at Petersburg and rests in a soldier's grave in "Old Virginia."

The Coat of Arms.

There is much uncertainty upon this subject, but there can be no doubt that the "Coat of Arms" was designed for some aristocratic family. The engraving is fine, representing the Helmet with Vizor closed and Lion Rampant, with the Motto, "*Post nubila sol.*" The Crest, representing the Head and Neck of a Greyhound, with a gold collar, has been engraved separately; no less than three different sizes have come under the notice of the writer.

Laurens A. (1803) says in 1885: "There is a tradition that the Grannis family was Norman French and came to England at the time of the Norman Conquest."

Another writes about this date: "I send a copy of the "Arms" of the Grannis family which are those originally adopted by the first of the name in Normandy, France. I believe all of the name in this country are descendants of some colonist from England, although the name is of French origin and was originally "Grand Lyss" (Great City). I believe the "Arms" were obtained in Normandy at great trouble and expense. The translation of the motto is "After clouds the sun." The Helmet Closed signifies the rank of Squire."

The "Coat of Arms" is first found in the hands of Geo. B. (1798), who was a merchant for some years in Charleston, S. C., and they would doubtless be received with favor in that aristocratic city, but not so in New Haven.

Laurens A. (1803) says in 1886: "We do not belong to any aristocratic family, but our boast is that we are descendants of the good old Puritans."

Horace R. (1821) says in 1887: "I understand "Grand Lyss" to mean Grand Lilly. The lilly was borne on the shields of the early kings of France and is the insignia of France. When the honor of knighthood was conferred on the family, that name was given instead of the ancient name. The custom of changing the name still prevails; Disraeli, the Jew, when he was elected to the Peerage, had his name changed by Queen Victoria, to Earl Beaconsfield."

John (1789) used to say that he descended from "Allus Grandus", a Norman general, who came with Cæsar into Gaul, and that was as far back as he cared to trace his ancestry.

Robert A. (1840), who knows more than any one else about the "Arms", thinks that it would not be advisable to publish them as an authenticated emblem of the family name.

The Double SS.

The natural division of the family between John (1674) of the North Haven, and Joseph (1677) of the East Haven families, is clearly traced on the Chart. There is another division caused by the addition of the final "s," "Granniss." This has been adopted by quite a large number of both families, probably with the idea that it was the original spelling of the name, whereas it was not known until about 1797. at least 150 years after the birth of Edward (1630). Its origin was as fo'llows. Benjamin (1757) and Benjamin (1747), son of Caleb (1718), married sisters Mary and Polly Wilcox. Now by referring to the Chart it will be seen that up to about 1800 all the given names of both sons and daughters were single and mostly Bible names (it seems to have been the main purpose to inflict the most "onairthly" names on the little innocents). Of these two Benjamins, one and probably both engaged in the leather trade, boot and shoe business. They had no way of distinguishing each others property and so Benjamin (1757) adopted the final "s" as is seen in an inscription in his own handwriting in a book entitled *Burketts Exposition or Commentaries on the Four Gospels*, found in his library with these words "Benjamin Granniss, his Book, Bought December, 1797, Price 11 s. (Shillings sterling).

This is the earliest date in which the "ss" is found. It is now found on the monuments of the North Haven family

in the Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven, and of the East Haven family in the Fair Haven Union Cemetery.

We further find that his brother Enos (1754) was a Revolutionary pensioner and the Pension Office as well as his numerous descendants in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Kentucky, all end the name with one "s", and further the descendants of all who migrated from Connecticut before 1797 to the West and to Canada, uniformly end the name with one "s". Mr. Sheldon B. Thorpe, Esq., of North Haven, says, July 22, 1891 "I have carefully examined the Ecclesiastical Society Records in my possession beginning 1716, and find the name ending in all cases with but one "s".

"In the Church (Congregational) Records I find beginning with 1790 the name spelled likewise with but one "s", but strange to say right in the face of this evidence the Committee of the Congregational Church, who prepared a catalogue of the entire membership of the Church in 1871 in every instance added another "s". I see no excuse for taking such liberty to mutilate old records."

Mary Munson (1717), the wife of John (1714), and Thankful Grannis (1732), wife of Enos (1720), were members of the North Haven Congregational Church at the same time.

Mary died in Claremont, N. H., at the home of her son Timothy (1750) in 1812 at the age of ninety-five years, and was buried in the West Claremont Cemetery, and the name on her tombstone ends with one "s".

Thankful died at the home of her son Benjamin (1757), in New Haven, Conn., in 1825, and was buried in the Grove Street Cemetery at the age of ninety-three years. The name on her tombstone ends with "s s".

The names of their husbands do not appear on their tombstones and we have no account of how, when, or where they died, or were buried.

It seems singular that neither Timothy nor Benjamin

(probably strangers) give either the names of their fathers or the family names of their mothers on their mother's tombstones.

Here we call a halt but the great family moves right on
for with it there is no such a word as

FINIS.

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