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FOR convenience in finding any desired grave-stone, this Index refers by numeral letters to the four sections of the Ground, as shown in the following diagram. The north and south line, marked by dots, is imaginary.

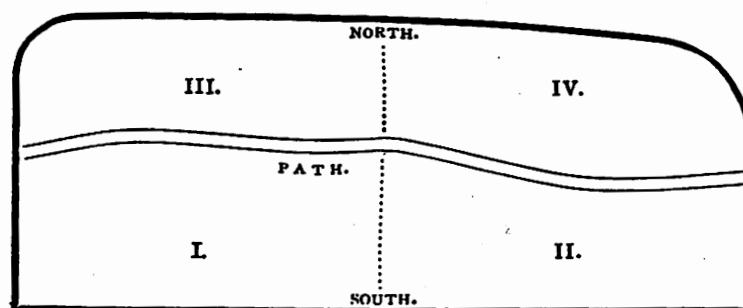


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Susana parkar Wife of  
 Mr William parkar Who  
 Departed this Life  
 The 19<sup>th</sup> day of october  
 A D 1753 in  
 The 34 year of her age.

The daughter of SAMUEL and SARAH KEMP, born May 14, 1720.

[Death's Head.]

Here Lies the body  
 of Susana parkar  
 Daughter of William  
 parkar Who departed  
 This Life November  
 4<sup>th</sup> A. D 1753 in the 17<sup>th</sup>  
 year of her age.

She was born February 10, 1736-7.

[Death's Head.]

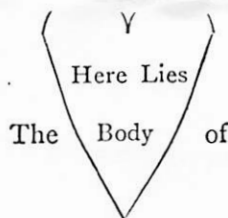
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 Capt John Gillson Who  
 Departed This Life y<sup>e</sup>  
 17<sup>th</sup> Day of november  
 A D 1753  
 in the 56 year  
 of his age.

The son of JOHN and SARAH GILSON, born March 2, 1697-8.  
 He married, first, December 8, 1722, MARY, daughter of JOHN  
 and MARY (BLOOD) SHATTUCK, born April 11, 1699; and,  
 secondly, RACHEL —

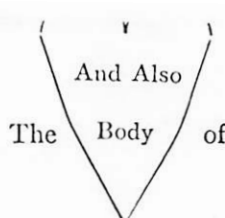
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Lieut John Holdin  
Who Departed This  
Life Decm<sup>br</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
A D 1753 in  
The 69 year  
of his age.



M<sup>s</sup> Sarah  
Holdin The Wife of Lieut  
John Holdin Who  
Depart<sup>d</sup> This Life dec<sup>mbr</sup>  
The 21<sup>th</sup> A D 1753  
in the 59<sup>th</sup> year  
of her age.

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The son of STEPHEN and HANNAH HOLDEN ; his wife was the daughter of JOHN and MEHITABLE DAVIS, born September 22, 1694. JOHN HOLDEN was taken by the Indians in the year 1697, and held a prisoner during one year and ten months.

1754

Memento Mori

[*Death's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
Mr Elezer Gillson  
Who departed this Life  
February y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1754  
in y<sup>e</sup> 59<sup>th</sup> Year  
of his Age.

The son of JOSEPH and HEPSIBAH GILSON ; he married, May 6, 1719, HANNAH, daughter of JOSEPH and HANNAH FARWELL. She was born May 6, 1701, and died May 11, 1762.

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[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

CHARLOTTE  
*wife of*  
*Charles Gilson.*  
*(Formerly wife of*  
*David Nutting.)*

DIED

Nov. 8, 1849,  
 Æt. 61.

1849  
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 1788

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

JAMES BENNETT,  
 died  
 Nov. 20, 1849,  
 Æt. 70 yrs.

1850

[*Willow Tree and Urn.*]

EDETH,  
*Wife of*  
 Jonathan Nutting,  
 died  
 July 28, 1850,  
 Æt. 78.

[*Willow Tree.*]

WILLIAM  
*Son of James R. &*  
*Nancy A. McDaniel*

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MARY,  
*wife of John Searles,*  
*formerly wife of*  
*Ebenezer L. Blood,*

DIED  
Nov. 9, 1867,  
*Aged 83 yrs. 8 ms.*

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FANNIE,  
wife of  
John M. E. Gilson  
Died Dec. 1, 1867,  
Æt. 55 yrs. 6 ms.

FRANCIS, their son  
Died Oct. 29, 1849,  
Æt. 1 yr. 6 ms &  
18 ds.

1867  
55  
1812

1869

DIADAMA,  
*Wife of Aaron Corey Jr.*

DIED  
Feb. 13, 1869,  
*Aged 62 yrs.*

WILLIAM KEMP  
POLLY KEMP  
his wife  
died March 1, 1869,  
*Aged 80.*

*"Live, so as to meet me in Heaven."*

POLLY was the daughter of CALEB and ELIZABETH (FARNS-

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exchanged. His health was so broken down by the hardships of his captivity that he never fully regained it. He died September 6, 1771, leaving behind him the example of a brave man and a useful citizen.

**Farrington.** Matthew Farrington was one of the petitioners for the plantation of Groton, and a member of the first board of selectmen appointed by the General Court. He was a son of Edmund Farrington, of Lynn, and was born in England.

**Gilson.** Joseph Gilson was one of the original proprietors of the town, and owned a nine-acre right. He married, November 18, 1660, Mary Caper, at Chelmsford, and removed from that town to Groton before March 5, 1665-6. He died in the summer of 1676, at Concord, where he went, probably, when Groton was deserted by its inhabitants. An inventory of his estate is on file in the Middlesex Probate Office at East Cambridge. He left five children, viz., Mary, born November 17, 1662, at Chelmsford; Timothy; Joseph, born March 8, 1666-7, at Groton, married twice, and had five children by each wife; Sarah, born June 25, 1669, at Groton; and John, born April 23, 1674, at Groton, married Sarah —, and had five children. Both Joseph and John lived and died at Groton, and John's widow married, May 17, 1709, for her second husband, Richard Warner, by whom she had four children. Joseph Gilson, a grandson of the original proprietor, was one of the seven Groton men with Captain Lovewell in his fight at Pigwacket, and the only one of the seven who escaped unhurt. One Joseph Gilson of Groton, presented a petition to the General Court, June 11, 1760, "representing his Services and Sufferings, for his Country praying a Compensation."

**Haven.** Richard Haven was one of the petitioners for the plantation of Groton. He was living in Lynn as early as the year 1645, and is said to have come from the west of England. His will was proved June 14, 1703.

**Hinckley.** Thomas Hinckley, one of the selectmen first appointed by the General Court, was probably a son of Samuel Hinckley, of Scituate, and afterward of Barnstable. If this sup-

leine Dupont, wife of M. de Maricourt, Ecuyer, Captain of a company of Marines : she named this English girl Lydia Madeleine.

[Signed]

LYDIA MADELEINE LONGLEY  
MADELEINE DUPONT,  
LEBER,  
M. CAILLE, *acting curate.*"

NOTE.—The date of capture in this record is written out in full, and the omission of one word would cause the mistake; *i.e.*, "mil six cent quatre-vingt," omitting *quatorze*.

**Martin.** The name of William Martin heads the list of petitioners for the plantation of Groton. He was an original proprietor of the town, owning a twenty-acre right. He came here at an early date from Reading, where he had been one of the selectmen. He married the widow of William Lakin, Jr.,—though neither the date nor the place of marriage is known,—and he lived near Martin's Pond, which was named after him. His wife died August 14, 1669, and he died March 26, 1672, aged about 76 years. He left a will, dated twenty days before his death, in which he bequeathed ten pounds "towards purchasing a meeting house bell for the town's use." It was sixty years, however, before the town obtained the legacy, and even then only by a suit brought against one of the legatees, who had wrongfully received a portion of Martin's estate.

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John Longley returned about the time that his grandmother died.

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John Nutting married, August 28, 1650, Sarah Eggleton [?], at Woburn, where a son was born, who may have been John, mentioned below, and probably other children. A daughter, Mary, was born January 16, 1656, at Chelmsford, at which place John, James, and Mary were baptized August 3, 1656; also Sarah, born January 7, 1660, and died soon afterward.

He was one of the petitioners for the town of Chelmsford, and he removed probably from that town to Groton, where three of his children were born,—Sarah, May 29, 1663; Ebenezer, October 23, 1666; and Jonathan, October 17, 1668.

**Parish.** John Parish was an original proprietor of the town, and owned a five-acre right. He was one of a committee with John Page and Ensign Lawrence, chosen December 23, 1683, to prove the proprietors' title to their land. In the year 1693, he represented the town in the General Court. Thomas Parish, a son of Thomas Parish, of Cambridge, and a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1659, was living in Groton at an early date.

**Parker.** In the early history of Groton, this was the most numerous family in town. James Parker and Joseph Parker, probably brothers, were original proprietors, the first named owning a fifty-acre right, and the other a twenty-acre right. James was a distinguished man, and a leader in all public affairs. A sketch of his life and a copy of his will are given in Mr. Butler's "History" (pages 281–285). He was living at Woburn in the year 1640, and he married, May 23, 1643, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Long, of Charlestown. Their children were Elizabeth, born March 12, 1645, married — Gary; Ann, born March 5, 1647; John, born February 18, 1649; Sarah, born August 29, 1650, died next year; Joseph, born, 1651; James, born April 15, 1652; Josiah, born 1655; Samuel, born 1656; Joshua, born March 13, 1658, married Abigail (Shattuck) Morse, widow of Jonathan Morse; Zechariah, born January 14, 1659; and Eleazer, born November 9, 1660. He

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Give to the said Church the sum of thirteen pounds five shillings and four pence Lawfull money to be paid to the said Church out of my Estate by my Executer within one year next after my decease to be Lett oute to Interest by the said Church and the Interest to be appropriated for the Bennefit of the poore of said Church as the Church shall order but the princple never to be deminished."

**Blood.** Three of the petitioners for the plantation of Groton, viz., Richard, John, and Robert, bore this name, and all three were sons of James and Ellen Blood, of Concord. Another brother, James, was an early proprietor of the town. Richard was the only one of these brothers that lived in Groton, and he is the ancestor of most of the name in this neighborhood. He was the largest proprietor in the town, owning a sixty-acre right, and was one of the first board of selectmen chosen by the inhabitants, and also town clerk in the year 1668. He married Isabel —, and had Mary, who died April 19, 1662; James, who was killed by the Indians, September 13, 1692; Nathaniel, who married, June 13, 1670, Hannah, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Long) Parker; Elizabeth, who married, December 1, 1686, Thomas Tarbell, the third of the name in Groton; and Joseph, who was an original proprietor of the town. Richard, the father, lived in the district called "Nod," and died December 7, 1683.

**Bridge.** The name of London Bridge will have more interest for the inhabitants of Groton, when it is known that he was a resident of the town, and that he remembered it in his will. This instrument, bearing date May 23, 1775, is on file in the Middlesex Probate Office at East Cambridge, and was presented for probate, January 25, 1776. The following are extracts from it: —

"I do hereby give and Bequeath the s<sup>d</sup> sum of Thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence to the Church of Christ in Groton afores<sup>d</sup> the Interest of which Sum is to be annually given to the poor of s<sup>d</sup> Chh. at the Discretion of their Com<sup>tes</sup>." . . .

He then makes provision for the payment of his debts and a small bequest to Captain Henry Farwell, and adds: —

"and if that should not be sufficient for those purposes my will is that my Executor take so much out of the above given to the Chh. as to Defray the Charges Aboves<sup>d</sup> and the Remainder be applied by the Chh. in manner as Aboves<sup>d</sup> for their poor."

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**Lakin.** William Lakin, the ancestor of the numerous families of this name that have lived at Groton, died December 10, 1672, at the advanced age of 90 or 91 years. He was born in England, and came to this country with his daughter-in-law and her two sons, William and John Lakin. Mr. Butler, in his excellent "History," (page 273), says that the family came from Redington, but as there is no such place in England, perhaps the parish of Ridlington is meant. They early settled at Reading, where the name was sometimes spelled Laukin. The two brothers were original proprietors of Groton, each owning a twenty-acre right.

William Lakin married Lydia, daughter of Abraham Brown, of Watertown, and had Lydia, born 1650; Mary, born 1652; William, born May 6, 1655; John, born January 3, 1658; Jonathan, born June 28, 1661; Abraham, born January 10, 1664; William, born May, 1665; Abraham, born September 11, 1667; and Eliab, born January 8, 1669. The first five were born at Reading, and the others at Groton.

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William Lakin was appointed October 15, 1673, Lieutenant of the military company of the town, and his brother John was confirmed by the Governor and Council, July 13, 1689, as Ensign of the same company, though they may have acted as officers before these dates.

The murderous assault made by the Indians on the town, July 27, 1694, was begun at the house of Lieutenant William Lakin, who lived-somewhere in the neighborhood of Chicopee Row. Isaac Lakin, a grandson of William, was wounded in Lovewell's fight with the Indians.

The following entry is found in the printed "Journal" of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, for January 10, 1760:—

"A Petition of *Oliver Laken* of *Groton*, in the County of *Middlesex*, shewing, that he was a Soldier in the Pay of the Province *Anno* 1758, and was on the 20th Day of *July* the same Year, Captivated by the Indian Enemy, suffered many &

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great Hardships, and was obliged to borrow a Sum of Money to purchase his Freedom from Captivity; he therefore prays he may be allowed the Sum of Money he borrowed; also the Charges of his Passage home, and a further Allowance for his Loss of Time and Sufferings &c"

The answer to this petition is found in the proceedings of January 12, and is as follows:—

"The Committee appointed to consider the Petition of *Oliver Lakin*, Reported thereon.

"Read and accepted in Part, *viz. Resolved.* That the Sum of *eight Pounds*, be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury to *William Lawrence*, Esq; for the Use of the Petitioner, in full Consideration for his Services and Sufferings therein mentioned.

"Sent up for Concurrence."

The petitioner was a son of William and Miriam Lakin, and a great-grandson of Ensign John Lakin.

**Lawrence.** The ancestor of this numerous family was John Lawrence, who was born at Wisset, England, where he was baptized October 8, 1609. He married Elizabeth —, and had thirteen children, all with one exception born at Watertown, where he settled on coming to this country. His daughter Elizabeth was born in Boston. The date and the place of his marriage are not known. He was an original proprietor of Groton, owning a twenty-acre right; two of his sons were also original proprietors, Nathaniel having a ten-acre right, and Joseph a five-acre right. His house and land at Watertown were sold about the year 1662, and in the same year the name is found in the Groton records. John's wife, Elizabeth, died August 29, 1663, at Groton, and he married, November 2, 1664, for his second wife, Susanna, daughter of William Batchelder, of Charlestown, by whom he had two daughters. John died here July 11, 1667, and his widow, July 8, 1668, at Charlestown. His second son, Nathaniel, is represented in this neighborhood at the present time by numerous descendants. He held various offices in the church and town, and was one of the first representatives to the General Court, under the charter of William and Mary, in the year 1693. He married, first, March 13, 1660-1, Sarah, daughter of John and Hannah Morse, of Dedham, and lived for a while at Sudbury, before coming to Groton. His wife died August 29, 1683, and he married, secondly, Hannah —. In advanced life he removed to that part of Cam-

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It was voted June 22, that one hundred acres of the unappropriated lands of the Province be granted the petitioner, and, in the record of this date, the name is spelled Joseph Sautell.

In the same "Journal," June 13, 1759, there is

"A Petition of *David Sartwell* of *Groton*, in the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth, that his Son *Abel Sartwell*, went forth in the Expedition against *Canada* the last Year; that near *Half-Way-Brook* (so called) he was in an Engagement with the Enemy, and killed; that his Gun was then lost; he therefore prays the Stoppage may be taken off, and the Treasurer be directed to allow him the *three Pounds* mentioned."

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The eldest of these children, John Shattuck, and his son, John, Jr., a young man in the nineteenth year of his age, were murdered by the Indians, May 8, 1709. They were attacked, as they were crossing the Nashua River, in the vicinity of the Stony Ford-way, near the present site of Hollingsworth's paper mills, while returning from the west side of the river, where Mr. Shattuck owned land.

A remarkable fatality seems to have followed Mrs. Shattuck's kindred. Her husband and eldest son were killed by the Indians, as has just been mentioned. Her father, James Blood, was likewise killed September 13, 1692. So also were her uncle, William Longley, his wife and five children, July 27, 1694, and three other of their children were carried away into captivity at the same time. A distant relative, James Parker, Jr., and his wife were killed in this assault, and their children taken prisoners. Her stepfather, Enosh Lawrence, received a wound in an engagement with the Indians, probably in the same attack of July 27, 1694, which almost wholly prevented him from earning a livelihood for himself and family. The three Tarbell children, who were carried off to Canada by the Indians, June 20, 1707, were cousins of Mrs. Shattuck. John Ames, the father-in-law of her niece, Ruth (Shattuck) Ames, was shot by the savages at the gate of his own garrison, July 9, 1724. And lastly, her son-in-law, Isaac Lakin, the husband of her daughter Elizabeth, was wounded in Lovewell's fight at Pigwacket, May 8, 1725. These calamities covered a period of only one generation, extending from the year 1692 to 1725.

**Shepley.** This has been a common name in Groton, from an early date. The first settler who bore it, and all his family, excepting a son John, were massacred by the Indians. The sad event took place in the assault on the town, July 27, 1694, when his house was burned, and the boy John carried off into captivity by the savages, and held during several years. The knowledge which he obtained of their language and customs while a prisoner was of much use to him in dealing with them in after-life. Tradition relates that, when buying furs and skins of the Indians, he used to put his foot in one scale of the balance instead of a pound