

"Abijah²⁰⁶ was a man of marked good qualities of mind and heart, though during a portion of his life not heeding the laws of health; he lived to a good old age, and was in vigorous health until attacked by that fell destroyer, the cholera. Until that time he had hardly known a day of sickness. At a very early age he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith trade, and became a skillful workman. In figure he was of good height, erect, and easy carriage. He was not over impulsive, but sensible and determined. He had a great love and memory for poetry, and his mind was stored with the songs of his time. He was a man of keen perceptions; in politics he was not a strong partisan, but strove to discover the right and followed it unflinchingly. He was first a Federalist, afterwards a Whig. He was very social, loved to work, was very kind and peaceable, but resented an injury. His early life was that of a consistent Christian, but through the unfortunate practice at that time of furnishing spirituous liquors to apprentices, he became enslaved for a time, but later in life he was among the first fruits of the temperance movement, and afterwards lived many years an exceedingly exemplary Christian life, and died saying, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth.' He was a member of the Baptist Church, both in New York and Illinois, and universally beloved."

— EDWIN²⁴⁰ V. HAYDEN.

7 Julia Maria (Wright), b. June 24, 1851; m. Geo. Ruleson, 1871.

Emeline (Ruleson), b. Dec. 27, 1871.

Blanche " b. May 28, 1874.

Alta " b. Sept. 21, 1880.

Bith " b. May 4, 1881.

i Elizabeth Calista (Wright), b. Dec. 29, 1853.

465 "ELIZA MARIA HAYDEN (Wright) was a woman of good mind, fond of reading, took great pleasure in argument and a very lively interest in politics. She was religious, having been converted when about fourteen. Her mind was clear and well adapted to literary pursuits." — EDWIN²⁴⁰ V. HAYDEN.

466 "JULIA ANN HAYDEN had a bright mind, a remarkable memory, and very cheerful temperament. She was gifted with a most amiable disposition, and was very dear to all who knew her. She was a most devout Christian, and lived a consistent life. She kept school for a time, was intelligent, self-reliant, void of affectation, frank and open-hearted. She was cut off in young womanhood by cholera, dying a few days after her father."

— EDWIN²⁴⁰ V. HAYDEN.