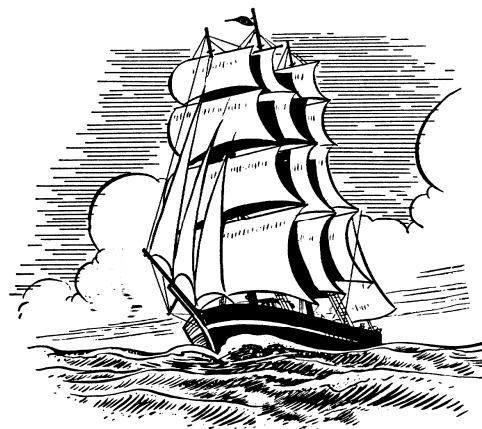


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The Editors and Their Goals

This first issue of *The Grantham Gazette* will hopefully be the beginning of a long journey into uncovering the history of the Grantham family which dates back to the days of Robin Hood in early England and the early Colonial period in America. We wish to provide a forum for the sharing of information and a place to compile genealogical data collected from various sources. One of our primary goals is to determine the immigrant of each of the various Grantham lines.

I'm a retired firefighter from West Palm Beach, Florida. It was a handwritten copy of a fifty-year old genealogy of my Grantham ancestors that originally got me interested in my family history some ten years ago. It was not until my retirement in 1991 that I looked deeper into the facts and discovered that much of what I had read about my Granthams was in error. I set out to learn the truth.

My line traces back to Edward Grantham of Surry County, Virginia. My main area of focus will be on his descendants who settled first in North Carolina and then migrated into South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and ultimately throughout the south and the west.

Lori Grantham, contributing editor, is getting an early start in genealogy - she's only twenty-three years old and has a lot of time to research her lines. Her focus will be on the descendants of John Grantham (c1700-c1754) of Fairfax County, Virginia. His descendants spread westward into West Virginia.

It is entirely possible that these two Grantham lines come from the same immigrant. As of yet this cannot be proven.

We are looking for information on the New England Granthams. There was a John Grantham who married Martha Bant in Boston, Massachusetts, on December 8, 1690 (Book 1646/Page 46). That is about all my files contain on the New England line.

Some Grantham histories refer to a third brother who settled in Georgia. This immigrant's son was supposedly William Grantham of Georgia. John, one of William's sons, moved to Buncombe County, North Carolina, circa 1795, Henderson County, Kentucky, circa 1802, and finally settled in Montgomery County, Illinois, circa 1828. If this immigrant Grantham was a brother of Edward there is at least one generation missing between them. Edward of Surry was born circa 1650. **SEE MY GUESS ON PAGE 13**

This venture will be more of a success if subscribers contribute what they have learned about their Grantham line. There is no doubt in my mind that sharing data is the best way to pursue genealogy. It saves time, money, headaches, not to mention many sleepless nights in fleabag motels.

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Early Granthams in America by Ronald E. Johnson

Thomas Grantham of Virginia Colony

The earliest Grantham record in America is found in 1611 and 1612 Virginia Colony. A Thomas Grantham was listed for both years.¹ Researcher Jack C. Grantham feels confident that this man was the same Thomas Grantham who was knighted April 23, 1603, and tried for treason in Lincolnshire, England in 1643. The records inferring that he was in the Virginia Colony actually named many who were only shareholders with investments in naval stores being produced there. Thomas is shown as investing £37.10² in 1610/11 toward the "Plantation begonne in Virginia."³ Like Oliver Cromwell, who had also put up £37.10, Thomas remained in England hoping to make an easy profit on his investment in the new world. In 1623 he was one of about fifty ". . . Adventurers and free of the Virginia Company and yett haue not had any parte nor followde the business for sundry yeares."⁴ Captain John Smith's extensive record of early events along the James makes no mention of any Grantham in Virginia, reinforcing the theory that he remained in England.

Captain Thomas Grantham of the Concord

Another Thomas Grantham took part in Bacon's Rebellion of 1676-1677. Captain Grantham was called in by the Governor of Virginia, Sir William Berkeley, as an intermediary to deal with the rebels. Grantham, of the ship *Concord*, arranged a surrender on January 2, 1766-67, by showing the men the error

of their way, promising a pardon for all, and breaking out a barrel of brandy to calm their nerves. He then persuaded another rebel garrison at Colonel West's house to surrender using similar tactics. But Captain Grantham did not have the authority to grant pardons. In the following trials several of the rebels were hanged while others were set free.⁵

Captain Thomas Grantham helped put down Bacon's Rebellion of 1676-1677.

The *Dictionary of National Biography*, Volume 8, page 409, Oxford Press, offers additional information on Captain Grantham:

"Sir Thomas Grantham, Naval Commander, son of Thomas Grantham of Keister (alias Burncester, Oxfordshire, killed fighting for the king at the siege of Oxford in 1645). In 1673 Sir Thomas convoyed 25 ---- from Virginia to England during the Dutch war. He returned to Virginia in 1678 in command of the Concord, a ship of 32 guns and took an important part in pacifying the Colony during the insurrection of Nathaniel Bacon . . . The East India Company granted him a commission for a ship named the Charles II. The King, with the Duke of York, was present at the launch of 8 Feb 1683 when the King knighted him. The time of his death is uncertain. He obtained a coat of arms on petition in 1711. The grant dated 27 July 1711 is in Addit. MS 20516, ff72 et seq."

The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1601-1669 by Peter Wilson Coldham, has the following entries for Thomas and other early Granthams:

*Aug 25-Sept 8, 1664 Shippers by Richard & Francis (elsewhere Noah & Francis); Thomas Grantham [evidently a passenger or crewman]
Oct 13-31, 1673 Shipper by the George, Mr. Thomas Grantham, bound from London for Virginia.
Aug 29-Sept 11, 1676 Shippers by the Concord, Mr Thomas Grantham, bound from London for*

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Virginia.⁶

July 16, 1677 Deposition by James Cary of London stated "Mr. Robert Workman sent tobacco August 1674 from Virginia by the George of London, Mr. Thomas Grantham."

Aug 13-Oct 3, 1677 Shippers by the Concord, Mr. Thomas Grantham from London to Virginia.

1677 Deposition by Thomas Grantham of Tower Street, London, mariner, aged 35, that he was in Virginia in March 1677 in the Concord and was at the house of Governor William Berkeley when tobacco belonging to Alexander Walker was seized.

Oct 4, 1677 Passengers embarked from London for Virginia by the Concord, Mr. Thomas Grantham.

Aug 28-Sept 18, 1679 Shippers by the Concord, Mr. Thomas Grantham, bound from London for Virginia.

Oct 19-26, 1680 Shippers by Rose & Crown from London to Virginia: Nathaniel Grantham [passenger]

Nov 8-22, 1681 Shippers by Concord, Mr. William Jeffreys, London to Virginia: William Grantham [passenger]

From the above we can determine that Thomas Grantham was born circa 1642. He first sailed to America in 1664, most likely as a crewman. He captained the *George* in 1673 and then the *Concord* from 1676 through 1679.

Captain Thomas Grantham had many exploits at sea and wrote a biography about them

Thomas was commissioned on the *Charles II* in 1693 and knighted when that vessel was launched. Sir Thomas made his will September 6, 1704, at Kempton, Sunbury Parish, County of Middlesex, England. The *History of the County of Oxford* gives his date of death as 1718, but his will was not probated until May 18, 1720.

Captain Thomas Grantham left an autobiographical history of his exploits at sea. This rare book, *An Historical Account of Some Memorable Actions, Particularly in Virginia*, was first published in 1714. A second edition is dated 1716.

Sir Thomas Grantham, according to Jack

Grantham of Dallas, Texas, was born on December 9, 1641, in Bichester, Oxford, England.

Future articles will include more details of this man, certainly one of the most illustrious Granthams.

John Grantham/ Glantham/ Gratham of Maryland and York County, Virginia

Perhaps the most interesting early Grantham in terms of possibly being the father of Edward of Surry County, Virginia, was John Grantham / Glantham / Gratham of Maryland. He first appeared as John Glantham in a warrant dated 1637 in Kent Isle.⁷ Glantham was left a long gun "if he return to the island" in the noncuperative (oral) will of Henry Cawley in early 1639. A John Russell, who's name is closely tied to Edward Grantham in Surry, was appointed heir of Administration for the absent John Glantham. Robert Lake swore in a 1640 deposition at the age of 21 that "Henry Crawley", deceased, mentioned in his will Elizabeth Smith, wife of John Smith, and Katharine Smith, god-daughter of "Henry Crawley". Lake also confirmed the bequest of the long gun to John Glantham.⁸

The Maryland Assembly proceedings of February and March, 1638/39, listed Isle of Kent Freemen who elected Nicholas Brown as Burgess.⁹ The names included Henry Crawley and John Glantham. The names of those supporting Christopher Thomas included John Rasell [Russell] and John Gratham. From this it would appear there were two John Granthams, one who voted for Brown and another who voted for Thomas.

John Grantham reappears in York County, Virginia, records in July of 1666. John Russell obtained an attachment against John Grantham, said to be *non est inventus*¹⁰ at the time, for selling him a manservant for 5 years who only had 4 years indenture remaining. Russell died within six months of this suit. The accounting of his estate by his widow Elizabeth showed a debt owned by a Mr. Grantham, evidently as a result of the suit.

It is this John Grantham who is the most likely father of Edward of Surrey and Charles of York. York County at the time was the center of commerce in the New World and John was likely the manager of the family business there. His disappearance after 1666 points toward his return to England, possibly

due to the illness or death of his father and the necessity to take care of family matters. John's sons would have continued his business dealings in America.

Charles Gretham/Grotham/Gratham of York County, Virginia

A Charles Gretham witnessed the will of Ellener Wheeler. The document was presented in York County Orphan's Court on April 25, 1666.¹¹ Charles Gratham appeared in York County Court with his wife Alice on November 13, 1669. He was ordered to put-up bond for "having undertaken to keep Thomas Clarks bastard child."

A Charles Grotham appeared in the December 1671 York County records as owing the estate of James Moore. That same month Charles Gretham appraised the estate John Willett, Deceased. All of these Charles were most likely the same man. Could this Charles be the older brother of Edward of Surry?

Summary of Early Granthams in America

It was traditional for the first born male to be given the name of his grandfather. Edward of Surry County named his first son John. There was another line of Granthams who descended from a John Grantham born circa 1700 in Fairfax County, Virginia. Fairfax County is on the route one would take when traveling from Kent County, Maryland, to York County, Virginia. All of these Granthams could descend from the John Grantham/ Glantham/ Gratham of Maryland. At present it appears this will always remain conjecture.

Adelle Brown Ashford and Jessie Mae Ashford in their excellent book *Our Ancestors, Volume III*, surmised that Edward could be the son of a John Grascome, London merchant, whose name appears in Surry County records of 1677 and 1679. Still others look to the Granthams of New England for Edward's father, but that possibility seems remote.

Captain Thomas Grantham of Bacon's Rebellion fame has many connections which seem to indicate some relationship with Edward of Surry. Their exact kinship may be lost in the dust of centuries past.

There is much Grantham data extant in England. At first glance one would think it easy to trace

lineages across the Atlantic, but one custom of the early chroniclers of family trees has created problems. Those who put together the Lincolnshire Pedigrees for the Harleian Society were meticulous in tracing the families remaining in England, but virtually ignored the lines which emigrated to America.

If one were to consider only the naming patterns in the Grantham line of Colonial America, Thomas Grantham of Langton-by-Wragby in the Lincolnshire Pedigrees would stand alone as the most likely ancestor of the Edward Grantham line of Surry County, Virginia. Thomas' children, John, Edward, Thomas, William, Thomas, Katherine, and Anne, were born in the 1580s. The names are virtually the same as those used in the first few generations of Granthams in America. Thomas was the son of Vincent Grantham and Bridget Hansard, his third wife, of St. Katherine's near Lincoln. Vincent and his first wife, Alice Sutton, produced the Goltho Grantham line which included Sir Thomas Grantham the early Virginia Colony investor.

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¹ *Pre-1790 Colonial America Census Index*, Automated Archieves, Inc., CD # 136.

² This sum of money was equal to about \$1,000 in 1890 dollars.

³ *The Genesis of the United States*, Volume 1, page 465-467, by Alexander Brown, London 1890.

⁴ *The Records of The Virginia Company of London*, Volume IV, page 157, 1935, Susan Myra Kingsbury, A.M., Ph.D.

⁵ *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, February 1983, pg 2

⁶ It was during this voyage that Thomas was given his mission to quell the rebel uprising.

⁷ *Archives of Maryland, Volume ?*

⁸ *Archives of Maryland, Volume IV*, Court and Testamentary Business, page 62.

⁹ *Archives of Maryland, Volume IV*

¹⁰ Is not discovered.

¹¹ *York County, Virginia Records 1665-1672*, page 30, by Benjamin Weisiger, 1987.

Edward Grantham of Surry County, Virginia - Part 1

by Ronald E. Johnson

Edward Grantham is first mentioned in Will & Deed Book 1, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, page 574. "Thomas Deacon of the Burough of Warwick in the County of Warwick revokes the Power of Attorney to James Powell to collect bills due from Elias Fort, Ed Grantham, and others, 7 Sept 1675."¹ This Power of Attorney had been originally granted January 15, 1669, indicating Grantham had been in the area since that time. There is no existing record of Edward Grantham being transported, so it is highly likely that he was born in the United States circa 1650 or earlier.

Child of Edward Grantham and unknown first wife:

1. John Grantham, b. c1675, d. 1739, m. Sarah ----

Edward bought 200 acres in Surry County on September 23, 1682, from John Rodgers, Sr., and his wife Mary. The land was purchased for 1,000 pounds of tobacco with the contract written on the back of the land patent that had been issued to Rodgers in 1666 by Governor William Berkeley. Edward sold 100 acres of this land to William Jonson in 1684 for 1,650 pounds of tobacco.² The other 100 acres and "40 foot dwelling" was sold to Thomas Davis in 1686 for 3,500 pounds of tobacco.³

Edward Grantham's property on Cypress Swamp was known as Grantham's Reeds.

Edward received a land patent of 300 acres on May 29, 1683. The land was located in Southwarke Parish, Surry County, on the branches of Cypress Swamp adjoining Thos. Jordan. The patent was granted for the transportation of six persons into the colony: Isabel Huberd, Jon. Bincks, Tho. Peel, Jon. Anderson, Jon. Walker, & Timo. Jackson.

Edward Grantham's property on Cypress Swamp⁴ was known as Grantham's Reeds. Many of the deeds concerning this land mention the "cart path," which was actually a well traveled road leading from North Carolina to Southwarke Church and the warehouses at Gray's Creek. It, like other paths in colonial America, had been well worn over the

centuries as Indians and wild animals made their way through the forests to fording places on the creeks. These paths followed the contours of the land and bypassed forest thickets and other obstacles in a leisurely way that was not the shortest route but one most easily traveled.

Several records indicate that Edward was named to the Surry County Militia in 1687. "This Court having considered the capacitie and abilities of the several freeholders and inhabitants of the county do most humbly present his excellency the following persons for horse and boot . . . For Foot: Edward Grantum."⁵ On May 1, 1694, he was declared "lame and impotent" making him exempt from service.

Edward appeared on the list of tithables dated 1683, 1684, 1685, 1686, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1690, 1692, 1693, 1694 and 1698.⁶ May 1, 1694, Edward was discharged from paying Public or County Levies by being declared "lame and impotent".

Edward married Elizabeth, the widow of William Cockins, in early 1678. The records do not reveal her maiden name, but there is some indication that she may have been a Moore.⁷ There were apparently two William Cockins in Isle of Wight County at the time and both died within several months of each other. One left a will dated July 25, 1677, naming a son William, and the other died intestate in early 1678. They were possibly father and son.

Children of Edward and Elizabeth Moore?:

1. Elisabeth Grantham, b. c1680, d. aft 1710, m. William Johnson
2. Jeane Grantham, b. c1682, d. aft 1700, m. ?

A Surry County deed dated January 6, 1684, named Edward's (third?) wife as Mary. Researcher Jack Grantham believed she was the widow of preacher William Johnson, Sr. The 1684 deed conveyed land from Edward Grantham to William Johnson, Jr., possibly her son. A man by the same name assisted in preparation of the inventory and appraisal of Edward's estate in 1704, inferring some kinship.

A deed dated July 6, 1686, did not name a wife or

contain a release of dower which points to Edward being widowed at that time. Edward's will dated May 1, 1700, named his widow as Elizabeth. It is not clear if he was married two, three, or even four times.

Children by Edward Grantham and Elizabeth Andrews?:

1. Edward Grantham II, b. c1686, d. aft1752, m. c1720 Catherine Proctor
2. Thomas Grantham, b. c1688, d. aft1724, m. Elizabeth ----
3. Eloner Grantham, b. c1690, d. aft 1700, m. ?

The estate of Thomas Jordan secured a judgment against Edward for "300 pounds of tobacco and caskes with costs" July 6, 1686.

Elizabeth worked as a servant for Anthony Haviland who took part in Bacon's Rebellion. Anthony died by the end of 1687 and his Executor, William Simons, claimed in court that Elizabeth, wife of Edward Grantham, when a servant to Anthony,

*. . . had taken the deceased's keys and embezzled, purloined, taken and carried away sundry things belonging to the estate of the said deceased. Which things the said Edward Grantham, and Elizabeth his wife, detained and hereby the said Simons was hindered from the execution of the will.*⁸

The charges were brought before a jury and damages of 550 pounds of tobacco were levied against Edward and Elizabeth. This was only half the amount sought in Simons' suit. It is not known if Edward ever paid the awarded damages.

The troubles of Edward worsened. Edward became indebted to Captain Hugh Campbell in 1688. Five years later Cambell brought suit against Edward to recover his losses. Christopher Foster obtained a judgement against Edward in 1688 for 680 pounds of dressed pork.⁹ In September of 1691 John King, a cooper who lived on Chipoakes Creek, obtained a writ of attachment against Edward's property in the amount of 400 pounds of tobacco. In January 1692/93 another judgement against Edward amounted to 802 pounds of tobacco.

The Surry County Court charged Edward with two offenses on September 4, 1694. The most serious offense, "entertaining Indians," was in violation of an act that regulated all trade with Indians. Edward had failed to obtain governmental approval and liscensing for whatever dealings he had made with the natives. The other offense was "that he had not been coming to church." He most likely paid a fine and went on with his business as before.

Edward Grantham's will was dated May 1, 1700, and proved September 5, 1704, in Surry County, Virginia. In the document Edward bequeathed his "plantation with one hundred acres" to his son Edward Grantham. He left an adjoining 100 acres to his son Thomas Grantham and "all the rest of my land in Virginia" to son John Grantham. His daughter Elisabeth Grantham was given "one shilling in whole for her estate," an apparent snub. Daughter Jeane Grantham was left "the bed I now lie upon with bolster rug and blankets bedstead and cord."

The remainder of his estate was to be divided equally among his wife Elizabeth and five of his children, to wit John Grantham, Jeane Grantham, Edward Grantham, Thomas Grantham, and Eloner Grantham. Daughter Elisabeth was left out of this distribution, further evidence that she had not been in favor with her father. The order of the children listed corresponded with the order of births based on other records (with the exception of Elisabeth who was omitted). Witnesses of the will were Ed Bayley, Will Johnson, and Robert A. Andrews.

The will stated that Edward was "weak and sick in body," indicating he was bedridden at that time, his health extremely poor during his last four years on this earth. He was probably buried at Southwark Chapel which was located not far from his plantation.

An inventory of Edward's estate was submitted on December 14, 1704. Appraisers were Will Johnson, Thos Andrews, and Robert Andrews. The document was signed by Elizabeth E. Avery who most likely was Edward's widow who had remarried John Avery shortly after Edward's death. The estate amounted to £302:56S. Edward, Jr., gained possession of his father's old gun in the final settlement of the estate.

The Surry County Court Order Record Book, page 262, recorded the marriage of ----? Avery and

Elizabeth, Executrix of Edward Grantham. It was dated January 2, 1704/05, a few months following the death of Edward. **GG**

¹ *17th Century Isle of Wight*, John B. Boddie.

² Surry County, Va., deed dated 6 Jan 1684. Wife Mary relinquished right of dower.

³ Surry County, Va., deed dated 6 July 1686. No right of dower for this deed. This deed mentions land "commonly called Mr. Lee's plantation." A George Lee of Surry County was named as a friend/attorney of John Grascome/ Grassome in Surry County records dated 14 June 1677, 18 Feb 1677/78, and 1 Feb 1678/79. This is possible tie between Grascome

and Edward Grantham.

⁴ Swamp is synonymous with creek or branch.

⁵ *Virginia Colonial Militia*, pg. 101, by Crozier.

⁶ A tithable was any taxable person, i.e all male persons 16 and upward.

⁷ Isle of Wight Will and Deed Book 2, pg 45.

⁸ Surry County Court Records, Book IV, page 673.

⁹ Surry County Court Records, Book IV, page 677.



This aerial image with overlays shows the location of Grantham's Reeds outlined in **GREEN**. The **RED** indicates old roads. The **RED** being the Old Cart Path passing through the **GREEN**. The **BLUE** is Cypress Swamp Creek. Edward obtained these 200 acres from John Rogers in 1682. Today the property is Posted and is owned by a hunt club.

Descendants of Edward Grantham, Three Generations

1 Edward Grantham b: Abt. 1643 in Virginia, d: 1704 in Surry County, Virginia
2 John Grantham b: Abt. 1675 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Feb 1739 in Surry County, Virginia
 + Sarah ---- b: Unknown, m: Unknown, d: Aft. 1739
3 Thomas Grantham b: Abt. 1716 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Aug 1791 in Surry County, Virginia
 + Mary Ellis b: Abt. 1716, m: Abt. 1740 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Unknown
3 Sarah Grantham b: Unknown
3 Stephen Grantham b: Unknown in Surry County, Virginia, d: 1809 in Surry County, Virginia
 + Elizabeth Moore b: Unknown, m: Abt. 1678, d: Unknown
2 Elisabeth Grantham b: Abt. 1680, d: Aft. 1710 in Surry County, Virginia
 + William Johnson b: 1648 in James City County, Virginia, d: Nov 4, 1709 in Surry County, Virginia
2 Jeane Grantham b: Abt. 1682
 + Elizabeth Andrews? b: Unknown, m: Abt. 1687, d: Aft. 1704
2 Edward Grantham II b: Abt. 1686 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Aft. 1752 in Johnston County, North Carolina
 + Catherine Proctor b: Abt. 1695 in Surry County, Virginia, m: Abt. 1720 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Aft.
 1740
3 Thomas Grantham b: Abt. 1722 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Dec 1781 in Wayne County, North Carolina
 + Mary Brown b: Abt. 1730, m: 1750, d: 1819 in Wayne County, North Carolina
3 John Grantham b: Abt. 1725 in Surry County, Virginia, d: 1787 in Wilkes County, Georgia
 + Ann Brown b: Abt. 1730 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, m: Abt. 1750, d: 1800 in Warren County,
 Georgia
3 Edward Grantham III b: Abt. 1729 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Sep 12, 1811 in Robeson County, North
 Carolina
 + Mary Ann ----
3 James Grantham b: Abt. 1730 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Aft. 1771 in Robeson County, North Carolina
 + Georgia ---- b: Abt. 1730, m: Abt. 1750, d: Unknown
3 Richard Grantham b: Abt. 1733 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Nov 1817 in Robeson County, North Carolina
 + Sarah ---- b: Abt. 1745, m: Abt. 1760, d: Aft. 1813
3 William Grantham b: Abt. 1735 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Aft. Apr 1771 in Sampson County, North
 Carolina
 + Mary Tadlock b: Abt. 1735, m: Unknown, d: Aft. Nov 1774
3 Joshua Grantham b: Aug 21, 1740 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Nov 6, 1781 in Wayne County, North
 Carolina
 + Phereby Herring b: Mar 3, 1753, m: Sep 1, 1781 in Grantham, Johnston County, North Carolina, d:
 1816
2 Thomas Grantham b: Abt. 1688 in Surry County, Virginia, d: Aft. 1724
 + Elizabeth ---- b: Abt. 1688, m: Unknown, d: Aft. 1724
3 Thomas Grantham II b: Abt. 1720, d: Aft. 1777
 + Elizabeth ---- b: Abt. 1720, m: Abt. 1740, d: Unknown
2 Eloner Grantham b: Abt. 1690, d: Aft. 1704

Grantham Placenames in America

According to the DeLorme *Street Atlas* computer program, there are six towns in the United States bearing the name Grantham:

- Grantham, North Carolina. Located in Wayne County southwest of Goldsboro.
 - Granthams, North Carolina. Located south of New Bern on the Neuse River.
 - Grantham Crossroads, South Carolina. Located near Hartsville.
 - Grantham and East Grantham, New Hampshire. Located just off I-89 north of Newport.
 - Grantham, Pennsylvania. Located south of I-76 between Carlisle and Harrisburg.
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The Will of Edward Grantham

from Will and Deed Book 5, page 321, Surry County, Virginia

In the name of God Amen, I Edward Grantham being weake and sicke in body, but in perfect sense and memory doe make and appoynt this my Last will and testament as followeth. First I Bequeath my soul to God that gave it me in hopes yt through ye merits of Jesus Christ I Shall be raised all ye last day to life Eternal: and for my small Estate if it hath pleased God to endow my withall, I doe dispose of as followeth.

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my sone Edward Grantham, my plantation with one hundred acres of land thereunto belonging beginning att the Swamp upon the: Dawsess line too up the Swamp and up ye to Dawses line to ye head line untill it makes up the above said hundred acres of land. To him ye sd Ed Grantham and the heyres of his body forever.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my sone Thomas Grantham and the heyres of his body, lawfully begotton, one hundred acres of land joyning upon my sone Edward, beginning att ye Swamp and so unto ye head line in Starfo.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my sone John Grantham and the heyres of his body, lawfully begotton, all the rest of my lands in Virginia forever.

Item, I give and bequeath Unto my Daughter Elizabeth Grantham one shilling in whole for her Estate.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Jeane Grantham the bed I now lie upon with bolster Rugg and blancktes bedstead and cord the Rest of my Estate which I have not allready disposed of, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Grantham and my five Children or Equally devided amongst them after my Just debts be payd to wit John Grantham, Jeane Grantham, Edward Grantham, Thomas Grantham, and Eloner Grantham.

Further I doe nominate and appoynt my loving wife Eliz. Grantham my sole Executricks to see this my will performed which I Acknowledg to be my last will and testament where unto I have sett my hand and seal this first day of may 1700.

testos Ed Bayley

Signe

Will Johnson

Edward **E** Grantham

Robert A. Andrews

At a court held at Southwark for the
County of Surry 5 Sep 1704.

The before stated will of Edward Grantham, deceased proved
by the oath of the witnesses, was admitted to be recorded
and is recorded. Fre. Clements, Clerk

Inventory of the Estate of Edward Grantham *Values omitted*

24 December 1704, Surry County. A true and perfect inventory of all and singular, the goods and chattels of Edward Grantham, late of this county, deceased.

five barrows of 80 shillings each

4 sows at 60 s. each

19 shoots at 30 each

07 shoots at 70 each

1 feather bed, 1 rug and 2 blankets with bed cover

5 barren cows at 350

1 cow & calf

3 three year old

5 two year olds

4 calf's

7 pewter

1 young mare

2 hand irons

2 spit

28 lb old iron

1 colt

2 old -- weighing 46 and one half

6 lbs of --

a passel of iron

1 warming pail

1 pr old tools

an old horse harness

1 pr sheep sheers, 1 razor & hone

2 old spinning wheelles

6 old chairs, old couch & one small table

2 tables and forms

3 old iron pots

3 wood ---

1 chest, 1 box, one safe

1 old ??? bed and pillow

3 old ??? and one loocking glass

1 old chest

a -- of old casks

3 pairs small willards &

3 old parts of piggons

1 ??? brider

4 old moalgrissors ?

one stone jug & 6 glass bottles

one ????? ???? ?????????

one 3 year old boar waying lbs 80

December 24, 1704 This inventory was presented by the executrix of Ed Grantham and appraised by us, Will Johnson, Thos. Andrews, Robt. Andrews. /s/ Elizabeth Avery.

Not appraised but was disposed of by Ed Grantham, one feather bed and furniture to his daughter Joane, and one gun to his son Edward.

At a court held at Southwark for the County of Surry, 2 July 1704, the before listed inventory was approved by the court, of Edward Grantham, deceased was presented and approved to be recorded. Francis Clements, Clerk

From the Hardeman County, Tennessee, Heritage Book

WILLIAM AND ELLA GRANTHAM

William Thomas Jefferson Grantham, son of Solomon and Emily Sasser Grantham, was born 28 September 1847 in Hardeman county. He was a farmer, owned a store outside of Middleton, had a rolling store, and was a Baptist. William Thomas Jefferson married Ella O. Trainum 4 February 1871. Ella's family lived near Columbia, Tennessee during the Civil War. Except for a brief time in Arkansas, the family lived in Hardeman County. William Thomas Jefferson and Ella were parents of the following children Mary Elizabeth, (29 October 1873), married Jim Jones and Henry Yopp; Luther Thomas, (13 February 1877), married Lula Cox; Walter W., (13 February 1877), married Zora Ledford; Emma

Belle, (1 July 1880), married Daniel Jones; John Millard, (1 March 1881), married Mary Roberta Norton; F. Faris, (20 July 1883); Thule A., (20 August 1885); Etta Mae, (1 May 1887), married George Washington Crawford; Ralph, (13 December 1889); Parke, (20 March 1891), married Otha Clampett; Daniel Payne, (15 April 1894) married Lottie Moody.

William Thomas Jefferson died 3 March 1916, Ella died 14 June 1950 and both are buried in Reeves Cemetery.

A Grantham family reunion was held at Lake Vonda 3 September 1978 with over 125 descendants present. John Millard Grantham, age 97, was present. - *by Cornelia Holland*

The Frigate *Grantham*

The Complete Book of Emigrants 1607-1776, by Peter Wilson Coldham:

15 July 1656. Order for the *Grantham* to transport Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Tyson, John Howorth, Thomas Humphry, William Hix, James Garden, Timothy Smith, William Duer, Thomas Plumpton, Fitzwilliams Hack, William

Merrick, Francis Dunn, and Christopher Doyton with his wife and two children to Jamaica. (CSPC) March 1659. Probate of will of Simon Sharpe of Scathan, Lincolnshire, who died in America on the frigate *Grantham*. (EEAC).1650s.

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Concerning the Packet Ship *Grantham*, Jack Crenshaw Grantham

Dear Ron,

3 Jan 1997

The final loss of the *Grantham* at Cape Hatteras is not something that I was able to document when I searched for proof that the final resting place of that vessel was in North Carolina sands. Until I re-discover that item, I will leave the status of its days *in extremis* for others to research. However, you may be able to use the following information about it in a future issue.

Found in the Williamsburg newspaper *Virginia Gazette* and published 15 January 1767, (page 2, col. 3), "Friday some dispatches of great importance were said to be received by the *Grantham* packet boat. Captain Jones, from His Majesty's Governors and Commanders In Chief in the West Indies . . ."

Ibid, 28 May 1767, (page 2, col. 1), with a dateline of Charleston on 13 April, "Thursday last arrived here His Majesty's packet boat *Grantham*, commanded by Captain James Bull, in 15 days from Pensacola, who informs us that Brigadier General Holdeman, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's forces in the southern district of North America, commanded by Philip Dryell, Esq. from Jamaica, and that the *Cygnets* which is appointed for the station, before he comes here, is to go to the Havana, where the active frigate had received some insult."

Note: Description of an English vessel as "His Majesty's" is a mark which identifies it as a ship of the British Navy. That is true today and it is a good guide to the use of that term in colonial days. I do not think it rules out the possibility that *Grantham* was a ship of the Colonial Office in England and not one commissioned in the Navy. Also the fact that someone in authority has determined that *Cygnets* was to relieve *Grantham* suggests that both were part of a

larger flotilla, possibly one of the navy, and that the Admiralty made the decision that one was to relieve the other.

Also note: The fractured syntax of colonial journalism is not clear as to which vessel received insults in Havana, but if it is understood that *Grantham* is the active ship until relieved by *Cygnets*, then it follows that the *Grantham* was the one abused by Havana, and it follows that it was a frigate because this dispatch identifies the active ship as such.

Ibid, 10 March 1775, (page 3, col. 1), "A letter from a worthy gentleman in Kingston, Jamaica, 1 January [says] I have taken up this paper, to give you a hint of the state of Jamaica politics . . . the Assembly of this island, by a majority of 16 to 9, have passed a memorial to his Majesty and have petitioned for a repeal of all the late Acts of Parliament respecting America. P.S. The memorial is to be sent home by the *Grantham* packet which is to sail the 7th instant."

Ibid, 22 May 1779, (page 2, col. 1), "The *Grantham* packet was attacked on her approach to Sandy Hook by a rebel schooner from Egg Harbor, which after being pelted with some well leveled shot was able to sheer off."

A packet boat is one which travels from one port to another on a regular basis and the continuous use of the term packet to describe the *Grantham* indicates it to have been a mail-boat or dispatch carrier between the colonies and the London government.

Yours truly,
Jack

EDITOR: Jack Crenshaw Grantham was one of the premier Grantham researchers in the US. He inspired me to begin publication of the GG. Jack passed away March 26, 2001 in Dallas Texas.

John Grantham of Fairfax County, Virginia and his Two Sons

by Lori Grantham

Generation One:

John Grantham, born circa 1700, died prior to 1754 in Fairfax County, Virginia. The final settlement of his estate is recorded in Fairfax County, Virginia and bears the date of 1754. Reference is made to the will but no will had been recorded. John was domiciled in Fairfax in 1744 when he voted for one Captain Ellzey for the Virginia House of Burgesses.

The tradition obtained among his descendants that his sons had moved, at the time of his death, from Loudon County when it was formed from Fairfax in 1757. The record places John Grantham in the latter county which explains the discrepancy between tradition and fact.

Children of John Grantham and unknown wife were:

1. John Grantham, born January 18, 1739, died circa 1818; married 1st Sarah Smith, 2nd Margaret Goodwin.
2. Joseph Grantham, born ?, died October 24, 1814; married a Miss Smith

The children of John Grantham became orphans after their father's death. John and Joseph Grantham were adopted by John Smith on April 3, 1754, according to the Frederick County Will Book, Vol. 2, p. 119:

John Smith was appointed guardian to John Grantham an orphan of John Grantham, deceased, together with John Avril and Robert Hutchings his securitys acknowledged this their bond which was admitted to record

It has been rumored that there was some kinship connection between John Smith and a family of Granthams.

John Smith was born in 1710 and died in 1799. The birth date was given by John Henry Smith who further stated that John Smith came to what is now Jefferson County, West Virginia, with his father

when a boy of nineteen (Hardesty's Historical Hand Atlas, Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan County Supplement, p. 20). John Smith came into possession of all of his father's property including the mill.

According to old account books now owned by the compiler of these notes and old court records at the Frederick County court house in Winchester, VA, he must have been of a litigious nature. His litigation mostly concerned land and the collection of debts due and owing him. His chief aspiration in life seemed to be the amassing of a fortune and rearing a family. In terms of acres he was wealthy in a day when wealth lay in land.

His patrimony was greatly augmented by subsequent patents from Fairfax and by way of purchase. He lived to see a dream come true, the founding of the town Smithfield.

The records indicate that he was twice married. One Mary Smith concurred with him in conveying early titles to land. In his will he named Elizabeth Smith, his wife, as a beneficiary.

On October 14, 1756, William Rankin secured a patent for 778 acres from Fairfax. John Smith subsequently bought 300 acres of this land. On April 16, 1760, he obtained a grant of 168 acres from Fairfax (Berkeley County Deed Book, Vol. 1, p. 259). Due to his Quaker leaning, or possibly due to an insight not possessed by his contemporaries, these Smiths refused to own slaves and no record has been found of such ownership.

Generation Two: Children of John Grantham

John Grantham II, the first child of John Grantham was born January 18, 1739, and married 1st Sarah Smith. John died circa 1818.

Children of John and Sarah were:

1. William Grantham, b. ? in Berkeley Co., VA, now Jefferson Co., West Virginia, died ? married Catherine Frier.
2. John Grantham, b. ? d. ? married Mary Hoge of Berkeley Co., VA.
3. Mary Grantham, b. ? d. ? married Bennett Boggs, July 1789.

4. Phebe Grantham, b. ? d. ? married ? Payne.

John Grantham married 2nd Margaret Goodwin.
Children of John and Margaret were:

5. William Grantham, b. February 28, 1789 in Berkeley Co., VA, d. July 7, 1871 in Jefferson Co., West Virginia married 1st Alcinda Carter, 2nd Henrietta Waugh.
6. James Grantham, b. 1793, d. June 30, 1861 married Phebe Fildeia LaRue.
7. Mary Grantham, b. August 9, 1796, d. 1852 married James Shirley.
8. Moses Grantham, died in infancy.

In September, 1773, John Smith conveyed to John Grantham a part of the land obtained from Fairfax on September 20, 1766. Some of this land today is in possession of the descendants of these early Granthams.

John Grantham became a large landowner in the vicinity of Smithfield (now Middleway, West Virginia). He made his will August 5, 1818. It was proved and recorded in 1822 in Charles Town, Jefferson County, West Virginia. The will was signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of John Packett, John Grantham, Jemima Grantham.

Joseph Grantham, the second child of John Grantham, was born ?. He died October 24, 1814, in Jefferson County, West Virginia. Joseph married a Miss Smith.

Children of Joseph and wife were:

1. Mary Grantham, b. ? d. ?
2. John Grantham, b. ? d. ?
3. Jemima Grantham, b. ? d. ? married John Weaver March 1, 1825.
4. Lewis Grantham, b. ? d. ?
5. William Grantham, b. 1772, d. 1838 in Berkeley Co., VA married Susanna Fry in 1793.
6. Margaret Grantham, b. ? d. ? married Simeon Hiatt
7. Phebe Grantham, b. ? d. ? married John Boltz

Joseph Grantham was a land owner in the vicinity of Middleway, Jefferson County, West Virginia. He was buried in the old English Cemetery, Middleway, West Virginia. Joseph's will is recorded in Charles Town, West Virginia, W. B. 2, p.186.



Grantham Lore, Fact or Fiction?

Several old Grantham histories mentioned three Grantham brothers who originally came to America. One settled in New England, another in Virginia, and the third in Georgia/Carolinas. This never has made much sense to me. Immigrant families usually settled together in the same general area. Why would three brothers settle so far apart?

From my research, the early Carolina lines all descend from Edward of Surry County, Virginia, who might have been the son of John of York County. There is little data on a early New England line.

William Grantham (1753-1826) of Georgia, was a mystery to me. The family legend says he descended from one of the three Grantham brothers. I believe this man was the son of John (1725-1787) and grandson of Edward II. A William appeared as a Dobbs County, North Carolina, taxpayer in 1769, but then disappears.

My Grantham ancestors told of Lord Siam Grantham who left England to escape religious persecution. They told of the common "three brother" scenario.

I found my Lord Siam. He was actually Sion Grantham (1775-1856) from Wayne County, North Carolina. He was born in Wayne County, at least a fourth generation American, and certainly was no Lord. It was all rather evident once I took a close look at the census records. The family historians of the past certainly had more difficulty researching.

After discovering the errors in bedtime stories that were told to the children of my family, I learned a valuable lesson in genealogy. Always investigate and check all of the available sources before putting too much stock in hand-me-down family histories. Even more reason to question the "Three Brother" stories.



Descendants of John Grantham, 4 Generations

1 John GRANTHAM b: Abt 1700 d: 1754 Fairfax Co. Va.
+??? ???

..... 2 John GRANTHAM b: 1739 d: abt 1818
..... +Margaret GOODWIN

..... 3 William GRANTHAM b: February 28, 1789 Berkeley Co., VA d: July 07,
1871 Jefferson Co. WV Old Shirley
..... +Alcinda CARTER
..... *2nd Wife of William GRANTHAM:
..... +Henrietta WAUGH b: July 22, 1787 Fairfax Co. Va. d: March 26,
1864 Jefferrxon Co. WV m: January 15, 1824

..... 4 Elizabeth GRANTHAM
..... +William BARNES

..... 4 Sarah GRANTHAM

..... 4 Margaret GRANTHAM b: March 23, 1814 d: January 31, 1884
Middleway, WV
..... +John Henry SMITH b: November 30, 1817 d: July 01, 1892
Middleway, WV

..... 4 Mary GRANTHAM b: May 24, 1815 d: February 18, 1860
..... +Nathan BARNES b: August 14, 1813 d: June 28, 1884
m: January 30, 1837

..... 4 Mariah GRANTHAM b: 1838 d: 1910 Middleway, WV
..... +John William SMITH b: 1841 d: 1914 Middleway, WV

..... 3 James GRANTHAM b: 1793 d: June 30, 1861
..... +Phebe Fidelia LARUE b: February 28, 1799 d: February 02, 1867

..... 4 William Samuel GRANTHAM

..... 4 John James GRANTHAM b: October 24, 1826 d: October 13, 1912
..... +Mary Elizabeth BOWEN b: April 26, 1836 d: August 25, 1902

..... 4 Anne Louisa GRANTHAM b: August 20, 1828 Tudor Hall,
WV d: February 19, 1910
..... +John Whelan LUKE b: March 07, 1815 d: October 16, 1896

..... 4 Caroline GRANTHAM b: 1831 d: March 16, 1873
..... +George William SHIRLEY b: 1827 d: February 08, 1913

..... 4 Elizabeth Cornelia GRANTHAM b: November 24, 1835 d:
December 15, 1905
..... +William LARUE b: February 09, 1832 d: July 16, 1895

..... 4 Catherine GRANTHAM b: October 08, 1838 d: March 27, 1909
..... +John James LARUE b: August 26, 1835 d: August 08, 1914

..... 3 Mary GRANTHAM b: August 09, 1796 VA d: 1852
..... +James SHIRLEY b: June 22, 1794 d: October 11, 1831 m: January 13,
1824 Berkley County, WV

..... 3 Moses GRANTHAM
..... *2nd Wife of John GRANTHAM:
..... +Sarah SMITH

..... 3 William GRANTHAM b: Berkeley Co., VA (Now Jefferson Co. W.Va)
..... +Catherine FRIER

..... 4 Joseph GRANTHAM
..... +Martha PACKETT b: September 12, 1812 d: June 20, 1887
..... *2nd Wife of Joseph GRANTHAM:
..... +Tabitha GOODWIN

..... 4 John GRANTHAM

..... 3 John GRANTHAM
..... +Mary HOGE

..... 4 John GRANTHAM b: Abt 1790 d: 1835
..... +Phebe GRANTHAM b: 1806 d: 1837 m: November 28, 1826

.....	3	Mary GRANTHAM	
.....		+Bennett BOGGS	m: July 1789
.....	4	?? BOGGS	
.....	3	Phebe GRANTHAM	
.....		+??? PAYNE	
.....	2	Joseph GRANTHAM	d: October 24, 1814 Middleway, Jefferson Co, WV
.....		+Miss SMITH	
.....	3	Mary GRANTHAM	
.....	3	John GRANTHAM	
.....	3	Jemima GRANTHAM	
.....		+John WEAVER	m: March 01, 1825
.....	3	Margaret GRANTHAM	
.....		+Simeon HIETT	
.....	3	Phebe GRANTHAM	
.....		+John BOLTZ	
.....	3	William GRANTHAM, b: Oct 1767 Berkeley Co. WV	d: July 10, 1838 Berkeley Co. W.Va
.....		+Susanna FRY b: November 30, 1775 Jefferson Co. WV	d: May 21, 1836 Berkeley Co. W.Va m: 1793
.....	4	Jemima GRANTHAM	
.....		+Conrad STARRY	m: March 24, 1814 Berkeley Co. WV
.....	4	John GRANTHAM	
.....		+??? ??	
.....	4	Mariah GRANTHAM	
.....		+?? GILLAM	
.....		*2nd Husband of Mariah GRANTHAM:	
.....		+George M. FRENCH	m: April 15, 1830 Berkeley Co. WV
.....	4	Catherine GRANTHAM	
.....		+Edward WINNING	m: March 30, 1820 Berkeley Co. WV
.....	4	Lydia GRANTHAM	
.....		+John GRIFFITH	m: January 17, 1839 Berkley County, WV
.....	4	William GRANTHAM	
.....		+??? ??	
.....	4	Lewis GRANTHAM	b: February 24, 1798 Berkeley Co. WV d: May 18, 1878 Berkeley Co. WV
.....		+Catherine JONES	b: 1798 Berkeley Co. WV d: March 28, 1873 Berkeley Co. WVm: June 12, 1822 Berkeley Co. WV
.....	4	Moses S. GRANTHAM	b: 1819 Berkeley Co. WV d: July 20, 1890 Berkeley Co. WV-Buried Greenh
.....		+Melvina KITCHEN	b: 1836 Berkeley Co. WV m: September 1869
.....	4	Elizabeth Ellen GRANTHAM	
.....		+John ST. SEIBERT	m: May 07, 1829 Berkeley Co. WV
.....	3	Lewis GRANTHAM	

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SOLOMAN AND EMILY GRANTHAM

Solomon Grantham, son of Needham and Ann Grantham of Wayne County, North Carolina was born 3 February 1808 in North Carolina. His brothers were Chalkey, Stewart, Leonard and Dixon. Solomon farmed land on the waters of Big Hatchie River and Cyprus Creek. On 9 September 1838 he married Emily Eliza Sasser. Their children were Elizabeth, (1840), married Robert J. Fortner; John

Needham, (1844/5-1862); William Thomas Jefferson, (28 November 1847), married Ella O. Trainum; L. David (March 1849/50); Solomon Pierce, (1854), married Mary William Powell and Addie Tipler; Henry F., (1859); Emma Charlotte, (1861), married George Trainum and Bill Mills; Lenard, (1864), mmarried Jane Jones.

Solomon died 10 May 1871. Emily died 22 February 1908 and both are buried in Reeves Cemetery near Middleton. - *by Cornelia Holland*

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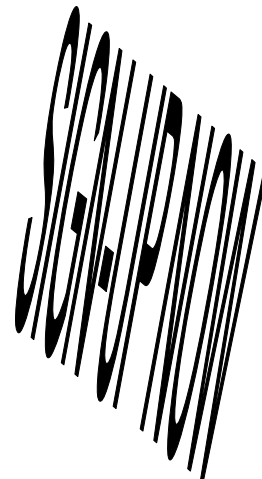
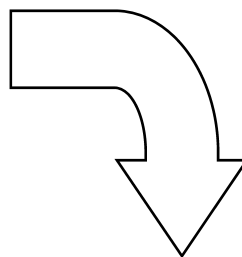
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