

From this quarry came the grave-stone of Rev. Ephraim Huit, who died 1644. Earlier dates may mark the graves of others in New England, but it is believed that no stone was erected so early. Most of the grave-stones in Windsor, put up during the first century, came from William Hayden's "stone pit." The lot was held by William's son Daniel, and by his grandson William, then back in the line of the second Daniel, until recently it passed out of the name, but not the line of William Hayden's descendants.

But what about that grandmother of ours, the wife of William Hayden? The public records tell us that she was once "frightened" by some of her neighbors,\* and in the death-roll of 1655 we learn there died "the wife of William Hayden," that sad record which is the first and last notice we have of many of the grandmothers of the first generation. Would I could tell you more of her. Having been married before she came to Windsor, the Windsor record could not tell us even her name. Doubtless she was reared in a Puritan home in England, where centuries of Christian civilization had brought many luxuries which could not be transplanted into this wilderness, but must be the growth of generations here. But we may assume that here she sung her lullabys to her children, in the words and tunes her

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\*On the records of the Criminal Court at Hartford, under date of September 6, 1655, "John Griffin, Jacob Drake, and John Bancroft, all for their riotous misdemeanor in William Hayden's family, and thereby frightening his wife: the court adjudgeth that each find securities in £20 for their good behavior to the next court, and then make their appearance, and John Griffin is adjudged to pay 20s. to the common treasury." William Hayden's wife had died July 17th, six or seven weeks before. Was the "frightening" followed by serious consequences? It is a peculiar case. Drake was a near neighbor, and always appeared a good one, and the others lived not half a mile away. All were young married men, and apparently of unblemished characters. The records give us no clue by which to learn what the "misdemeanor" was. There was probably no ill will or evil intent in it. The courts were then accustomed to search diligently and prosecute promptly all crimes against the person or estate of individuals, or the well-being of the community. But three years before, the accidental discharge of Thomas Allen's gun at a training, Henry Stiles was killed. In that case Allen was fined and put under bonds not to carry a gun for one year, and later on we find in the trial of Mary Gilbert for witchcraft she is charged with causing the death of this same Henry Stiles.