

+ 167 WILLIAM, b. May 14, 1792; m. Harriet Thomas of Alexander, Genesee Co., N. Y.

+ 168 ALBERT, b. April 2, 1794; m. Dorcas A. Baker, Bennington, N. Y.

Levi⁶¹ began married life at the Sergeant Sam Hayden⁵³ house, and lived there two years or more. His eldest son (my father) was born there. He afterwards bought the house built by John Hayden⁷⁷ when Margaret Strong was John's bride elect; and, in accordance with the custom of the time, she drove one pin in the frame at the time it was raised. The story was that Margaret broke off her engagement the night after the raising. About two years after Levi⁶¹ married her, and bought the house she had helped to raise, and in which she spent all but two or three years of her married life. Viewed from a genealogical standpoint, but for this little episode the writer and many others would not have been counted in; but, as a friend of mine facetiously remarked, perhaps better ones would have been.

Levi⁶¹ was twice drafted for short terms during the Revolutionary war, and served in the cavalry, once at Horse Neck, under "Old Put." He often held civil office in town, and represented the town in the Legislature. He had a good farm, on which he raised his boys, and was able to assist each with a modest outfit when they set up house-keeping for themselves. I have a distinct recollection of my grandfather, and from the standpoint of a boy of less than ten years, he was a very old man at seventy-four; and yet I remember listening to a conversation between my mother and one of our neighbors, when my mother said, "How young and active Father Hayden appears! I saw him going across the street yesterday, and he walked as spry as a boy." It was occasionally my good fortune to ride horse, pick up apples, or do some other boy's work for my grandfather, for which I received boy's wages, fourpence half-penny (6½ cents) per day of about twelve hours. This was, I think, the first money I earned for myself.

65. Joseph Hayden of Harwinton (Joseph²⁵, Samuel¹⁹, Daniel³, William¹); born Dec. 7, 1742; died May 4, 1807 æ. 65; married, Nov. 14, 1766, Mary Hayden (No. 70) (daughter of William Hayden); she died March 13, 1813, æ. 72.