

William was the youngest. My father William had nine children, all living (1871) except the youngest daughter. Samuel, the youngest son, was born 1837." "Seth⁵⁷ settled in Onondaga County. I do not learn much of him, but his grandchildren are all business men and prosperous, and like the grandson of Aaron, are mostly manufacturers." When I renewed my work on the genealogy, five years ago, I anticipated much pleasure and success in tracing out these families, but it will be seen that the labor has been almost fruitless.

Under date of April 18, 1887, Joel E. Hayden of Auburn, N. Y., adds very much to my previous collection relative to Aaron's family and later descendants. I had before only the names of Aaron⁵¹ and William⁵², and only the record of the descendants of William⁵². Joel E. writes: "My grandfather (Aaron⁵⁵) arrived here from Conway, Mass., on the 5th day of July, 1800, and located on the farm where I was born and now live. He built the first fulling mill in the county, about half a mile from my place. His dam was made of slabs driven into the ground, and some of them can still be seen in a fair state of preservation. I have a few whitewood rails that are quite sound, which he split sometime during the four years of his life on the farm. . . . I have also in my possession a collector's warrant, dated April 25, 1778, signed by Henry Gardner, Treasurer of the State of Massachusetts Bay, directing Aaron Hayden to collect the sum of 152£ 10s. 6d. in the town of Conway, in said State."

57. Seth Hayden of Conway, Mass. (Samuel⁵⁶, Samuel⁵⁰, Daniel¹, William¹); born at Haydens, April 2, 1756.

All that we can learn of him is that, at the age of about nine years, he removed with his father's family to Torrington; thence he removed to Conway, Mass. [my authority is doubted; Seth may have died in the Revolution], where his children were born, and from there he removed (1800) to Central New York, where his descendants are said to be living, successful business men; but I have not been able to open communication with a single one of them. Later inquiries do not seem to confirm what I have written of Seth Hayden. Possibly the impressions of Cicero¹²⁸ (see sketch of Aaron⁵¹) should be accepted,