

subject of this sketch. The increase of population in Windsor had largely remained within her borders. The Haydens now occupied six houses, covering all the territory north of the south bounds of the original William Hayden lot; their neighbors on the south were the Bissells, Gaylords, and others.

The increase of population in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts had made the disparity between the whites and Indians so great that the Indians living within or near their borders were no longer a terror and a menace to the whites. Already families were beginning to emigrate from the river towns to their "Western Lands" in Litchfield county. In 1737, two of the Haydens, Joseph²³ and William⁶², appear among the first settlers of Harwinton.

The century had much improved the conditions of life, but still it required daily toil "from early morn to dewy eve" to gain a living at Haydens, much less ample than fewer hours gives us to-day. What we know of the boyhood of Augustin⁵¹ is by inference. His father was a blacksmith and kept a tavern, but like other craftsmen of that day, he also had a farm, and doubtless his boys were kept at work, save the few weeks of each year when "school kept."

The Iroquois, or Six Nations, located in Central New York, were still powerful, but having been at war with the Canadian Indians when the French settled among them, they (the Iroquois), became enemies of the French for the same cause that led the Pequots to make war on the settlers in Connecticut. This was probably the reason why the New York State Indians remained neutral, or allies of the settlers, whenever the French and Indians attacked the English Colonies. Wars between England and France let loose the French and Indians of Canada, and while the mother country sent some soldiers for the protection of the colonies, yet most of their forces were raised in the colonies. In 1758, Augustin⁵¹ joined the forces sent out to check the progress of the enemy who were approaching *via* Lake Champlain and Lake George. He enlisted before he was 18, but from his journal (which I have before me), he appears to have been, from the first, a stalwart soldier, constantly on duty through that campaign, and that of the succeeding year. Almost every day he writes something in his journal. He tells of the sickness of others, but never reports him-