

Devon the 20th of March and arrived at Nantasket [now Hull] the 30th of May 1630. Now this is further to tell you, that there came many godly families in that ship [the Mary and John]. We were of passengers many (beside seamen) of good rank. Two of our magistrates came with us, viz.: Mr. Ludlow and Mr. Rossiter. These godly people resolved to live together, and therefore as they had made choice of those two Rev. servants of God, Mr. John Warham [pastor] and Mr. John Maverick [teacher], to be their ministers, so they kept a solemn day of fasting in the New Hospital in Plymouth in England, spending it in preaching and praying, where that worthy man of God Mr. John White of Dorchester in Dorset was present, and preached unto us the Word of God in the forefront of the day, and in the latter part of the day, as the people did solemnly make choice of, and call those godly ministers to be their officers, so also the Rev. Mr. Warham* and Mr. Maverick did accept thereof and expressed the same. So we came by the good hand of the Lord through the deeps comfortably, having preaching or expounding of the Word of God every day for two weeks together by our ministers."

There were three Haydens, William, John, and James, among the early settlers of Massachusetts, who were probably brothers. The stereotyped tradition is in all branches of the Hayden family at the present day, that there were "three brothers." The version I heard in my boyhood was that "William settled in Boston, John in Saybrook, Conn., and Daniel at Windsor." Nothing right, but yet it does not prove that William, John, and James were not brothers. That William and John came over in the ship Mary and John is almost certain, William appears in Dorchester in 1630, the year Messrs. Warham and Maverick and their people arrive, and must have been a member of their church to qualify him to be made a freeman in 1634. John had land in Dorchester with the first settlers, and he too was made a freeman in 1634. James first appears on record in 1635 at Charlestown. He was made a freeman in 1637 and died 1675. He had a family of eight children, the eldest born Feb. 13, 1638-9. The Haydens of Saybrook, Conn. (now Essex), are said to belong to this line.

* The Revs. Warham, Maverick, and White were Ministers of the Church of England, had been ordained by a Bishop, and possibly the two first had at this time a hope of still retaining a recognized standing in her fold. The Rev. Mr. White returned to his flock where he continued his ministrations, while Warham and Maverick crossed the ocean, and in recognition of their fellowship with their brother White, named their town Dorchester.