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Traced from Thomas Graves, of Hartford, Ct., and Hatfield, Mass., one of the Family Founders in America, before and after the year 1645, down to George Graves and Family of Rutland, Vt., in 1879 and later, together with some English Ancestors.

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As connected with the Graves Family per Joseph Collins of Ira, Vt., and North Granville, N. Y., since the year 1826, and as traced down from Ancestors of about the year 1600.

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PREFACE

Much of the following statistics of the GRAVES Family has been taken from Boltwood's "Genealogy of Hadley (Mass.) Families," 1862; from John C. Graves' "Genealogy of the GRAVES Family in America," vol. I, 1896; and from the Records of the Family of George Graves, of Rutland, Vt. Besides other contributions of the Family, the following relatives have given valuable aid, viz.: Mrs. E. L. Bomeisler, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Percival Wood Rice, of Cleveland, Ohio. See also an Illustrated Work, in two volumes, by the Misses Graves, of Morristown, N. J., a copy of which is held by the Rev. James Taylor Graves, of Chicago, Ills.; compiled in 1905-6. Another member of the Graves Family, James M. Crafts, *deceased*, of Orange, Mass., gave much invaluable information and aid for the volume by John C. Graves. This present genealogy (including that of the Collins connection) is as accurate and complete as the spare time of the compiler for several years would permit. He would be grateful for the notice of any mistakes or omissions when found, which may be sent to him at Burlington, or Grand Isle, Vt.

GEMONT GRAVES,
of Generation VIII.

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DEDICATION

These small tributes of love and respect to the Families Concerned are humbly dedicated to the memory of our beloved and highly esteemed Parents, GEORGE GRAVES and LUCRETIA ADALINE COLLINS, his wife, of Generation VII, who, I trust look down with favor, from their home in Paradise, upon this sincere attempt of one of their children to perpetuate their honored Names, also in connection with those of their Ancestors and Descendants. "May they all rest in Peace, and Perpetual Light shine upon them."—G. G.

SKETCH OF SOME ENGLISH ANCESTORS

"The family of Graves is one of the most ancient in England. It went in with the Norman army, and its members have been named *De Grevis, De Greves, Greve, Grave, Greaves, Greeves, and Graves.*" It was of French extraction, and its name came probably from the fact that the founders were *engravers* of progress, and *marked* as pioneers of civilization. "The family lived in early days in that part of England now known as Counties Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby and York, occupying the northern part of the three first named, and the southern part of York. The first recorded family seat was known as Greves or Greaves, in the parish of Beeley, near Chetsworth, in the northern part of Derbyshire, and a few miles from the southern boundary of York, where the family resided as early as the reign of Henry III (1216-1272). John Greaves, a descendant, in the reign of Elizabeth (1558-1602), became a purchaser of 'Beeley,' a quaint old house with an enclosed court, on the hill above Beeley, and now known as 'Hill top'; and it was occupied as a family seat until about 1664, when it was sold to John, Earl of Rutland.

"In the little church at 'Beeley,' within the altar rails, is a fine flat stone, on which are cut the coat of arms of the Family, the motto '*Superna Quaero,*' and the following inscription:

'This marble stone doth presse, but not oppresse the body of John Greaves, of Greaves, Esq., who was always the true son of the Church of England, merciful and charitable to the poor, patient and courageous in tedious sickness, and at length, being full of faith and hope, did exchange this troublesome world for a better, upon the 13th day of October, in the year of our Lord, 1694. Ann, his wife, b. of Geo. Bird, of Stenly Hall, Gent., ob. May 25, 1700.'

"From the visitations of Derbyshire, in the College of Arms, and from MSS. in the British Museum, the descent of the early founders of the family" may be had. "The family had early scattered over the surrounding country."

"At Kings Norton, in Worcester County, in the Chapel, is found a large monument to Sir Richard Greves, Kt., with crest, who died in 1631. From John Grave, of Cleckheaton, Birstall, West Riding of Yorkshire, as early as Edward IV (1461-83), descended several of the most prominent families in Great Britain." One list of early founders contains 14 names (A. D., 1200-1694). Another list has 13 names of the family of Graves, of Mickleton Manor (1461-1855).

"The Graves Family in Ireland was founded by Colonel William Graves, son of Richard Graves (No.) 4, in Mickleton family pedigree," in 1649-50. Of this family was the Very Rev. Richard Graves, b. in 1763, author of a work on the "Pentateuch," and his son, Dr. Robert James Graves, "the famous Dublin physician"; the Rt. Rev. Charles Graves, Bishop of Limerick, b. in 1812; Alfred Percival Graves, the poet, b. in 1846; and others, making nine in the list. Another branch of descendants from Col. Wm. Graves, has seven names, including in one family one son and four grandsons, all admirals; also two other admirals, one of whom was Lord Thomas Graves, Baron of Gravesend, Co. Londonderry, who died in 1802; and three other Lords, his successors. A third branch in Ireland was founded by Richard Graves, descendant of Col. William Graves, having a list of four names.

The above sketch concludes with these words: "The Family in Great Britain has produced men distinguished as Scholars, Divines, Military and Naval Commanders, Barristers, and Business Men, a vigorous and loyal race, but not a self-seeking one; and the same can be said of the American branches."

In the preface of the volume containing the above extract, which volume the author says, is the result of "twenty years' labor," he adds, "The genealogy of but one of the six great families descended from those who settled in this country at a very early day, has been completed, and has been presented in this volume. The other five volumes are nearing completion. (This was in 1896). ["Genealogy of the Graves Family in America, 1896," by J. C. Graves].