

The forest oak which overshadows the house is doubtless very much older than the house. It was spared when the primeval forest was cut away. Its trunk is now four feet in diameter, and its branches spread ninety feet, and as yet bears no marks of decay. An acorn (one of bushels) which grew on it in 1876, is now growing beside the boulder. The house faces the south, and on the opposite side of the street is a long row of beautiful sugar maples set by my father, the late Levi Hayden, (aided by a neighbor, the landlord of the famous "Picketts Tavern",) more than three-quarters of a century ago. The elm tree at the left of the picture was set about a hundred years ago at the corner of Mr. Matson's store, where he was then engaged in prosperous business. The cherry tree at the right is quite out of proportion, because it stood much nearer the position of the artist.

158. Levi Hayden, of Haydens (Levi⁶¹, Nathaniel⁶¹, Samuel⁶⁰, Daniel⁶, William¹); born July 31, 1773; died Jan. 30, 1839, æ. 65; married Oct. 30, 1800, Wealthy Haskell of Pinmeadow, Windsor Locks (of Jabez formerly of Rochester, Mass.)

CHILDREN.

- + 337 LUCINDA HASKELL, b. Sept. 26, 1801; unmarried.
- + 338 MARY ANN, b. Oct. 5, 1803; d. unmarried.
- + 339 NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 28, 1805; m. Theodocia P. Walter.
- + 340 OLIVER, b. Dec. 3, 1807; m. Jane Owen.
- 341 ELIZABETH BISSELL, b. Feb. 10, 1810; d. Oct. 23, 1834; unmarried.
- + 343 JABEZ HASKELL, b. Dec. 20, 1811; m. Sarah M. Van Schaick.
- + 343 SAMUEL STRONG, b. Oct. 13, 1813; m. Lucretia Hinsdale.
- + 344 HEZEKIAH SIDNEY, b. Jan. 29, 1816; m. Abby Loomis.
- + 345 AUGUSTUS HENRY, b. Nov. 16, 1817; m. Charlotte E. Kinlock, Charleston, S. C.
- + 346 SARAH NICHOLS, b. Oct. 2, 1819; m. John N. Power, New York.
- + 347 LEVI GAYLORD, b. Sept. 22, 1821; m. (1) Mary E. Belden; m. (2) Lydia Noble.

Levi⁶⁵, was the eldest of the family. He was never of robust health, and a little below the medium stature. His boyhood differed little in its routine from that of other farmer boys of his day. Hunting and fishing, with an occasional "raising," were among the principal recreations which relieved the monotony of farm life, which then