

lowed the martyr Hale within the lines of the British army as a spy. The story of his life in the British camp, the constant danger of exposure, and his perilous flight to the American lines, as told by his sisters (one of whom was my grandmother Haskell), was to me a marvelous and thrilling tale, never to be forgotten. The third Daniel remained on the homestead until 1790, when, joining those emigrating to Vermont, he removed with his family (except Elizabeth Bissell Haskell) and settled in Randolph, where he died in extreme old age, and his sons and grandsons have all gone west. The old house at the homestead was sold to Jacob Osborn, who lived there after my recollection, and I was one of the boys who looked on while the old house was being moved to another part of the town, the two long "strings" of oxen, about twenty yoke each, the shouting of teamsters, and the breaking of chains, the men with levers prying at the wheels on which the house rested, and the enthusiasm of everybody and everything except the old house which stood almost unmoved amid the tumult, was pictured on my boyhood memory to stay. When the procession got under way I know not, but the site now bears no trace of the Bissells who lived and died there; of the joys and sorrows, the ambitions and the disappointments of the generations who called it home. The whole of the original John Bissell home lot is now (under a high state of cultivation) owned and occupied by Messrs. Henry and Stephen Hills. Their house, built by Josiah Bissell about 1800, stands about twenty rods north of the site of the old Daniel Bissell house.

The third Daniel bought the Ebenezer¹¹ Hayden place when he (Ebenezer) removed to Harwinton, 1751, and gave it to his son (Capt. Ebenezer Fitch Bissell), who participated in the battle of Long Island, Aug., 1776; was captured and imprisoned. Several of his men (Hezekiah⁶² Hayden one of them) died of starvation, and Capt. Bissell himself fared little better than his men. His family, learning the pitiable condition he was in, made great sacrifices to procure silver money (the only current money within the British lines), and sent it, but it never passed from the British officials to the hands of the rebel captain. His wife was

32 ESTHER HAYDEN (Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, William); born Nov. 28, 1736; died about 1815; married, June 24, 1756, Capt. Ebenezer Fitch Bissell of Haydens.

CHILDREN.

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| 1 | Esther | (Bissell), | b. Nov. 28, 1757; d. Sept. 7, 1777. |
| + 2 | Ebenezer Fitch | " | b. Jan. 14, 1760; m. Eunice (?), dau. Bildad Phelps. |
| 3 | Rhoda | " | b. Dec. 19, 1761; m. Elisha Bissell, Torrington; 3 children. |
| | a Harry (Bissell), | b. | ; a bachelor. |
| | b Esther | " b. | ; d. unmarried. |
| | c Rhoda | " b. | ; d. unmarried. |