

Three of the four sons of Daniel<sup>2</sup> had families, and the fourth was about to be married, when their father, in 1708, divided to each a homestead. There is little doubt that each of the first three were already housed, for every young man was then expected to heed the proverb, "Get your cage before you catch your bird." The house occupied by William<sup>2</sup> stood a little north of the present house of Henry Osborn, which house was taken down by Bildad Phelps about 1780, and the present house erected. The original lot (the homestead) bought by the first William, 1645 (fifty-four rods wide), lay east of the highway, and bounded west by it, except from the angle in the road in front of his house; thence the west line continued the same course to the fence at the south side of Mr. Osborn's present garden fence. The next lot (eighteen rods wide), north of William<sup>1</sup> Hayden's, owned by Anthony Hawkins, extended from the river to the west side of Rocky Hill. North of Hawkins' lot (see map, Watson), William<sup>1</sup> owned thirty-four rods in width, only sixteen of which extended west of the road. Then he bought of Anthony Hawkins the west end of the eighteen-rod lot, the east line running from the northwest corner of the original lot of William<sup>1</sup>, and on the same course, with a reserve "for a highway through it" (the country road). This is the "Stone-Pit lot." William<sup>2</sup> died at the age of thirty-seven, leaving three little girls, the youngest but little more than one year old. His widow married within six months to Josiah Bissell, and probably took him to her home. Tradition\* says that she was reluctant to marry until she had "mourned a year and a day" for her first husband; but the suitor overcame this obstacle by promising that "she might make out the balance of the time after they were married." William's<sup>2</sup> inventory, which lies before me, bears date 1713, and amounts to £305 13s. 2d., subscribed to by "nathanael gailard," "Daniel bisse," and "Israel stoughton." Every article is itemized and appraised separately. Household articles are numerous, and a good assortment of farming tools. The first articles on the list are "1 gun<sup>23</sup> 1 Sword & Belt<sup>48</sup> ammunition & Powder Horn<sup>45</sup> all 2£ 5s." These warlike items are conspicuous in many of the inventories of that period. But nine years before the Indians had burned Deerfield, Mass., and carried their captives, Rev. Mr. Wil-

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\* Widow Ezra<sup>48</sup> Hayden, 1840.