

not yet traced out. Her great-grandfather, Dea. Nathaniel²⁴ Hayden, talked "baby talk" with her when she was two, and he was ninety-four, and ninety years before he had climbed the knees of his grandfather Daniel², the first Connecticut-born Hayden (whose birth-day was Sept. 2, 1640), the three lives covering the whole period of the history of the neighborhood now called Haydens. She is the eldest of the large family of the late Levi¹⁶⁸ Hayden. Endowed with good common sense, a vigorous intellect, and sound judgment, devoted to the interests of the family home, she has ever exerted a happy influence in the family (second only to that of the parents). We ten younger children readily accepted her authority, by right of seniority; we looked to her for aid and sympathy in our daily trials, and she never failed us, or enforced her authority by a blow, nor do I recall a case under her jurisdiction, which was appealed to the higher court of parental authority. Her gray-haired brothers still pay respectful deference to her opinions and her wishes. Yes, we boys are justly proud of her, and don't remember when we were not. In her school days she was well up in her studies, and has been a constant reader since. She still reads with relish the *Daily Courant* (the family paper from which she "learned her letters"), and keeps well posted on the events of the day. Sympathizing with her father's views relative to the political questions of her early life, she has continued to take an interest in public affairs, has kept herself well informed on political questions, but has never desired to enter the public arena of politics.

338. **MARY ANN HAYDEN** of Haydens. She remained unmarried, and was ever associated with, and one of, the old home. She was the first one in the family to make a public profession of religion, but lived to see her mother, sisters, all her brothers, and their wives, members of evangelical churches. She contributed liberally to the building of Hayden Station Chapel, and left a small fund to aid in sustaining the omnibus which runs from Haydens to the old church at Windsor (three miles) on Sunday, to accommodate those not otherwise provided with conveyance. Also a fund for the distribution of religious tracts, and another for the promotion of temperance at Haydens.

339. **Nathaniel Hayden**, Charleston, S. C., and New York (Levi¹⁶⁸, Levi⁶¹, Nathaniel²⁴, Samuel¹⁰, Daniel², William¹); born at Haydens, Nov. 28, 1805; died at Haydens, Feb. 23, 1875, æ. 69; married, July 6, 1837, Theodocia P. Walter of New Haven, Conn.; she died Aug. 19, 1838, æ. 21.

CHILDREN.

656½ **WILLIAM WALTER**, b. Aug. 7, 1838; drowned while bathing, Aug. 2, 1850, æ. 12.