

Nathaniel set out from Windsor with his company and had gone as far as Litchfield, Conn., when the news of the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga caused their return. He was a man much respected in the community, esteemed "a generous, open-hearted man."

**60. Hezekiah Hayden** of Haydens (Nathaniel<sup>24</sup>, Samuel<sup>10</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>); born April 24, 1741; died 1776; married, about 1770, Elizabeth Mather of Windsor (daughter of Nathaniel, Dr. Samuel, Rev. Samuel); she married (2) Rev. Dan Foster of Poquonock.

NO CHILDREN.

Hezekiah Hayden<sup>60</sup> was a harness-maker by trade and very skillful, of a cheerful temperament, and much liked by his neighbors. Nothing but his war record remains, except his name, doubtless written by himself, on a brick when first moulded, and laid at the side of the front door in the brick house now occupied by his grand-nephew, Samuel B. Hayden. At the breaking out of the war of the Revolution he enlisted for one year. I have a letter of his, written to his father, dated at Roxbury, Mass., Jan. 23, 1776. He was then in camp, under Capt. Ebenezer F. Bissell (of Haydens), Col. Huntington's regiment. Some months later the forces about Boston marched to the defense of New York. On the 4th of July, 1776, while the Declaration of Independence was being signed in Philadelphia, Hezekiah Hayden was "in Camp New York" writing to his father, "Dea. Nathaniel Hayden, in Windsor, Conn., New England." Most of his letter is a copy of an order issued to the army two days before by General Washington. It was a ringing appeal to the patriotism of the soldiers, and the momentous interests hanging on the impending battle. "The time is now near at hand which will probably decide whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves." etc. Copying the whole order, he closes with, "The drum beats, and I must turn out with fatigue men and main guard. 'Tis, thanks be to God, pretty healthy in the army." On the 27th of August the battle of Long Island was fought. The Americans retreated back to New York, from which place they were soon after obliged to fly before the advancing regiments of Red Coats. On that disastrous 27th of August