

[1887. Rev. Wm. B. Hayden has called my attention to the Jessup Genealogy, just published, in which appears our William Hayden in the capacity of one of four commissioners appointed to divide a large tract of land which Edward Jessup and John Richardson bought of the Indians in Westchester, near New York. Jessup was now dead, and the land was to be divided between Richardson and Thos. Hunt, Jessup's son-in-law. The commissioners' finding is dated Aug. 12, 1669, signed in the following order, William Hayden, Samuel Drake, Thomas Lawrence, Jonathan Harrand. We had hoped to find an autograph of our ancestor here, but are thus far unsuccessful. But the record is interesting, being the latest date except his death yet found, proving that at that time (but about six weeks before his death) Wm. Hayden was both mentally and physically competent for an important service, which lay at considerable distance from his home.]

Under date of May 17, 1669, William Hayden deeded his lands here to Daniel, with certain conditions: as paying his sister Mary when she should become of age, £30, and provide for the support of his stepmother (the mother of Daniel's wife) if she outlived the father. He died at Kenilworth, September 27, 1669. His son, Nathaniel, had lands there, married, and had a family of daughters, who also married there, to Kelseys and Williams, and the great-grandchildren were numerous.

I recently sought at Clinton, among those having these family names, for descendants of William Hayden, "but they could not show their father's house, and their seed whether they were of Israel." His daughter Mary married Judah Evarts of Guilford; present descendants if any, unknown. Consequently we know no descendants of William Hayden, except such as descend from Daniel, the first-born of the Connecticut line. He continued here at the homestead, and cultivated the paternal

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Thomas Gilbard's deed, 1644, the copy reads Wm. Heydon. In his deed to Daniel, 1669, no signature appears, but in the body of the deed his name is written Haydon; his children, Daniel Hayden and Mary Hayden. In the old deed, 1663, it will be seen that Matthew Grant wrote the name Haydon. The name on the monument to the first settlers in Hartford is Heyton, copied from the town clerk's entry of his land, 1639. In Capt. Mason's history of the Pequot war he writes it Heydon. By whoever written the first syllable always contained the vowel e or a, but in this instance William Hayden himself uses them both. Why I can give no probable reason. His son Daniel's name was usually written Hayden.