

Samuel<sup>28</sup> was born at Haydens sixty-two years after his grandfather William<sup>1</sup> settled in that locality. His father's house was about one hundred rods beyond the first Hayden house, and he, Samuel<sup>23</sup>, built about one-fourth of a mile beyond his father, becoming, in turn, the outpost, "or last house before you reach the plains." Like many other Haydens before and since, he began married life late. The date of his deed, the credit on his account book (which I have) to Daniel Hayden (owner of the "Stone Pit") for twenty-five loads of stone (for the cellar?), and the date of his marriage later, is pretty conclusive proof that his house was built in 1737. The forest white oak which was spared to shade it is still, after 150 years of service, green and vigorous, its trunk, four feet in diameter, without the first sign of decay. Sergeant Sam<sup>23</sup> "kept tavern" here, and among the guests who there partook of "Aunt Nabby's pies and nut-cakes and cheese," the late Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth was numbered. Sergeant Sam<sup>23</sup> was a blacksmith, and had a shop a few rods west of the house. Some of the cinders were found when I was a boy while we were cultivating the ground where it stood. After his son Augustin<sup>51</sup> had grown to manhood and joined the early settlers of Tarringford, Sergeant Sam removed with his family to that place and sold his property here in 1765. (Levi<sup>61</sup> Hayden, his nephew, rented the house of Josiah Phelps 1773 and 1774. Later on David Matson bought it and built a store near the site of the blacksmith shop, and he conducted an extensive mercantile business there until about 1800. The old store now stands in rear of the house, and is used for storage, a work-shop, etc.) Samuel<sup>23</sup> and his wife were members of the old church, from which they were dismissed on the organization of the Fourth or North Church in 1761. Samuel<sup>23</sup> Hayden was one of the "seven pillars" (seven male members) who were by the council organized into a church, and they as a church received the others.

From Sergeant Sam's<sup>23</sup> account book, 1733-1765, we learn something of all his neighbors and the times in which he lived at Haydens. He was evidently a skillful workman. He made everything,—brads and nails, pot-hooks, slice and tongs, all kinds of farming-tools then in use, rings for pigs' noses, shod horses, repaired guns, and made saw-mill saws. We learn from this account book the price then paid for