

ers, organized 1658, to move with alacrity to the defense of any portion of the colony. He not only appears a valiant man, but in civil life was called to fill various town offices, and was apparently an honored, useful man in the forming period of Connecticut institutions.

We have but a single hint that he had any other occupation than that of a cultivator of the soil. Under date of 1654, nine years after he came here, the records, in describing Rocky Hill, says that it is bounded "north on William Hayden's lot where his stone-pit is."* In my early days the school-house stood in the adjoining lot, and I well remember going "over into the old stumpit [stone pit] lot" after pennyroyal, or some other luxury, little dreaming that that was historic ground; no quarrymen were there, the cows were grazing among the debris and in the shallower excavations. In one of these excavations was a pool of water over which a dragon-fly fitted back and forth, at sight of which the oldest girl gave a cry of alarm, and we all ran back to the school-house with our hands over our ears, lest "that darnin' needle should get into them and eat out all the wax, and make us deaf."

liam Edwards, becomes bound to the commonwealth in the sum of £20 "that John Bennett shall carry good behavior in his course of life for the space of half a year." In 1652 the town authorities pass the following order: "Also that John Bennett should be entertained by William Hayden in his family." Possibly this order placing him in a family where there were no grown up girls, has some reference to his promise of "better carriage in the future." His name does not again appear on record.

*The price which Samuel Hayden paid Daniel in 1737 was "for 17 loads of stone at 6s." and "8 loads at 4s 6d." These were used in the cellar walls of the Levi Hayden house. Many years ago an old man told me that it was ever the practice when quarrying at "the old stone pit," to reserve the slabs which were suitable for grave-stones, and whenever a purchaser came and selected one, he left the inscription for it, and when several had been engaged the man to letter them was sent for, and the economy of the arrangement for lettering was shared by all the parties. The writer faintly remembers some of these slabs standing against the front of the shop which stood across the street from the boulder. Recently the government contractors obtained their stone from this quarry to build the wing dams, "for the improvement of the navigation of the Connecticut River." They enlarged and deepened what was probably the original "pit," that nearest the highway.