

Administration on the estate of Mr. Joshua Grafton, late of Salem, mariner, was granted 14th August, 1699, to his widow Mrs. Hannah Grafton, whose sureties were Timothy Laskin and Samuel Gedney. From the inventory of his estate, exhibited 4 Dec., 1699, it is evident that he was a merchant as well as mariner. His dealings were with Barbados.

Very little has been learned about his family. In 1732 Nath. Emms of Boston and his wife Hannah conveyed to Timothy Lindall, Esq., one common right and a half "being originally from Joshua Grafton father of s^d Hannah his homestead near Col. Turners." This places it at the southeast corner of old Mr. Joseph Grafton's estate, at the foot of Grafton's lane, now Hardy Street.

The births of Joshua and Hannah Grafton's children are thus recorded:—

- 54 Hannah, b. 27 May, 1691, abt. 3 of ye clocke in ye morning; m. Nathaniel Emms.
 55 Joshua, } b. 16 Jan., 1693.
 56 Samuel, }
 57 Sarah, b. 18 April, 1697.
 58 Priscilla, b. 8 Feb., 1698.

31 **Lydia** (*Bartholomew^s John^t*), born in Salem 9th March, 1669; was the second wife of Capt. George Corwin or Curwen, born in Salem 26 Feb., 1666, son of Mr. John Corwin by his wife, Margaret, daughter of the Hon. John Winthrop, jr., Governor of the Colony of Connecticut. His first wife had been Lydia's cousin Susanna Gedney (*John^t John^t*), whom he married 23 April, 1688, and by whom he seems not to have had issue. His father was eldest son of Capt. George Corwin or Curwen, born in England 1610, who settled in Salem in 1638 and died 3 Jan., 1685, leaving one of the largest estates up to that time accumulated in the Colony. This family ranked high among the leading families of the Colony, not only