

field, in Middletown, with the use of which, and the avails of her own labor (being a tailoress), she managed to support herself and her three children, until these became of sufficient age to support themselves. The death of her husband must have occurred at some period between the birth of Jeremiah and the above-named date. His death, it is said, was caused by a cancer when about forty years of age. His son, Jeremiah, being strongly inclined to a sea-faring life, engaged himself as a sailor on board of a vessel making voyages to the West Indies, carrying various productions of the colony to exchange for commodities produced there. At length, having studied navigation, and become the owner and captain of a sloop, he engaged in the same business on his own account. Sometime during the Revolutionary war his vessel was taken by the British and burned, he and his brother Samuel, who was one of his crew, being carried prisoners to Halifax, in Nova Scotia. After some time he was permitted to go home on parole, having signed a paper binding himself not to bear arms against His Majesty the King of Great Britain, during the war. After being released from imprisonment, he returned to Middlefield, and, having bought some land in addition to that which his mother owned, he engaged in farming, as the best business he could then pursue. Here he resided until his mother's death, which took place March 21, 1792, she being 78 years of age. In the spring of 1793, having previously purchased a farm, containing 150 acres