

CIRCULAR NO. I.

THE WILLIAM HAYDEN MEMORIAL.

WILLIAM HAYDEN, the ancestor of the Windsor branch of the Hayden family, was a son of Gideon Hayden of Ottery St. Mary, County of Devon, England [since disproved]. He came to Dorchester, Mass., with the first settlers, in 1630. His brother John, who settled at Braintree, came at the same time, and probably his brother James also, who settled at Charlestown. William first appeared in Windsor, Conn., in 1640. The neighborhood where he settled was long called Haydentown, now Haydens or Hayden Station.

The site of his house still remains in the family, and within a few rods of that site, in a conspicuous spot at the fork of the roads, the undersigned (and such others of the scattered members of the family as choose to participate in the enterprise) propose to place a simple yet enduring memorial stone, with appropriate inscriptions, to mark the place where our worthy ancestor was "the first settler."

The object of this circular is to invite any of the descendants bearing the family name, who desire to participate in this memorial work, to contribute thereto. Any one desiring a legal title to a portion of the original home lot and the memorial, may by contributing any sum not less than one dollar, have his name and residence put in the title-deed to the grounds "set apart for the sole use and purpose of a memorial to William Hayden, to them and their heirs forever." And whatever remittances are sent will be applied to the enlargement of the original plan.

Also to notify the scattered family that provision will be made for a family reunion on the grounds next summer, the day to be announced hereafter.