

whole of the long struggle for independence, they remained together, steadfast in their faith, and feeling as one upon the questions in dispute.

In the year 1779, the township of Washington was formed in the County of Litchfield, and within its limits were included the lands owned by the Davies family, and it is recorded that on the 12th day of April, 1779, a number of the inhabitants took the oath of allegiance to the States, in open Freemen's Meeting.

Among the names of those who, by the list given in the record, pledged themselves to the cause of the Revolution, we look in vain to find a single Davies, a fact which shows the steadfastness with which the whole family clung to their traditions of loyalty, although, possibly, it may not commend them to the patriotic feelings of their descendants.

It had been the custom of Mr. John Davies to present annually to the Rev. Mr. Marshall, of Woodbury, a fat cow, and this he continued with great difficulty to do during the whole period of the war, although to accomplish this purpose in those times, it was necessary, as he has told, to take the animal by night, and by a long and circuitous route, to avoid being intercepted and robbed by those of the opposite political faith, in whose judgment a gift to an Episcopal clergyman was a treasonable offense. An instance of his generosity and kindness, which never failed even in those trying times, appears from an anecdote that is told in the biography of his youngest son, the Rev. Thomas Davies. After the close of the war a man who had taken an active part in driving off a number of cattle from his farm, and had committed other acts of plunder, having become destitute, applied for relief in his extremity to Mr. Davies,