

the ambition of many who had other occupations than farming. My father told me of the pride his grandfather, Dea. Nathaniel, took in showing his skill in mowing. In his old age he took much interest in preparing the ground east of his house around the old pear tree, so that it would produce three crops of grass a season. When more than 90 years old, he was one day mowing this spot, when a stranger passing in the street stopped to watch him. When the mower looked up, the stranger complimented him on his ability to mow so well; he straightened himself up and responded, "I should think I ought to know how, I have been more than 70 years learning." Following the example of his fathers, Samuel¹⁰, Daniel², William¹, he deeded most of his lands to his sons and grandsons, in his life-time, but seems to have kept his tan house in his own hands, though the business had long been in the hands of his son Capt. Nathaniel. I have his will drawn and witnessed by Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth, Nov. 25, 1795. He gave the tan house and yard and other property to the grandsons, Nathaniel L.¹²⁸ and Plinny¹²⁷, sons of Capt. Nathaniel²⁹.

25. Joseph Hayden of Harwinton (Samuel¹⁰, Daniel², William¹); born at Haydens Nov. 17, 1711; died Feb. 26, 1781-2, æ. 71; married June 12, 1739, Esther Grant of Windsor (of Nathaniel, Samuel, East Windsor, Matthew, first settler); she died 1804, æ. 94.

CHILDREN.

- 64 ESTHER, b. Apr. 27, 1741.
 + 65 JOSEPH, b. Dec. 7, 1742; m. Mary Hayden, of William, Harwinton.
 66 SARAH, b. Nov. 21, 1743; m. Feb. 25, 1768, Cyprian Webster.
 + 67 SAMUEL, b. Jan. 6, 1746; m. (1) Lois Phelps Simsby and (2) Lois Griswold.
 + 68 BENAJAH, b. Feb. 16, ; d. Sept. 15, 1776.

Joseph²⁵, was born at Haydens, went to the west side, to Windsor's portion or half of Harwinton, with his brother William, with the early settlers, as early as 1737. They were joined by their father Samuel¹⁰ in 1742. His name frequently appears on the land records of Harwinton, but I have no data for a farther sketch.