

will find there a cup to dip from the same fountain Ebenezer drank from, long years ago. These four brothers occupied about three-fourths of the main street, of what now constitutes what is known as Haydens' or Hayden Station.

Samuel, as already said, occupied the extreme north house. There he raised four boys and two girls. A single tradition is given which tends to illustrate the times, and the lonely conditions which surrounded our brave old grandmothers, even to the third generation. Some time after the birth of the first child, 1704, a man from below Ebenezer Hayden's came one evening to ask Samuel Hayden to watch with a sick neighbor. The wife urged that she was afraid to stay alone, in the last house, without any protection against the Indians. The man, who was suspected of witchcraft, remarked that she would repent it, if she would not let her husband go to watch with the sick man. When they had gone and she was left alone with her little girl, she carefully raked up the fire, pushed the bed close against the wall, and with her baby between herself and the wall, she sought sleep. Some time in the night she awoke from a fitful nap to find the baby gone. Groping her way to the fire-place she uncovered the fire and lit a candle and made a search. "Under the bed close to the wall, and fast asleep, lay little Anna, and the bed was so close to the wall that the mother could not crowd her own hand between it and the bedstead." I had this tradition long ago from an old woman who was about half witch herself, and I give it to you without indorsing the details.

In the year 1687, when Daniel Hayden's boys were children, an event occurred which marks an era in the history of Connecticut.

The charter of Connecticut was demanded by Sir Edmund Andros, and was hidden in the oak where it lay less than two years, when a revolution in England restored the charter to its place, where it remained the Charter of our liberties until 1818.

The year before the coming of Andros, the Legislature of the Colony, in anticipation of what happened, gave a patent of the unoccupied land in the western part of the Colony, to the towns of Hartford and Windsor, lest losing their Charter the land should revert to the Crown. The land was not wanted for settlement until about forty