

- 24. Dea. Nathaniel Hayden**, of Haydens (Samuel¹⁰, Daniel⁹, William⁸); born June 18, 1709; died November 14, 1803, æ. 94; married _____, 1737, Naomi Gaylord (of Josiah of Haydens, Nathaniel of Pinemeadow, William Jr., Windsor, Dea. William, first settler.) She died Apr. 7, 1803, æ. 87.

CHILDREN.

- Note I 58 ANNA, b. June 6, 1737; m. Joel Palmer.
 + 59 NATHANIEL, b. Dec. 14, 1738; m. (1) Anna Filer, (2) Rhoda Lyman.
 + 60 HEZEKIAH, b. Apr. 24, 1741; m. Elizabeth Mather.
 + 61 LEVI, b. May 28, 1747; m. Margaret Strong.
 62 NAOMI, b. Oct. 22, 1752; d. Apr. 14, 1753.
 63 MARTIN, b. Oct. 30, 1754; d. May 3, 1759.

Dea. Nathaniel²⁴ "learned his trade," a tanner and shoemaker, at Westfield, Mass., and employed a number of apprentices and journeymen. His father (No. 10) gave him the homestead by deed, dated Jan. 8, 1741-2. He built a "tan house" at the junction of the brooks, a few rods northwest of the Hayden Station Chapel. Three generations, Dea. Nathaniel²⁴, Capt. Nathaniel²⁵, and Nathaniel L.²⁵⁵, occupied the tan house, and also the brick shoemaker's-shop (which is still standing). Several apprentices were constantly employed. I remember the tan house, the bark wheel and vats, as last used. This building was torn down about 1823. Nathaniel²⁴ Hayden's title was that of Ensign, until superseded by that of Deacon after his appointment to the latter office by the North or Fourth Church of Windsor in 1768. That church came off from the old church in 1761, because the site of the meeting-house had been removed from the Palizado in 1757, to Broad street, the south side of the Rivulet. In 1794, the meeting-house was restored to the Palizado, and the North Church disbanded, and its members returned to the original church of Mr. Warham and his flock, and thenceforth until his death Nathaniel²⁴ Hayden held the office of Deacon there.

Dea. Nathaniel was a prominent citizen, a successful business man, combining farming with his other business. As was common in all trades, the apprentices and journeymen working in the field a considerable portion of the summer; to excel in reaping or mowing excited