

price it was before ["real estate boom"]. Farther, I testify that the above said Mr. St. Nicholas living near Mr. Huit in England [Mr. Huit was teacher in Windsor church 1639-1644; his grave-stone (September 14, 1644), is supposed to have been erected earlier than any other in New England], manifested his desire to settle by Mr. Huit in New England." He (Nicholas) was a curate in the Church of England, and wrote a work on Baptism, which he dedicated to the Reverend Ministers in New England. Possibly Mr. St. Nicholas sent not only money for investment here, but also that a part of his adventure was the services of hired servants (see note, page 46), who built the house for his intended occupation, but occupied it themselves while putting the land under cultivation, which would account for the fact that I can find the name of no occupant of this house while Mr. St. Nicholas owned it. (Possibly Daniel Hayden was born here, 1640, but I think not.) The house and lot were sold to John Drake, Sen., 1652.

John Drake's family were born before he came to Windsor. Two of his sons, Job and John, were of sufficient age to entitle them to a share in the distribution of land, which they took up near the old mill. A third son, Jacob, married Mary Bissell, 1649. Previous to the marriage, the father of Jacob gave a written pledge to John Bissell, the father of Mary, that he would at once put Jacob in quiet possession of half the house, "the new built end," and the other half at the death of himself and wife, "with a yoke of draft steers, with implement, and gears to the shop and trade." But for some reason Jacob did not continue to live in "the new end of the house." In 1656 he bought Anthony Hawkins' house, nearly a mile and a half down the street, and was living there at the time of his father's death. Matthew Grant, the Recorder, made the following entry: "August 17, 1659, John Drake, Sr., died accidentally as he was driving a cart loaded with corn, to carry from his house to his son Jacob's, the cattle being two oxen and his mare. In the highway against John Griffin's [Chief Justice Ellsworth's place], something scared the cattle, and they set a running, and he laboring to stop them by taking hold on the mare, was thrown down on his face, and the cart wheel went over him, broke one of his legs, and bruised his body, so that he was taken up dead, being carried into his daughter's house [widow of William Gaylord, Jr.,