

acres, and added more to them. In 1683 he bought the "great island on the falls" (above the railroad bridge), but Massachusetts claimed jurisdiction over it, and after three generations of Haydens had asserted their right to it, the island was given up to the Springfield claimant. He also bought other lots of land for himself, and as one of the agents of the town bought a large tract of land of the Indians on the east side of the river.

The generation to which Daniel Hayden belonged had very meager opportunities for education. Not a few of them were obliged to make their "mark" when conveying land or signing other documents. But Daniel Hayden evidently knew something of books. He served the town in various capacities. The only place I find his signature is in 1698, when he acts as first selectman in employing a school teacher. I have his commissions, one as lieutenant of the trainband in 1697, the other of a troop of horse in 1698. In his distribution of his lands among his sons in 1708, when he was 68 years old, he makes his mark, but this may have been owing to some physical disability. Daniel's tax list in 1675, the first year of King Philip's war, was £158, on which he paid £7 18s., one shilling per pound, or 5 per cent. The next year he is rated on a little less, but at the rate of 1s. 6d. or 7½ per cent. Daniel Hayden's school tax that year was 5s. 6d. He was one of seventeen troopers who received from the town of Windsor 6s. 8d. each for services in 1675. The whole town paid "for the country" in 1676, £852 (\$4,260). In that war several Windsor men were killed while serving as soldiers up the river in Massachusetts, and five Windsor men fell at the storming of the Narragansett Fort. Mr. Denslow, the only neighbor north of us, was killed at his house at Pinemeadow, two miles from here. There was much watching and warding in Windsor during two generations, which resulted in preventing Indian murders. Daniel settled his four sons around him, and in 1708 divided his lands, with certain reservations, among them. He lived to see his grandchildren in each family, and died March 27, 1712-13. A modest stone marks the grave of "Lieut. Daniel Hayden."

Daniel Hayden had one daughter, who married William Phelps, a grandson of Mr. William Phelps, "a first settler." She had a family of sons and daughters, but the descendants have not been traced. As