

hundred and fifty years, has overshadowed it. I have rarely been absent from my old home a month at a time (though I have been into twenty-four States of the Union), and all my seventy-five annual Thanksgiving days except two have found me there; and I accept, without question, the discovery made by one living in the neighborhood more than a hundred years ago, that "it is just about the center of the world." A picture of it is on page 153.

343. Capt. Samuel Strong Hayden, Windsor Locks (Levi¹⁵³, Levi⁸¹, Nathaniel²⁴, Samuel¹⁹, Daniel², William¹); born at Haydens, Oct. 13, 1813; died Apr. 14, 1863, æ. 49; married, Sept. 26, 1843, Lucretia Hinsdale of Hartford; she is living (1888) in Western N. Y.

CHILDREN.

- + 666 HARRIS HASKELL, b. at Haydens, Dec. 13, 1844.
 * 667 CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH, b. at Haydens, Jan. 2, 1847; m. H. S. Hull of Bath, N. Y.

Samuel Strong³⁴³. His boyhood differed little from that of his brothers. He was perhaps physically stronger than any of us, and pursued farming from first to last. On reaching his majority he went west, bought a farm in Illinois which he cultivated a year or two, and satisfied himself that all the west had to offer him was more than counterbalanced by the loss of privileges he had left behind him at the old home. He returned, married, bought a place adjoining the old homestead, and a few years later made him a home in the outskirts of the village of Windsor Locks. He was an active member of the Congregational Church, had a talent for public speaking, and secured the interest of his hearers when he spoke, especially on the subject of temperance. Called, at the age of 18, to serve in the militia in his native town, he rose to the rank of major of the first

* 667 CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH HAYDEN m. Sept. 26, 1876, Henry Sedgwick Hull of Bath, N. Y.; 4 children.

- a* Henry Hayden (Hull), b. June 24, 1879.
b Ernest " b. Oct. 8, 1882.
c Robert Sedgwick " b. Jan. 29, 1884.
d Charlotte Elinor " b. Oct. 25, 1885.