

the efforts of the local militia, which was collected, and skirmished boldly but ineffectually with the invaders during their advance upon the town, and their retreat. Before this movement was begun, and evidently with the intention of assisting in it, a young man of the name of Daniel Griswold, a native of Litchfield, who previously had joined the English Army, came secretly to Litchfield, and there recruited for the British service a party of eleven young men, all of the town of Litchfield, and all members of the Episcopal Church, with whom he set out to join the British troops that were on their way to Danbury. They were attacked while on their march, by a party of the militia, and two of their number being killed, the rest were captured and taken to the town of Derby, where they were tried by a Court Martial on the charge of treason. All were found guilty, and Griswold was hanged, while the others, among whom was David Davies, were, as is related in Kilbourne's History of Litchfield, pardoned, upon their enlisting in the Continental Army for the War. David Davies in some manner succeeded in escaping a service that would have been repugnant to his loyal feelings, and his name is not found in the lists of the Connecticut soldiers who served on the patriotic side in the Revolution. Nothing can be now learned of his history during the remainder of the war, but it is generally believed, that he made another and more successful effort to join the British forces, and served with them during a part, if not all of the war. He, however, returned safely to his home after the war had ended, and some time in the year 1783 married Sarah Peet, and made his home in Davies Hollow, among his many relatives who occupied that spot. He appears to have been a good Churchman, and took part in organizing and building the Episcopal Church of