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Here is the famous old house, facing the sun-
shine just as it has done for a century and a
half. Colonel Vassall, a Tory gentleman of Boston,
in 1759 built this dignified country house of brick-
lined wood out here across the Charles River in
Cambridge, near Harvard College. Brattle Street
(behind you at the end of this lawn) was then a
country lane. Concord and Lexington are less
than 20 miles away ahead of you and off at your
left (N W.).

In 1775 Washington made his headquarters here,
sleeping in the chamber on the second floor at the
right of the entrance. The elm tree under which
he stood when he took command of the patriot
army still stands only a few rods down the street
at your right.

In 1837, Longfellow, who occupied the chair of
Modern Languages and Literature at Harvard,
came here to live and occupied the room which had
been Washington's. He became especially attached
to the place, and, after his marriage, the house
was bought for his permanent home. Here he
wrote *Hiawatha* and *Evangeline*, the *Psalm of
Life*, and in fact the greater number of all the
poems which have since gained world-wide fame.
The ground floor room at the right of the front
door was his study, and the library is just behind
it. Here he used to receive visitors who came to
him from all parts of the world; here he died rich
in fame and affection, in 1882. The house belongs
now to his daughter, the "grave Alice" of his
Children's Hour.

It was in sight of this very expanse of sunshiny
ground under these very trees that he wrote:

"The sun is bright, the air is clear,
The darting swallows soar and sing,
And from the stately elms I hear
The bluebird prophesying spring."

See the poet's biography, written by Samuel
Longfellow. Consult also biographies of Wash-
ington and histories of Revolutionary movements
in 1775.

Stately old Craigie House, Cambridge, Mass., Wash-
ington's Headquarters; Home of Longfellow.
Maison Craigie, Cambridge, Mass., quartier-général
de Washington, résidence de Longfellow.

Das alte Craigie-Haus, Cambridge, Mass., Wash-
ingtons Hauptquartier; Longfellow's Heim.
Antigua Casa Craigie, Cambridge, Mass., residencia
de Washington; Casa de Longfellow.

Ståtliga Craigie huset, Cambridge, Mass., Wash-
ingtons högkvarter; Longfellow's hem.

Славный домъ . Крейги " въ Кэмбриджъ, главная
квартира Вашингтона; Родина Лонгфелло.