

witness. Matthew Grant was town clerk or register from 1652 to 1681, and this facsimile shows the penmanship of the town records of Windsor during that period. It will be seen that several of the letters are written differently from the present style. The e is about face, the v is used in place of the u, and the u in place of the v, the h sometimes goes below the line, the p and some other letters must be learned before the writing of Matthew Grant can be read intelligibly. Besides the town records, he left a genealogical record of all the families in Windsor from 1639 to 1674, and also a record of the work of the church, both of inestimable value.

Agreeable to the proposal in the first circular issued, a few rods of ground were set apart for the memorial, and deeded to the parties contributing to the expenses of the same, giving them and their heirs after them a legal title to an undivided portion of the homestead of our ancestor, William Hayden. The deed is given by a Hayden to Haydens living in eight different States and one Territory, is witnessed by Haydens, acknowledged before a Hayden, and entered in the town records by an assistant town clerk whose name is Hayden. These last-named parties are all descendants of William, and are living within the town of Windsor. The grantees of this lot named in the deed are Levi Hayden of Roslindale, Mass., Jabez H. Hayden, Windsor Locks, Levi G. Hayden, George P. Hayden, Samuel B. Hayden, Isaac L. Hayden, and H. Sidney Hayden of Windsor, Oliver Hayden of East Granby, Henry A. Hayden of Jackson, Mich., William Hayden of Tecumseh, Mich., Charles J. Hayden, Rochester, N. Y., Sely E. Hayden, and Daniel E. Hayden of Syracuse, N. Y., William Hayden of Auburn, N. Y., Nathaniel Hayden of Unionville, Charles H. Hayden, Winsted, Handel M. Hayden of Randolph, Vt., Henry J. Hayden of New York, Horace Edwin Hayden of Wilkes Barre, Penn., Augustus H. Hayden of Charleston, S. C., Norton Newell Hayden of Orangeburg, S. C., Harris H. Hayden of New York, heirs of Chauncey L. Hayden of Wyoming, N. Y., Brace L. Hayden and Everett S. Hayden of New York, Charles B. Hayden, Smithfield, Isle of Wight County, Va., Ransom Hayden of Hartland, Charles T. Hayden, Arizona Territory, and a few others who contributed at the time of the reunion, and after the deeds had been printed, each of whom had his name written in the blank left in the deed.