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AM not particular about biography, but I perhaps might say that my grandfather was a descendant of "John the Captive". William Longley came to Massachusetts from Yorkshire in 1636. He had eight children. The parents and five children were slain by Indians on July 27th, 1694, and the three other children were taken into captivity. The daughter Betty died of starvation. Lydia was taken by the Indians to Montreal, redeemed by the Sisters, and afterwards was taken into the nunnery, where she passed her life, attaining the position of Mother Superior. John was ransomed after having lived many years with the Indians. He had become quite accustomed to the life, but he was induced to return in 1699, and he was the father of the Longley family in North America. A monument has been erected at Groton, Mass., on the

site of the old home in which the massacre took place, with this inscription:

"Here dwelt William and Deliverance Longley with their eight children. On the 27th July, 1694, the Indians killed the father and mother, and five of the children, and carried into captivity the other three."

One member of the family at Groton came to Nova Scotia and settled in Granville, Annapolis County, and from him is descended all the members of the family in Nova Scotia having that name. I mention this fact so any one may see how near an accident it was that there should have been any of the name preserved.

On the fourth day of January, 1849, I first came into being. There were four children born to my father and mother. The oldest, at the age of thirteen, died; the second, Leigh Richmond, died at the age of two years, and my second sister, Sophie, died at the age of twelve, of