

memorial stone to mark this spot.* We have reared no classic monument which time would mar, but we have laid here a boulder, which has withstood the frost and heat, the storm and sunshine since time was young, and will last till time shall be no more. Should the day come, as sooner or later it doubtless will come, when there shall be no Haydens here; when perchance this stone shall be covered with bushes or briars, yet we are assured it will lie unmoved for ages, and the pilgrims who shall remove its covering will find its lettering undimmed, and the polish of the glacial period still remaining. We have set over it for this occasion three flags; first the English. This was William Hayden's flag when he came to this place. It was the flag of his children, to the fourth and fifth generation. Then we have the Connecticut flag with its three vines, perchance representing the three towns. This was also William Hayden's flag, represent-

* The boulder is of flint stone, is egg-shaped, and its weight is a little over two tons. Its greatest length is five feet, its breadth three and a half feet. It lies half buried in the earth, and its height above ground is about eighteen inches. The inscription is not in parallel lines, but placed in sections where the stone offered the best surface. The material is so hard that the lettering cost eight days' labor, and the repair of 300 chisels. [The accompanying cut shows the inscriptions of only one side; it is necessary to walk around the boulder to read them all.]

MEMORIAL STONE

WILLIAM HAYDEN

BORN IN ENGLAND

DORCHESTER MASS 1630

HARTFORD WITH FIRST SETTLERS

WINDSOR

1640

SETTLED HERE

1645

REMOVED TO HOMONESCITT

WITH FIRST SETTLERS

DIED THERE

SEPT 27. 1669

DEDICATED

SEPT 2. 1885

[An oak tree raised from an acorn grown 1876 on the "Hayden oak" (at the Levi Hayden place) was set beside the boulder, 1887.]