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WILLIAM HAYDEN

First appears in America at Dorchester, Mass., in 1630, among those who came over in the *Mary and John*, and he was probably one of her passengers. Four years later he was made a freeman there, which proves that he was a member of the then Dorchester, now Windsor, Church. When the emigration from the Bay to Connecticut took place, for some unknown reason William Hayden appears among the Hartford adventurers, and not at Windsor.

The coming of the English to settle near the Indians whom the Pequots have been wont to tyrannize over, aroused their enmity towards the pale faces, and they soon showed their hostility by attacking Wethersfield, and killing and capturing several of the settlers. In the summer of 1637, war was declared against the Pequots, and the whole military force of the colony was placed in command of Capt. Mason, who led them into the Indian country, and attacked them in their stronghold. Here we get our first notice of William Hayden in Connecticut. Capt. Mason speaks of Hayden coming to his rescue when he (Mason) was "beset by many Indians waiting all opportunities to lay hands on him," but "William Hayden espying a breach in the wigwam, entered, and in his entrance fell over a dead Indian; but speedily recovering himself, the Indians some fled, others crept under their beds." And Governor Wolcott of Windsor (who was born forty-two years after the battle), in recounting the heroic struggles of Capt. Mason, says:

" But fate that doth the rule of action know,
Did this unequal combat disallow,