



THE EARLY DAYTONS  
AND  
DESCENDANTS OF HENRY, JR.

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## PREFACE

Old Bibles, daguerreotypes, wills, deeds, samplers and newspaper clippings, many without dates, started us thinking. Work and war made us push them aside until a more favorable time of leisure would allow us to untangle the confusion. Now that at long last we have made an effort to bring order out of chaos, the realization comes that those who could have identified individuals and filled in the gaps and added many interesting details to this account have gone and their knowledge and recollections are lost forever.

The entries in the Bible of Mehetabel Dayton start with the entry under marriages:

"Henry Dayton, Jr. of Long Island  
to Ruth Marvin of Lime, 1758."

The identity of Henry Dayton Sr. was a puzzle until Mr. Edson Dayton suggested that the names Abraham and Catharine were the clue that Henry Sr. was the son of Abraham Dayton of Brookhaven, Long Island and his wife Catharine.

Among the papers was some fragmentary correspondence between Miss Emily Dayton of Glastonbury and Mr. Charles Nathan Dayton, 107 Front St., New York City, during the years 1872 and 1877. From these letters it would seem that Mr. Dayton may have been a professional genealogist who had extensive data about the Daytons. On 3 Dec. 1876 he wrote Miss Dayton, "I have done next to nothing for the last 6 mos. I was brought to a standstill last spring by the failure on the part of some trusted folks to do what they promised. Have remained in a state of disgusted rest ever since. Last winter I had put the whole collection in good shape for preservation and all those who have rendered real valuable assistance (yourself for instance) have received due credit.-----". The collection will not be lost you may be assured." Use has been made of this correspondence here but it is obvious that this C. N. Dayton material contains a great deal about other branches. We hope that it is still in existence as it would be of great value in compiling a complete account of the Dayton family and its extensive migrations in the third, fourth and fifth generations.

Further misfortunes turned up in a letter to Fred E. Dayton telling how someone had tired of keeping the records of Miss Emily and had destroyed them. Also, the complete notes about Henry Dayton, Sr. by the late Lottie Dayton of Cape Cod have apparently been lost. With all this in mind, we suggest that there is no better place to send such material for safekeeping than the excellent

library at East Hampton which already has the beginnings of a Dayton collection. Since it was in East Hampton, and nearby Brookhaven, that our Dayton ancestors first took root in this country, we believe the East Hampton Free Library should become the central depository for all Dayton genealogical material.

The records recount the repeated crossings, at all seasons, of Long Island Sound, to and from this offshoot of the Connecticut colonies. What sort of small craft did these hardy people use? What harbors and trails? We hope that someone will answer these questions so as to give us a more complete and intimate picture of life in those early days.

To the New Haven Colony Historical Society and to all those who have so graciously helped, in person or through correspondence, to dig out data from library files, town records, family memorabilia and other sources, the authors express their dept and gratitude.

To Mr. Jacobus, the senior author, the junior author is indebted for solving the most difficult problems. His advice as to form and content has been most valuable. We have striven to be accurate and make no statement not supported by reasonably adequate evidence.

To Constance O. Dayton we are indebted for the frontispiece.

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A. B. D.

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## Part One

### THE EARLY GENERATIONS



## RALPH DAYTON

Ralph<sup>1</sup> Dayton, born probably in County Kent, England, in the neighborhood of 1588, died at East Hampton, Long Island, N. Y., between 25 July and 22 Sept. 1658; married first, at Ashford, Kent, 16 June 1617, Alice (Goldhatch) Tritton, baptized at Ashford 24 Sept. 1587, died by 1655, daughter of Robert and Bennett (Meade) Goldhatch and widow of Daniel Tritton; married second, between 18 Nov. 1655 and May 1656, Mary, widow of James Haynes of Southold, Long Island. She married third, by 1661, Fulk Davis.

It seems likely that Ralph Dayton was a native of some parish in Kent not far from Ashford. He was of Ashford in 1617 when he married Alice Tritton, described as a widow. She was the daughter of Robert Goldhatch or Goldwich (the name appears in both forms), a husbandman [farmer] of Ashford, whose will dated 10 Jan. 1598/9, proved 19 July 1600, named his wife Bennet, eldest son Richard, son William, youngest son Robert, and daughter Alice Goldhatche [Arch. of Canterbury, 51:426]. Robert Goldhatch had married, apparently for his second wife, at Ashford, 16 Apr. 1585, Bennett Meade or Meede, who survived him. She, whose name is a corruption of Benedicta, was the mother of Alice, and Alice named her elder Tritton child for her.

Alice Goldhatch married first, at Ashford, 14 Apr. 1607, Daniel Tritton, baptized at Ashford 22 Aug. 1585, buried there 2 Feb. 1614/15, son of Hugh Tritton (buried 26 Nov. 1619) by his first wife (married 4 May 1581), Elizabeth Lightfoot (buried 2 Sept. 1599). Daniel's father, Hugh Tritton, when left a widower, married second, 11 May 1601, the widow Bennett (Meade) Goldhatch, hence the first husband of Alice Goldhatch was her step-brother. Alice had two Tritton children:

Bennett Tritton, baptized at Ashford 30 July 1609, died at Hartford, Conn., Jan. 1664/5; married first, at Ashford 3 Aug. 1630, Thomas Stanley, born about 1598, died at Hadley, Mass., 30 June 1663, son John and Susan (Leacock) Stanley; and she married second, about 1663-4, as second of his four known wives, Gregory Wolterton of Hartford, who died July 1674.

Rose Tritton, born about 1611; history not learned.

It will be seen from the above that Ralph Dayton had a step-daughter, Bennett (Tritton) Stanley, whose husband was one of

the three Stanley brothers who sailed for New England in 1634, one of the brothers dying at sea. This was before the Daytons emigrated, but not more than five years earlier, and although the Daytons did not make their home in Hartford, where the Stanleys had settled, it may well have been tidings received from Ralph Dayton's stepdaughter and her family in the New World which influenced Ralph and most of his family to make the same move.

Ralph Dayton was a shoemaker by trade. In the primitive economy of that period, when a large majority were tillers of the soil (husbandmen), the blacksmith, the miller, the tanner of hides, the shoemaker, the cooper, and others who followed such trades, were essential members of any community, and those with such skills or crafts were welcomed in the pioneer settlements by the ministers and merchants who organized and led the first settlers. Ralph had lived at Ashford at least twenty years following his marriage before the decision to emigrate was made. His five children had been baptized there and his eldest son and namesake was 21 in 1639, the year in which Ralph is first mentioned in an American record. The four younger children are all named, three explicitly and one implicitly, in records here, but the first son, Ralph, is not, and he did not receive anything in his father's will. Although he might have died in youth, there is good reason to think that he married about 1639 and remained in England, and if so, his father may have helped to "set him up" before emigrating and hence did not feel it incumbent on him to leave to this son any part of his American property.

The names of the Dayton family do not appear on any of the shipping lists which have come to light, so we do not know precisely when they left old England and arrived in this country. Ralph Dayton was not among those present on 4 June 1639 when the Fundamental Agreement was signed by the New Haven planters. After it was copied into the record book, others who were not present at the signing or who arrived in the plantation a little later signed in the record book, and hence we are fortunate in having the actual autograph of "Ralph Dayghton" as he spelled the name [New Haven Col. Records, 1:18]. The name was spelled "Drayton" in the marriage entry at Ashford, perhaps because he was a newcomer in the parish and his name not well known there, but thereafter it was spelled "Dayton." Dr. Seversmith in his account of the family suggests that Drayton may have been the original form of the name, but the signature indicates rather that it was a variant of Deighton, a very ancient family with some

prominent branches in England.

Goodman "Dighton" drew his lot for the small lots on the bank side and by the west creek, 17 Mar. 1641/2. He took the oath of fidelity 5 Aug. 1647, his name entered as "Raiph Dightō." In May 1645, a son [Samuel] of "Raiph Dighton" was blamed for the loss of a cow when the youth was acting as herdsman, but the Court judged it to be "an afflicting providence of God" — this record has been taken as referring to "sons" of Ralph because of the use of word "son's" without an apostrophe, but a careful reading shows that only a single son was meant. "Sam Dighton" was respited from a fine for sleeping on watch, 1 June 1645, and was called "Samuell Daighton" in a 1646 mention. Godman "Deighton" was ordered, 22 Oct. 1645, to "burne the playnes w<sup>th</sup> all convenient speede, takeing the fittest season." In 1646 "Samuell Daighton" was charged with "wanting [lacking] all armes, but he being latly come to towne & at p'sent provided, it was passed by." Goodman "Daighton" had a seating in the meeting house, 10 Mar. 1646/7; his wife had not, but whether Alice was then dead or a non-member we do not know. Goodman Daighton asked for a little land near his house lot the same year and also had a difference with a neighbor arbitrated. Also in 1647 he was appointed with two other shoemakers to test the shoes made by a fourth shoemaker whose work had caused complaints. On 3 Apr. 1649, the Court was asked to settle a dispute about land which Ralph Dayton had bought of Richard Platt. [New Haven Col. Records, 1:50, 139, 162, 168, 172, 232, 258, 303, 320, 321, 351, 452-3.]

It was not until 1 Feb. 1658/9 (some years after Ralph's removal) that Philip Leek asked to have entry made of lands he had bought of "Ralph Deiton," which included the latter's house and home lot as well as the lands he had bought of Richard Platt. [New Haven Town Records, 1:383.]

Although Ralph's wife Alice had no seating allotted to her in the meeting house in 1647, we do not know that she was then dead. If she was, he may have had an unknown interim wife. James Haines of Southold died before 18 Nov. 1655, when his estate was inventoried, and by May 1656 Ralph Dayton had married the fortunate widow, to whom James had left his entire estate although he had children. The Court did not consider this to be good public policy and held that the widow should be satisfied with half (better than the usual dower of a third) and the other half distributed to the children. It appears from the record that the widow insisted more strongly on the terms of the will ("her husband gave it to her and she would keepe it while she lived")

than her new Dayton husband did ("he at first dissented, yet after yeilded to it"), but both had to submit to the Court's decision.

[New Haven Col. Records, 2:158-161.]

But we are getting ahead of the story. Apparently Ralph had not planned to leave New Haven when he bought Platt's land there early in 1649, but by 1650 he had settled in East Hampton, Long Island. Doubtless he was then over 60, and the leader in this move may well have been his son-in-law, Thomas Baker, husband of his daughter Alice, a man of ability who quickly became very prominent in their new home. Baker had been living in Milford, near New Haven, where he joined the church 12 Dec. 1643 and received his dismissal to East Hampton in Sept. 1650. In that connection, it is of interest that Mrs. Alice Baker never joined the church while her family lived in Milford, so it seems quite possible that her mother did not join in New Haven.

In East Hampton Ralph Dayton was appointed agent to the Connecticut Colony in 1651, and was chosen for Constable 7 Oct. 1651. On 13 Feb. 1654/5, he gave land to his son Robert, reserving life use to himself and his wife. The wife then living, whether Alice or another, did not long survive, since the widow Mary Haynes became his wife a little over a year later. He was mentioned as father-in-law of Thomas Baker in 1657. Before 1661 Ralph's widow Mary had married Fulk Davis; she had some difference with Mr. Thomas Baker and Robert Dayton, [son-in-law and son], signed a document with her mark, and it was mentioned that her first husband was James Haynes. [East Hampton Town Records, 1:10, 17, 55, 114, 183.]

Ralph's will, dated 25 July 1658, gave his wife Mary £60 sterling as by agreement, mentioning the "land at Southold which was her owne" and "this house at Northampton." His son Samuel was to have this house and land at Northampton and certain tools and a horse; his son Robert was to have specified articles. He mentions "my daughter baker" and gave to "my sonn baker" £20, and to "my son brinlye's children" £20 to be equally divided between them. The will was approved 22 Sept. 1658 and it was mentioned that Robert Dayton owed his father £10. [Southampton Town Records, 1:123; 6:265; a full copy of the will is printed in Mr. Edson C. Dayton's book, pp.16-17.]

It thus appears that not long before his death Ralph had moved from East Hampton with his son Samuel to Southampton, where his will was recorded, settling at North Sea, then called Northampton, and leaving his son Robert on the East Hampton realty which he had conveyed to him in 1655. His daughter Mrs. Alice Baker was

living, but another daughter (presumably the Ellen whose baptism was recorded in England) had married a Brinley and died leaving issue. This is clearly indicated by the legacies.

Children of Ralph and Alice (Goldhatch) (Tritton) Dayton, all baptized at Ashford, Kent:

- i. Ralph<sup>2</sup>, bapt. 28 June 1618. He is probably the Ralph Dayton who m. in 1639 Susan Burr of Walmer, Kent, and became an innholder at Ashford. Her brother, James Burr, in his will dated 9 Feb. 1680/1, probated 7 Feb. 1681/2, calls Ralph his brother-in-law and names Ralph's children Robert, Ralph, Thomas, James, Susan, and Alice. The names of the children are significant, as Robert could be for his brother and Alice for his mother. Although odd that no reference is made to him in the will of Ralph<sup>1</sup>, the father had not seen him for 40 years, the son may have received aid before the father left England, he was probably in no need of further aid since innholders usually did well financially, and there may have been reasons unknown to us why he was "cut off."
- ii. Alice, bapt. 21 May 1620; d. 4 Feb. 1708 in 88th year (family record), or 6 Feb. 1708/9 ae. about 89 [East Hampton Town Records, 5:557]; m. 20 June 1643, Thomas Baker, b. at Ashford, Kent, in Sept. 1620 (family record) or 29 Sept. 1618 [Baker Ancestry], d. 30 Apr. 1700 ae. 82 (family record), [East Hampton Town Records, 5:554]. "Mr." Baker, as he became known in East Hampton, was a foremost citizen of that town. He evidently married Alice in this country and they settled in Milford. He was called of Milford when (10 May 1650) he bought East Hampton land holdings of Capt. Daniel How. This was four months before he was dismissed from the Milford Church to East Hampton, and is the reason we set the removal of both the Baker and Dayton families in 1650 rather than in 1649 as Mr. Edson C. Dayton stated in his book. In his new home Mr. Baker was Townsman in 1651, 1653, 1654, 1655 and 1657; second military officer, 1654; Magistrate, 1661, 1663; Deputy, Feb. 1664/5; Patentee and Constable,

1667; Trustee, 1686; and Commissioner, 1688. [East Hampton Town Records, 1:4, 10, 32, 58, 59, 88, 112, 180, 200, 225, 253, 255; 2:223.] For further records of the Baker family, reference should be made to Frank Baker, Baker Ancestry (1914), and to important additions and corrections by Mrs. James T. Watts in The American Genealogist, 9:201-204.

- + iii. Samuel, bapt. 7 Feb. 1624; d. 5 July 1690; see forward.
- iv. Ellen, bapt. 3 Dec. 1626; it was probably she who m. Brinley and left children referred to in the will of Ralph<sup>1</sup> Dayton, *supra*.
- v. Robert, bapt. 3 Jan. 1628/9; d. at East Hampton, 16 Apr. 1712 aged "about 84"; will dated 11 Feb. 1710/11, codicil 14 Apr. 1714, probated 1 Nov. 1712 [N. Y. Wills, 2:98-100, with correction, 16:67]; m. (1) Elizabeth Woodruff, dau. of John and Anne Woodruff; perhaps had a second wife. He was made freeman, Jan. 1657/8; Townsman, 1662, 1664; Selectman, 1674; Overseer, 1683; and Trustee, 1686 [East Hampton Town Records, 1:119, 197, 213, 366; 2:106, 194]. He was ancestor of the East Hampton branch, for which see Herbert F. Seversmith, Colonial Families of Long Island, New York, and Connecticut, pp. 879-900, and articles by Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr., in The American Genealogist, 22:129-141; 34:5-11. The children of Robert were:
  - 1. Elizabeth<sup>3</sup>, b. about 1653-4; d. 25 Jan. 1729/30 ae. about 76; m. about 1671 Philip Leek, b. at New Haven 26 Aug. 1646, d. 24 Sept. 1717 ae. about 70. She had a deed for love from her father, 29 Aug. 1702 [East Hampton Town Records, 3:47], and probably because of this is not mentioned in Robert's will.
  - 2. (Possibly a daughter, mother of the granddaughter Mary Terrill named in Robert Dayton's will.)

3. Robert, b. about 1660; d. 21 Oct. 1704; m.  
Hannah -----.
4. Samuel, b. about 1666; d. 25 Jan. 1746 ae.  
about 80; m. (1) -----, who d. 31 Aug.  
1704; m. (2) 21 Aug. 1705, Dorothy (King)  
Brown, b. 11 July 1664, d. 22 Mar. 1750.
5. Daniel, probably d. young, unmarried:  
Robert's sons Samuel and Daniel were  
mentioned [East Hampton Town Records,  
1:468, 470] unless Daniel's name was mis-  
read; no mention of him in Robert's will.
6. Beriah, b. about 1672; d. 30 Apr. 1746 ae.  
74; m. Jane ----- (perhaps Miller), b.  
about 1675, d. 21 Feb. 1754.
7. Alice, possibly but not necessarily by a sec-  
ond wife of Robert; m. 9 July 1702  
William Edwards, as his second wife.

## II

## NOTES ON THE EAST HAMPTON DAYTONS

Our account will follow more particularly the branch of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Dayton of Brookhaven, but it has been decided to include the following notes on the immediate descendants of his brother, Robert<sup>2</sup> Dayton of East Hampton, who had three surviving sons, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, and Beriah<sup>3</sup>, as shown above. To each of these we shall devote a short section below. For later descendants of the local East Hampton branch, the reader should refer to Jeannette Edwards Rattray, East Hampton History (1953), pp. 266-279. In the early generations we are able to make a few additions and corrections.

Robert<sup>3</sup> Dayton (Robert<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>), born about 1660, died at East Hampton 21 Oct. 1704, being then called "Jr." as he died in his father's lifetime; married Hannah ———. Their two sons, Robert and John, were remembered in the will of their grandfather, Robert Dayton, Sr. If either grandson died without a male heir, his land was to go to the other brother, and if both Robert and John died without male heirs, the land was to go to (their uncles) Samuel and Beriah, sons of Robert, Sr. From this it may be inferred that they were the only sons of Robert, Jr., since his father was evidently influenced by the English idea of entailing a landed estate to the male heirs, so probably would also have felt the English liking for primogeniture; and if Robert, Jr., had left other sons (which is the theory of Mr. Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr.), they ought to have been named as contingent heirs in the entailment of the estate.

Children of Robert<sup>3</sup> and Hannah ( ) Dayton, born at East Hampton:

- i. Robert<sup>4</sup>, b. about 1692; d. 28 July 1722 ae. about 30; no trace of widow or children found.
- ii. Hannah, b. about 1696; bapt. 27 Sept. 1701; d. 9 Apr. 1712 ae. 16 (gravestone, which calls her dau. of Robert and Hannah); called dau. of "widow Hannah" at death, in church records.
- iii. Mary, b. [say 1698-1700]; bapt. 27 Sept. 1701; m. 26 Nov. 1724, George Smith. Mary wife of George Smith owned the Covenant at East Hampton 22 May

1737 and the same date their children were baptized, viz.: Dayton, Hannah, Rachel, George and Robert. It will be noted that she named children for both parents, which assures us that she is correctly identified.

- iv. John, bapt. 27 June 1703; d. 13 June 1714 ae. 12 (grave-stone, which calls him son of Robert and Hannah); the church record calls him at death "son of Wid Han."

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Samuel<sup>3</sup> Dayton (Robert<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>), born about 1666, died at East Hampton 30 Jan. 1745/6, aged "about 80"; married first, , who died as unnamed wife of Samuel 31 Aug. 1704; married second, 21 Aug. 1705, Dorothy (King) Brown, born 11 July 1664, died 22 Mar. 1750 in 86th year (gravestone), widow of Richard Brown of Southold.

Samuel's will, 2 Nov. 1739, proved 3 Apr. 1746, named wife Dorothy; grandson Henry Dayton and sons Daniel and Nathan, all of whom received land; son Jonathan Dayton, who received £40; son-in-law William Osborn, to have land for life and then the land to go to his daughter Hannah Mulford; daughter Elizabeth Osborn; and the four youngest children of daughter Joanah Serle [N. Y. Wills, 4:180-1]. Samuel Dayton in Jan. 1710/11 entered an ear mark for his son Daniel [East Hampton Town Records, 3:263].

Children of Samuel and [first wife] Dayton, born at East Hampton:

- i. Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>, b. about 1692; d. 14 Oct. 1744 in 53d year (gravestone); m. 3 Dec. 1713, William Osborn.
- ii. Daniel, b. about 1694; d. 4 Sept. 1762 in 68th year (gravestone); m. (1) 4 Jan. 1716/17, Deborah Brown, his stepsister, b. at Southold 5 Mar. 1692/3, d. in childbed at East Hampton, 6 Nov. 1717 (ae. 24 by gravestone), dau. of Richard and Dorothy (King) Brown; m. (2) at East Hampton, 9 Nov. 1720, Mary Parsons, b. say 1700, living 1761, dau. of Robert and Mary (Dominy) Parsons. Daniel's will, 14 Sept. 1761, proved 19 May 1763, named wife Mary; son Daniel, chief heir, he to pay the other legacies; son Henry and his three children, Deborah, Hannah and Samuel; daughter Mary Mulford and three of her children, Mary, Jonathan and Nathan [N. Y. Wills,

6:269]. Child by first wife:

1. Henry<sup>5</sup>, b. doubtless Nov. 1717; bapt. 19 Oct. 1718; m. 4 Dec. 1738 Hannah Parsons, bapt. 22 June 1718, dau. of Samuel and Hannah (Baker) Parsons. They had children: Deborah, bapt. 16 Dec. 1739; Hannah, bapt. 30 Jan. 1742/3; Henry, bapt. Jan. 1747, d. young; and Samuel, b. 21 Mar. 1753.

Children by second wife:

2. Daniel, bapt. 7 July 1723.
  3. Jonathan, bapt. 24 Sept. 1727; the "son" who d. 16 June 1736 ae. almost 9; "drank strong drink the night before, after ye North Windmill was raised."
  4. Mary, bapt. 4 Nov. 1733; m. [Jonathan?] Mulford.
- iii. Joanna, b. [say 1696]; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Searl.
- iv. A child, d. 9 Mar. 1697/8.
- v. Jonathan, bapt. 3 Aug. 1701; d. at Elizabeth, N.J., 1776 in 76th year (gravestone); m. (1) Mary \_\_\_\_\_, who d. 18 Mar. 1734 in 33d year (gravestone); m. (2) Patience \_\_\_\_\_, who d. 14 Jan. 1744 in 34th year (gravestone); m. (3) by license of 5 Apr. 1746, Elizabeth Hull, who d. 17 Oct. 1766 in 70th year (gravestone). [It seems unlikely to us that he was the Jonathan Dayton who m. at Southold, 12 Feb. 1719/20, Rachel Ramsey, dau. of Simon Ramsey of Southold, as he would have been but 18 at that time, but it is not impossible, and if so, he was four times married.] Of his family we have made no thorough study, but he seems to have had by Patience at least four sons:
1. Elias<sup>5</sup>, b. 1 May 1737; d. 22 Oct. 1807; Lieut., 1756, Capt. 1760, serving under

Wolfe at Quebec and against Pontiac near Detroit; Col., 3 Batt., N.J. Line, 1776; Member of Congress, 1787-8, and of N.J. Assembly, 1791-2, 1794-6. Of his eight children, Jonathan<sup>6</sup> (b. 16 Oct. 1760, d. 9 Oct. 1824), grad. Coll. of N.J., 1776, was in the N.J. Assembly 1786-7, and in the Federal Convention signed the Constitution; in the N.J. Council 1789 and assembly (Speaker) 1790; Member of Congress (2nd, 3rd, and 4th, and Speaker of the 5th); and Senator, 1799-1805. Involvement with Burr checked his political career. For full account of the careers of Elias<sup>5</sup> and Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, see Dict. of American Biography, 5:165. Dayton, Ohio, was named for Jonathan<sup>6</sup>.

2. Daniel, b. about 1740; d. at Elizabeth, N.J., 19 Feb. 1808 ae. 67 (gravestone); m. Hannah ———, who d. 24 Mar. 1816 ae. 66 (gravestone).
  3. Robert, b. 1742; d. 1814; residence, Basking Ridge, N.J.; grandfather of William Lewis<sup>7</sup> Dayton, candidate for Vice-President on the Republican ticket in 1856.
  4. Jonathan, b. about 1743-4; d. 17 Oct. 1794 in 51st year (gravestone); a physician; m. Margaret ———, who d. 2 Dec. 1789 in 41st year (gravestone).
- vi. Nathan, bapt. 18 July 1703; d. at East Hampton, 3 Oct. 1763 in 61st year (gravestone); m. 11 Nov. 1725, Amy Stratton, b. about 1699, d. 25 Sept. 1749 in 51st year (gravestone). His will, 10 Mar. 1763, proved 30 June 1764, named sons Nathan, Abraham, and Joshua; son Samuel to be supported for life by Nathan; daughters Elizabeth and Joana [N. Y. Wills, 6:342-3]. Children, b. at East Hampton:

1. Samuel<sup>5</sup>, bapt. 25 Sept. 1726; incompetent,

cared for by brother Nathan; living 1773.

2. Nathan, bapt. 13 Oct. 1728; d. in 1773 between 3 Feb. and 5 Mar. (date of will and its probate); although his name is printed as Nathaniel, he is this Nathan because he provides for support of his brother Samuel; m. Phebe Mulford; will names sons Nathan, Abraham and Elias, daughters Amy, Phebe and Mary, and brother Samuel Mulford [N. Y. Wills, 8:110].
3. Amy, bapt. 29 Nov. 1730; doubtless the "daughter of Nathan" who d. 28 Oct. 1741, though the age is misstated or misread as 16 (she was 11).
4. Elizabeth, bapt. 15 Apr. 1733.
5. Abraham, bapt. 9 Mar. 1734/5; "son of Nathan" d. 28 Aug. 1736 ae. 2.
6. Joanna, bapt. 27 Mar. 1737; d. young.
7. Abraham, bapt. 4 May 1740.
8. Joshua.
9. Joanna, bapt. in 1747.

Child of Samuel and Dorothy (King) (Brown) Dayton:

- vii. Samuel, bapt. 26 Jan. 1706/7; d. 23 Apr. 1726 in 20th year (gravestone).

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Beriah<sup>3</sup> Dayton (Robert<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>), born about 1672, died at East Hampton 30 Apr. 1746, aged 74 (gravestone); married Jane \_\_\_\_\_, born about 1675, died 21 Feb. 1754, aged 79 (gravestone), said to have been Jane Miller, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Diament) Miller, which may be true though we have not seen evidence for the statement.

His will, dated 18 Feb. 1746, proved 19 Sept. 1746, named wife Jane, sons Jeremiah, John and Beriah, and daughters Rachel

Diament, Martha Brown, Esther Brown, Maria Conkling, and Jane Dayton [N. Y. Wills, 4:95-7].

Children of Beriah and Jane ( ) Dayton, born at East Hampton:

- i. A child<sup>4</sup>, d. 8 Sept. 1699.
- ii. Rachel, bapt. 8 Dec. 1700; m. 23 Apr. 1730, John Diament.
- iii. John, bapt. Mar. 1702/3; d. 19 Apr. 1776; m. (1) 2 Mar. 1720/1, Joanna Parsons, b. about 1700, d. 22 Sept. 1752 in 53d year (gravestone); m. (2) 8 June 1754, 8  
Abigail ( ) Parsons, widow of Seth Parsons.  
His will, 5 Mar. 1768, proved 27 Apr. 1776, named wife Abigail and referred to her first husband, Seth Parsons; son John; four daughters, Joanna, Elizabeth, Phebe, and Martha; grandsons John, David and Josiah Dayton [N. Y. Wills, 8:343-4]. Children by first wife:
  1. Joanna<sup>5</sup>, bapt. 21 Oct. 1722; m. 25 Dec. 1740, Uriah Miller, son of Nathan.
  2. Elizabeth, bapt. 27 Dec. 1724; m. 30 Jan. 1746, John Gardiner.
  3. Phebe, bapt. 2 July 1727; m. Aug. 1748, Samuel Conkling.
  4. John, bapt. 1 Mar. 1729/30; continued the line in East Hampton.
  5. Martha, bapt. 16 Sept. 1739.
- iv. Martha, bapt. 17 May 1705; m. 16 Mar. 1725/6, David Brown.
- v. Beriah, bapt. 23 Oct. 1709; d. it is said 27 Sept. 1791; m. Susannah [Sandford?], b. about 1712, d. 22 July 1743 in 31st year (gravestone). Children:
  1. David<sup>5</sup>, bapt. 15 Aug. 1731.

2. Jesse, bapt. 4 May 1735.
3. Mary, bapt. 24 May 1741.
- vi. Esther, bapt. 14 June 1713; m. 27 Oct. 1736, Sylvanus Brown.
- vii. Jeremiah, bapt. 22 Apr. 1716; m. (1) 29 Dec. 1742, Mary Conkling, dau. of Cornelius, Jr., who d. 5 Mar. 1764; m. (2) Jane (Conkling) Waters. He also continued the line in East Hampton.
- viii. Jane, bapt. 5 June 1720.
- ix. Mary, bapt. 10 Mar. 1722/3; m. 21 Dec. 1741, Jeremiah Conkling.

## III

## SAMUEL DAYTON

Samuel<sup>2</sup> Dayton, baptized at Ashford, Kent, England, 7 Feb. 1624, died at Brookhaven, Long Island, N. Y., 5 July 1690; married first, "Madlen" [Magdalen or Madeleine]\_\_\_\_\_, living 1656; married second, presumably, by license dated 14 May 1666, Mary Dingle, but if the marriage occurred she did not long survive; married third, about 1669, Elizabeth (Harvey) Beardsley, widow of Thomas Beardsley of Stratford, Conn.

Samuel seems to have roamed about considerably in his youth. In 1645 he was in New Haven with his father as we have seen, but in 1646 he had "but latly come to towne." Possibly he had been with the Bakers in Milford, or with relatives elsewhere, for a few months. He clearly left New Haven before his father did (1650), for between 1646 when he was living in New Haven and 1648 when he settled in Southampton, he had been living in Flushing, Long Island.

On 6 May 1648, the Town of Southampton "ordered that Samuel Dayton shall be accepted as an Inhabitant, & hath A fifty pound lot granted unto him provided the said Samuel (being a stranger to us) weare of good approbation in ye place where he last lived at Flushing, and do demeane himself well heare for ye time of approbation namely six months next to come" [Southampton Town Records, 1:50]. This record was cited by Mr. Edson C. Dayton as dated 13 Oct. 1643, but we believe that this was an error on his part. On page 30 there is a record dated 13 Oct. 1643, but it makes no mention of Dayton. The record of 6 May 1648, which reads as above, is followed by a record dated 12 May 1648. In 1643 Samuel Dayton was only 19, and it strains our credulity to believe that at this age or younger he had been "on his own" in Flushing and that the Southampton townsmen would admit him an inhabitant and grant him land. The Flushing records of that period are lost, depriving us of any help from that source.

Samuel probably married soon after settling in Southampton in 1648. On 12 Sept. 1653, his wife, name not mentioned, was sued for slander by Thomas Vail for £40, and four days later a jury gave the plaintiff £3 damage with cost of Court [ibid., 1:93].

On 2 June 1654, Robert Marvin acknowledged receipt of full payment for his house and land in Southampton, from Samuel Dayton who already had possession, and Ralf Dayton witnessed the release [ibid., 1:129]. John Howell on 12 Dec. 1656 entered his

purchase from "Medlin Dayton ye wife of Samuel Dayton with his consent" of four acres in the Great Plains next to the 4 acres commonly called by the name of Harcres lot, and the meadow belonging to it [ibid., 1:135]. Presumably this was land inherited by Samuel's wife, and it might give a clue to her identity; "Harcres lot" evidently refers to William Harker, one of the original undertakers of the settlement of Southampton [ibid., 1:5]. He was from Lynn, Mass., and returned there.

In 1658 Samuel received by his father's will the property which Ralph had at North Sea. On 6 Mar. 1659 [1659/60] Samuel Dayton acknowledged that he sold to Mr. John Scott about 20 June last, for the use of Mr. Anthony Waters, his realty "at ye North Sea belonging to Southampton, which said accomodations did belong unto the said Samuel his father Ralph Dayton, except only ye home lot whereupon the said Samuella dwelleth." Included in the sale was "a home lott lying on that side of the creek (at ye North Sea afforesaid) on which ffulk Davis Dwelleth." Altogether this made a £100 lotment [ibid., 2:204]. As we have seen, Fulk Davis had married Ralph Dayton's widow.

On 28 Dec. 1663, Samuel Dayton of North Sea, cordwainer, sold to Jonathan King of Boston his house and home lot at North Sea, the sale to be void if Dayton should pay King £17. 2s. 7d. before the first of the following December [1664] [ibid., 2:38]. This of course was a mortgage, and cordwainer was an old term for shoemaker, showing that Samuel followed his father's trade. However, the sale of all but his house and home lot in 1659/60, and the mortgaging of the latter in 1663, followed as we shall see by apprenticing out two of his boys the next year, indicate that he was not prosperous. In fact, in 1666 he sold the house and home lot at North sea, again calling himself "cordwinder" [ibid., 5:203].

On 25 Dec. 1664, Samuel Dayton "Disposed of my sonne Jacob unto my Brother Thomas Backer and Alice his wife" for 14 years, "to doe for him as his owne," and the same date in a similar way he disposed of his son Caleb to Joshua Garlick, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth for 16 years. The latter arrangement did not work out, so on 26 Aug. 1668 "Tho Backer and Robert Daiton being desired by samuel Daiton have desposed of his son Caleb" to John Jessup of Southampton and his wife Mary for 12 years and 4 months. [East Hampton Town Records, 1:223, 224, 288].

In addition to not being prosperous and having a family of six boys and possibly a girl or two as well, Samuel had probably lost his wife by 1664 when the two younger boys were apprenticed, for on 14 May 1666 he obtained a license to marry one Mary Dingle

[Marriage Licenses, New York, p. 99]. Presumptively the marriage took place, though no proof has been seen that it did. The name Dingle has not been found at that period on Long Island, but in Hempstead a family appears whose name is variously spelled Dingee, Dinge, and Dingey; and the spelling Dingee could easily be misread as Dingle, so perhaps Mary's name was really Dingee (Dingey).

Where Samuel lived after selling his North Sea house in 1666 and before purchasing one in Setauket is not known, but on 8 May 1668 he bought a home lot from Richard Smith at Setauket, a village then in Brookhaven. Mr. Osborn Shaw of Bellport, Long Island, has pointed out that the term Brookhaven, as applied to the ancient township, "must not be confused with the modernly named village of that name, just east of Bellport, which stole the old name of Setauket and of the Town about 1871, prior to which it was known as Fireplace and has been a cause of confusion ever since." We may believe that Samuel became more prosperous after settling in Setauket, and certainly he was more prominent, being at one time Constable and at another Overseer with Mr. Richard Woodhull. He was often commissioned to treat with the Indians.

His last marriage was to the widow of Thomas Beardsley of Stratford, Conn., and probably occurred about 1669-70. Thomas Beardsley married at Milford, Conn., 20 Mar. 1649/50, Elizabeth Harvey. He bought in Stratford 7 Feb. 1661/2 and died there before 13 Feb. 1668/9.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Harvey) Beardsley:

1. Hannah, living 1709; m. (1) between 1675 and 1681, as his second wife, Richard Hulse of Brookhaven, b. 1640-45, d. between 4 July 1698 and 21 Aug. 1698; m. (2) Samuel Swayze.
2. Joseph, d. unmarried before 11 Dec. 1684, when the sisters with their husbands signed a document relating to his estate.
3. Mary, m. before 1684 Abraham<sup>3</sup> Dayton, son of Samuel<sup>2</sup>.

The above is based on Donald L. Jacobus, Families of Old Fairfield, 1:52-3, supplemented by Herbert F. Seversmith, Colonial Families of Long Island, New York and Connecticut, pp. 1533-4.

By the widow Beardsley, Samuel Dayton had two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth. To the wife and these daughters Samuel conveyed property 4 July 1690, the day before his death. The surviving sons by his first wife were doubtless then married and maintaining their own households.

Several accounts of the early Daytons mention a "Wilhemina", an Indian, as a fourth wife of Samuel but we have been unable to uncover any evidence of such a person.

The following items concerning Samuel Dayton are found in the Brookhaven Town Records:

1 March 1667/8. "These presents testifis that I Samuella Daiton of brookhaven doth ingage to pay or cause to be paied vnto John bud of southould the Iust sum of forty fiue pound for a house and acomadation of him bought of the saied Iohn bud to be paied as followeth aleven pound 5 shillens pressent and aleven £ 5 (fiue) shillens Pr yere for 3 yere after the date hereof paying in good marchantable pay in befe pork corn or cattle in curant marchantable price paying it the first day of march. ...." [I:78-79].

5 day of dember 1668. "at a full towne meeting there was seuerall taken in as townsmen by a free voete....at the sam tyme the towne haue granted samuell daiton a nue purchassers acomadation ecksept a home lott and medow: onely medow at the south to haue his medow the said daiton to pay the full purchase mony as other doe and haue don" [I:156].

13 Sept. 1678. "Samuell daiton had forty aker of land layd out at the South in the neck now called daitons neck Runing from River to River ecksepting the medowes that is layed out by m<sup>r</sup> wodhull as alsoe another addition of land aloyning to it of the nor est corner from a lot that was part munces [Muncy's] where the tarr mens hous stoode...." [I:61].

ye 2 day of february 1671. "It was allsoe voeted and agreed vpon that Samuell daiton is to haue laied out a quntity of vp land liing on the westward where Capt tooker wintered his cattle liing betwene two creeks that is to say two akers for one that wich is due to him from the towne."

It was soon after he got one of the above mentioned pieces of land that he left Setauket and moved to the South Side of the Town. The last mentioned piece lay between Mott's brook which forms the eastern boundary of the Incorporated Village of Bellport and Fireplace Creek, and this grant of two acres is included in the larger grant of 1678.

Though Samuel Dayton was a shoemaker by trade, he was interested in the more profitable off-shore whaling business which

he helped introduce into Brookhaven from East Hampton and Southampton. At least one of his sons was also interested in the whaling business which was called whaling "design" on Long Island, as witness the following record [Brookhaven Town Records, B:197]:

"7 of agust 1684

Iaphat Ingen [i. e. Japhet, Indian] doth ingage to goe to sea the next season after the date herof for Abram daiton being a half share man and to begin and end as the maIon [major] part doth the saide Abram fiending all tackling fitt for the desaigne."

It was very probably because of this whaling business that Samuel removed from Seatucket to the Neck which bears his name in the early records. Mott's or Osborn's Brook along the eastern boundary of Bellport is still referred to as "Dayton Run" and "Dayton's Brook." In 1681 and 1685, the Neck was called "West Hampton," very probably because of Samuel's association with Southampton, but the name was never adopted and occurs only at the dates mentioned [Brookhaven Town Records, B:74, 246]. It was on this Neck that he died, 5 July 1690, the day after he gave a deed for the property to his last wife and after her death to go to his two daughters by her, Sarah and Elizabeth. There are several conveyances from Samuel's son-in-law William Weatherby for what may be pieces of the Neck, but the Town later re-granted a large part of the Neck to Elias Bayles; whether the latter had a claim through one of the Dayton daughters, we have not ascertained.

The records of Brookhaven are so poor that we find few entries pertaining to Samuel's children and grandchildren there; Brookhaven families have to be "put together" largely by guesswork unless detailed probate is found. We are unfortunate in finding probate mention only that Samuel Dayton of Brookhaven died 5 July 1690 and that the administration on his estate was granted 19 Nov. 1691 to his eldest son Ralph [Pelletreau, Early Long Island Wills, pp 55-7]. There is no will or distribution naming the children.

Mr. Edson C. Dayton attributed ten children to Samuel Dayton, but we accept only eight as certain. Two, Daniel and Robert, we believe do not belong here. Mr. Dayton says we hear of them in East Hampton, and "their activities were of such a date that they can not be confounded with Robert's grandchildren: Daniel and Robert." We do not know of any son of Samuel who settled in East Hampton except Jacob, who was raised by his aunt and uncle Baker but by 1699 had removed to Cape May, N.J. We have been unable to find any reference in East Hampton records to a Daniel or

Robert which does not apply to sons or grandsons of Robert<sup>2</sup>. Besides the older sons, Ralph and Samuel, and the younger sons Jacob and Caleb whose apprenticeship has been noted above, deeds from Samuel to his sons Abraham and Isaac [Brookhaven Town Records, B:33; 1:61; etc.] prove their paternity. The deed to his "sonn Abram daiton" dated 20 Nov. 1680, conveyed "that piece of land that his house stands upon being fenced in about two akers," and he gave him half his swamp lot at "nue towne" and sold him the other half.

Children of Samuel and (presumably) "Medlen" [Madeleine]  
( ) Dayton:

- i. Ralph<sup>3</sup>, b. (at a guess) 1649; appears in the Brookhaven list of 1683 and was living there 1693; probably had a first wife; certainly m. (2) before 19 Nov. 1694 Elizabeth ( ) Briggs, widow of John Briggs. It seems likely Ralph had a family, but we cannot identify his children unless he was father of Rachel, Ephraim and Samuel who settled in Cohansey, Cumberland Co., N.J. Mr. Sheppard places them as older children of Robert<sup>3</sup> (Robert<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>) of East Hampton, but we think Ralph or his brother Caleb below a little more likely as candidates for their father. No death record or family found.
- ii. Samuel, b. (at a guess) 1651; drowned in Long Island Sound by the capsizing of a boat between 1677 and 1680. He was not married so far as we know.
- +iii. Abraham, b. (at a guess) 1653; d. after 21 June 1726; see forward. In this family there was an Abraham, an Isaac, and a Jacob, named after the Old Testament patriarchs, and in most families when children were so named, they were named in that order, following the biblical precedent. Since Jacob Dayton was certainly the youngest of the three in this family, it seems likely that the usual order was followed and that Abraham was older than Isaac.
- iv. Isaac, b. (at a guess) 1655; m. Rebecca Tuttle, b. at New Haven 10 Sept. 1664, dau. of Jonathan and Rebecca (Bell) Tuttle. Their children are named as Isaac, Jonathan, Mary, Hezekiah, Nathaniel, Charity, and Sarah, of whom Isaac Jr. settled in New

Haven and was progenitor of the North Haven and Waterbury, Conn. branches [Anderson, The Town and City of Waterbury, Conn.]. Mary and Charity married the brothers, Reuben and Abner Johnson of Wallingford Conn.

- v. Jacob, b. about 1657; d. in Cape May, N.J., in 1705; m. by 1680 Ruth Diamant, dau. of Thomas [East Hampton Town Records, 2:114]. His birth date is fixed by the number of years he was to serve an apprenticeship, and he was raised in East Hampton where the Town was ordered in 1686 to grant him 30 acres, he having lived there over four years; but he had already bought land there in 1681 [O'Callaghan, Documentary History of New York, 3:213; East Hampton Town Records, 2:94]. He moved to Cape May in 1693, but on 21 June 1694 published a declaration that his wife Ruth "doth prove extravagant and refuseth to be ruled by her husband or to go with him to the place that he hath provided for their habitation," and he would not therefore be responsible for her debts [East Hampton Town Records, 2:307]. She witnessed in East Hampton by mark in 1696, but in 1699 was with her husband in Cape May when they sold out in East Hampton [ibid., 2:348, 462]. The inventory of his estate was taken 7 June 1705. Their six children were all girls - Alathea, Lucy, Ruth, Jerusha, Abigail, and Anne.
- vi. Caleb, b. about Dec. 1659, determined by the time he was to serve his apprenticeship; d. at Southampton 4 Oct. 1688 [Southampton Town Records, 2:283]. No marriage, children, or probate have been found for him, though he was old enough to have left a family and must be considered as a possibility for the paternity of the Cohansey group of Daytons mentioned under his brother Ralph above.

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Harvey) (Beardsley) Dayton:

- vii. Sarah, m. William Weatherby.
- viii. Elizabeth.

## IV

## ABRAHAM DAYTON

Abraham<sup>3</sup> Dayton (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>), born perhaps about 1653, died at Brookhaven, N. Y., after 21 June 1726; married first, his stepsister, Mary Beardsley, probably about his own age, died doubtless before 1696 when he permitted the Rawlinsons of Stratford to adopt his son Caleb; married second, by 1698 or earlier, Katharine . . . , who survived him. Dr. Seversmith [op. cit.] suggests that Katharine may have been a Swayze, but on what grounds we are not informed and substantiation has not been found.

Our account of this generation and the next one is necessarily meagre, as Brookhaven records are very poor--much less full than those of East Hampton and Southampton.

Some account of the Beardsley family has been given under the second generation, supra, since Samuel<sup>2</sup> Dayton married for his last wife the mother of Mary Beardsley. The latter's marriage to Abraham Dayton is proved by a deed signed by Abraham Dayton and his wife Mary and Richard Hulse and his wife Hannah, as co-heirs and administrators of the estate of [their brother] Joseph "Beardsley," 11 Dec. 1684.

Abraham Dayton appears with his father Samuel on the Brookhaven rate list of 1675, showing that he was then of age or old enough to own taxable property; and on the 1681 list, Samuel, Abraham and "Ralf" appear. In 1693 "Ralf" and Abraham appear as Trustees of the town, but in 1697 Abraham's is the only Dayton name on a list affixed to the call of a pastor. In 1698 he conveyed property with his wife Katharine. In 1712 the Town turned over to Katharine Dayton and "her eldest son Jonathan" certain lands for use as long as either lived. These were located at "nue towne," near Setauket.

On 12 May 1696, Abraham Dayton of Brookhaven gave his son Caleb "Daighton," then aged 8 years and 5 months, to Mr. William Rawlinson and Mist<sup>rs</sup> Jane Rawlinson his wife, living in Stratford, until Caleb arrive at the age of 21, they to treat him in all respects "as if ye said Caleb was there own natural child" [Stratford Land Records, 2:497]. Since Caleb was then over eight, this arrangement cannot be explained on the ground that Caleb was an infant who had just lost his mother. It is indeed possible that she had recently died and that Abraham before his second marriage could provide better for older children of his first marriage than he could for this boy of eight. On the other hand, if Mary had recently

died, it is rather surprising that she failed to leave younger children under the age of eight, unless such possible younger children had died in infancy. If Caleb was Mary's youngest child, it is not impossible that she died not long after his birth (the end of 1687) and that Abraham had already been married for some time to Katharine. On the whole, we favor the view that Abraham was a widower in 1696 when Caleb was given to the Rawlinsons. We know that Mary was living in 1684; that Caleb was born at the end of 1687; that he was almost certainly Mary's son; that Caleb was given to the Rawlinsons in 1696; and that Abraham had married Katharine by 1698. That is all we do know.

Except for Caleb and Katharine's "eldest" son Jonathan, and daughter Deborah, we lack absolute record proof of other children, but believe there were several children by both wives. It will be noted that Abraham was born about 1653 and separately taxed in 1675 and 1681, yet Caleb was not born until 1687 when Abraham would have been about 34. We do not know Mary's age, but her parents were married in 1650, so Mary could have been near Abraham in age though possibly younger. The likelihood of older children than Caleb is therefore apparent, and it furthermore seems unlikely that Abraham would have given his only child, if Caleb were such, for adoption.

With some diffidence we suggest that Abraham and Jacob Dayton of Salem County, N.J., may have been older sons of Abraham Dayton of Brookhaven. Jacob died intestate in 1742, leaving a widow Ann; while Abraham died testate in 1745, leaving his property to Hannah Graves (and others of the Graves name, perhaps her children), not specified as relatives [N.J. Archives, Wills, 2:132-3, 137-8]. Otherwise, we find no son Abraham named after the father, and the affiliation of these two New Jersey Daytons has always been a mystery. Incidentally, there was an Isaac Dayton of Hanover, Morris Co., N.J., a clothier, who died in 1751, leaving a widow Anne [ibid., 2:138]. We would not wish to push conjecture too far, but it is at least a peculiar coincidence to find the three patriarchal names of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, found in the Brookhaven family, repeated thus in the next generation in New Jersey; and the wave of migration from Long Island to New Jersey is well known. We also find a record of a Jacob Dayton who was licensed to marry Grace Thurston at Jamaica, L.I., 24 Nov. 1714, and this conceivably could have been a first marriage of the New Jersey Jacob. It is also of interest that our Henry<sup>4</sup> Dayton, undoubted son of Abraham, mentioned owning land in Gloucester Co., N.J., when he died, and that is adjacent to Salem

County where these other Dayton settled. However, these New Jersey Daytons could have been of a different connection (it is certain that they did not descend from Robert<sup>2</sup> of East Hampton), and our suggestion is merely tentative. We shall enter only Caleb as a child of Abraham's first marriage, though believing there were others.

By the second wife, Jonathan and Deborah are the only children positively proved by record, but as Jonathan was called eldest son of Katharine, the inference is that there were younger sons. Without hesitation we place our own Henry among them, since he named children Abraham and Katharine after both parents. Indeed, we should be hard put to it to find a different father for him in the third generation.

Mr. Edson C. Dayton in his excellent book naturally assumed that Abraham Dayton "expired before 1712" because of the fact that the Town in that year granted the improvement of a certain acreage to Katharine Dayton and her eldest son Jonathan, but the fact is that Abraham was still living in 1726. Hence a more probable interpretation of this record is that Abraham was considered improvident and that the grant was made on these terms for the protection of his family.

On 21 June 1726, "Abraham Datan of Brook Haven on Long Island in the province of New York. . . in consideration of the love and good will which I have for my son in Law John Rogers of New London. . . [conveys to Rogers] all such Right Estate Title Interest Claim and demand which I now have or ought to have of in and unto any Housing fences Lands Commons or common Rights or any other Estate by any ways or means what so ever belonging to me in the Township of New Haven" [New Haven Land Records, 7:281]. The two witnesses were New London men, and Abraham personally acknowledged the deed there eight days later. The vague terms of the deed suggest that Abraham owned no property in New Haven in his own right but felt it possible that he might have some claim in the right of his grandfather, Ralph Dayton. That this hope did not materialize is indicated by the failure of John Rogers to sell the rights so conveyed to him.

The deed is of great importance in proving that Abraham survived to 1726 and also in proving that he was the father of the Deborah Dayton whose marriage to John Rogers in 1718/19 is recorded in New London. It also makes it probable that Ephraim Dayton who married in New London a year later and settled there was a brother of Deborah. It is also of interest that Deborah's husband, John<sup>3</sup> Rogers (Joseph<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was a nephew and

namesake of the noted John Rogers, founder of the Rogerene sect; and that John and Deborah named one of their several children Katherine, doubtless for Deborah's mother. According to James Swift Rogers, [James Rogers and His Descendants (1902)], one of the sons of John and Deborah Rogers settled in Lyme, thus placing in that town a first cousin of our Henry<sup>5</sup> Dayton who might have met his future wife while visiting there.

Only proved child of Abraham and Mary (Beardsley) Dayton:

- i. Caleb<sup>4</sup>, b. about Dec. 1687; d. at Newtown, Conn., between 12 Nov. 1730 (date of will) and 18 Jan. 1730/1 (date of inventory) [Fairfield Probate District, File 1899]. He was adopted and brought up by William and Jane Rawlinson at Stratford, Conn., but kept his birth name as was then customary. Mr. Rawlinson died in 1712 and aside from a legacy to Elizabeth Beardsley for her care and service left his property to his "Loveing Adopted Son Caleb Daughton." Caleb m. at Stratford, 10 Dec. 1713, Mary Foote, doubtless dau. of Daniel and Sarah Foote of Stratford. He moved from Stratford to Newtown, Conn., early in 1714 [Stratford Deeds, 2:198, 279]. His widow m. (2) 31 Dec. 1735, Ebenezer Baldwin of New Milford, Conn. Dayton children: Josiah<sup>5</sup>, Mary, Abraham, Jonah, Daniel, Amos, Jehiel. Caleb founded the Newtown and New Milford branches, from which Mr. Edson C. Dayton descended.

Proved or certain children of Abraham and Katherine( )  
Dayton:

- ii. Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, b. probably 1698 or earlier; may be the Jonathan who m. at Greenwich, Conn., 13 Aug. 1718, Mary Buttis, as well as the Jonathan who later appears in New London, Conn. records. Jonathan and his family were a town charge on 23 Apr. 1724 [Brookhaven Town Records, C:119]. In 1712, as we have seen, the Town granted liberty to Catharine (or Katharine) Dayton and Jonathan her "Eldest son" to improve 20 acres of land about 3/4 of a mile west of the Flax Pond, in Old Field [*ibid.*, C:60]. He was living on this land, and so was Abram Dayton's Negro

woman, probably a slave, when it became necessary for the Town to support her, in 1724 and 1725 [*ibid.*, C:119, 126].

- +iii. Henry, b. perhaps by 1700; d. in 1762; see forward.
- iv. Deborah, b. around 1700; m. (1) at First Church, New London, Conn., 1 Feb. 1718/19, John Rogers, b. 20 Mar. 1675/6 [per the Rogers genealogy, *supra*], d. at New London 14 July 1739 "aged 60 odd" [*Diary of Joshua Hempstead*, p. 353]; m. (2) or at any rate "Wid. Deborah Rogers Publisht" 27 May 1758, to Samuel Williams [*ibid.*, p. 703]. The Rogers genealogy credits this second marriage to her.

Probable other children of Abraham and Katharine ( )  
Dayton:

- v. Ephraim b. before 1700; d. at New London, Conn., 26 May 1748; m. at First Church, New London, 27 Oct. 1720, Deliverance Willoughby.
- vi. David, b. about 1704; d. at Stratford, Conn., in 1742 aged 38; m. at Brookhaven, 21 July 1729, Eunice (Brewster) Chauncy, b. at Brookhaven 15 June 1701, widow of Mr. John Chauncy [son of Rev. Charles of Stratfield, grandson of Rev. Israel of Stratford, and great-grandson of Rev. Charles Chauncey, president of Harvard], dau. of Daniel and Anna (Jayne) Brewster and granddau. of Rev. Nathaniel and Sarah (Ludlow) Brewster. It will be noted that Henry<sup>4</sup> Dayton named a son David, probably for this presumptive brother. This line was carried on in Stratford by a son, Brewster Dayton.

## V

## HENRY DAYTON

Henry<sup>4</sup> Dayton (Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>), born in Brookhaven, N. Y., perhaps by 1700, died there in 1762; married Abigail<sup>4</sup> Norton, daughter of Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Norton by his unknown wife. Jonathan, born in or shortly before 1684, died in or shortly before 1751, was son of Nathaniel<sup>2</sup> and Mary (Mills) Norton of Brookhaven, and grandson of George<sup>1</sup> and Mary ( ) Norton of Salem, Mass., and of Richard and (Nichols) Mills. Abigail Norton was thus a descendant of Sergt. Francis Nichols, who was the first officer in charge of the military company at Stratford, Conn. For the Norton connection, see the article of Dr. Herbert F. Sever-smith in The American Genealogist, 15:193-199. Dr. Seversmith errs slightly, however, in calling Abigail's husband "Henry Dayton of Brookhaven, New York, and Colchester, Conn.," for as we shall see, it was his son, Henry Jr., who settled in Colchester.

Henry seems to have been the most prosperous member of the family in his direct line, up to his time. His will shows that he owned three houses and various lands in Brookhaven and also land in Egg Harbor, Gloucester Co., N. J., and indicates that he advanced the money for the purchase of the property in Colchester, Conn., which his son, Henry Jr., bought in his own name. It also shows that he owned Negro slaves.

We do not get much biographical data about Henry because of the unfortunate deficiencies of the Brookhaven records. John Tooker of Brookhaven, in his will 15 June 1750, mentions lots he owned called "Scirt Lots . . . lying west of Henry Daytons homestead on the point of the hill" [New York Wills, 4:379].

There are two abstracts of the will of Henry Dayton in print. One was made by Joseph H. Petty and was published in 1881 in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, 12:48; the other by William S. Pelletreau and published in the New York Historical Society Abstracts of Wills, 6:143-144 in 1898. The latter is much more detailed, but oddly enough omits the name (Katharine) of the younger daughter of Henry. There are also a few slight differences in the reading of names, and we are following the copy made from the recorded will in the 1870's by the late Charles Nathan Dayton of New York:

"In the name of God Amen. The seventh day of Oct. ano Domini 1759 I Henry Daten of Brook Haven in the County of Suffolk Pro-

vince of New York on Nassau Island Yeoman being low in health but sound in mind and memory thanks be to God for the same, Calling to mind my own mortality and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in Manner as followeth. In primas and first of all I recommend my soule to Almighty God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a desent & Christian like manner at the discesion of my executors hereafter mentioned and touching my wordly estate, wherewith it hath plas'd God to bless with, I dispose as followeth. first I give to my well beloved wife, Abigail Dayton besides her lawful dower the half of my dwelling house that I formerly lived in, now in the tenure of Justus Brown during the time of her remaining my Widow, and also I give to her the negro wench named, Charity and half the use of the orchard where my son Norton Daten lives during her widowhood.

"Item, I give and bequeath to my eldest son Henry Dayton all that farm or tract of Land in New England, that he now lives on with every part & parcel of the same to him his heirs and assignees for ever, I likewise give & bequeath to my son Henry aforesaid, five of my Long Lots on Long Island beginning at the most eastermost Lot & taking them together, to him & his heirs & assignes forever.

"Item, I give and bequeath to my second son Norton Daten the house and homestead of land I had of George Tucker during his natural life, also I give & bequeath to him one third part of my meadow lying in the old Man's Meadow, being the eastmost part, during his life, likewise my upper land. I give & bequeath to my son Norton Daten the western acre lot together also with two large lots, lying near, adjoining to the same all the above premises during his natural life.

"Item, I give to my well beloved son David Daten my tract of land in Eggharbour in the County of Gloucester that I bought of Jeremiah Adams, to him his heirs & assignes for their own proper use forever.

"Item, I give & bequeath to my youngest son Abraham Daten the dwelling house & all the building together, with all the land I bought of Charles Tucker except the eastern lot which I have given to Norton Daten, also I give to my son Abraham one nine acre and two ten acre lots and all my woodland joining thereto, that lyeth westward of Cowram path and the twenty acre lot, also one twelve acre lott & a short lot adjoining to it, & a quarter of a lot [of] land joining with Lisua Tucker, I likewise give & bequeath to him the said Abraham Daten the 'Pikele' with all the meadows joining to it

comonly known by the name of Long Hollow likewise all my meadows in the old mans meadow with 2 shears on the Beach to him his heirs & assigns forever.

"Item, I give & bequeath to my eldest Dafter Abigal Satters [probably miscopied for "Watters" from the original will into the official record] fifty pounds, besides what she got, which is one mare, two cows & calves, two potts, two beds, and furniture, six silver spoons, to her heirs and assigns forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Cathrine Daten six silver spoons and two feather Beds and furniture worth fifteen pounds and as much other Household Goods as to make the two above articles fifty pounds and fifty pounds in cash to her and her heirs & assigns forever.

"Likewise [I] value a small Negro Girl Deft [?] at sixty pounds and order that she go to my two daftors at that Value to pay part of their Portions which I have given to them as Cash for the same Each one to have equal value. ~Item I likewise give to my son David Daten a small Negro Boy named Ishmael now about 3 years and an half old to him & his heirs & assigns forever, likewise I ordain and appoint Collonel W<sup>m</sup> Smith Timothy Norton and my loving wife Abigal Daton and my sons Norton Datton David Daton and Abraham Datton to be the sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. I do hereby ordain and appoint my Executors to sell and dispose all such Lands and Meadows as shall be found belonging to me on Long Island as is not hereby given away In particular one piece of Land and Meadows at South allso a Certain farm known by the name of Comsewoog also a Certain Tract of Land I had of Moses Burnit together with all my lands lying betwixt Samuel Datens and Drowned Meadow laid out in Scirt Lotts likewise all to the Southward of Samuel Datens likewise a ten acre Lott lying in the Town I bought of Benjamin Jones the said money arising therefrom to pay my Just debts and defray such charges as shall arise on the same and the residue if any to be Equelly divided amongst my children and I do hereby Utterly disalow revoke and Disanule all and every other former Will and Testament heretofore by me given allowing this to be last will and Testament

"in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and year above Written

Henry Daton (LS)

Signed sealed and declared to be his last will and testament in presence of William Oatman  
Henry Junery [Jenners?]  
Robt. Morss"

The will was proved 16 March 1762 before Henry Smith, Surrogate, by Abigail Dayton, Norton Dayton, and Timothy Norton, the executors named.

Children of Henry and Abigail (Norton) Dayton, born at Brookhaven:

- +i. Henry<sup>5</sup>, b. 3 Apr. 1728; d. 18 Feb. 1803; See foreward.
- ii. Norton, b. \_\_\_\_\_ ; d. before 15 Aug. 1768 when administration on his estate was granted to Ebenezer Hulse [N. Y. Wills, 9:325]; m. Deborah<sup>4</sup> Brewster (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>). They lived in Setauket, L.I., where he was Constable and held other offices. Children:
  - 1. Brewster<sup>6</sup>, settled in Stratford, Conn.; m. (1) Ruth Judson, (2) Betsey Willoughby, (3) Mary Wilcox. Children by first wife: Isaac B., Abner, William, David, Ruth, Polly; by second wife: Garry, Charles W., Sarah.
  - 2. Clarissa, m. Jonathan Clark; settled in western New York. Children: Nancy, Sophia, Clarissa, Charles.
  - 3. Polly, m. Nathaniel Tucker; res. near Setauket, L.I. Children: Huldah, Nancy.
  - 4. David, d. of smallpox ae. 20.
  - 5. Daniel, b. 1766; d. 1863; m. Elizabeth Clark; res. seven miles south of Setauket. Children: Polly, Elizabeth C., Charles, Brewster, Huldah, Daniel, Merrit M., Clark W., Sarah M.
  - 6. James, b. 1767; d. 1840; m. Ruth Hawkins; res. near his brother Daniel. Children: William Brewster, James, Zachariah H., Sarah, Apollus, Smith, Charry H.
- iii. Abigail, b. \_\_\_\_\_ ; m. 8 Apr. 1759, as his second

wife, Stallworthy Waters, son of Samuel and Anne Waters. She was called of Brookhaven in her marriage record at Hebron, Conn. Her married name in the record copy of her father's will reads Satters, clearly a misreading for Watters. It will be noted that she named a daughter Katharine for her sister and grandmother, and sons David and Norton for her brothers, and that she settled in Hebron, not many miles from the home of her brother, Henry Dayton. Stillworthy Waters m. (1) Sarah Carrier, proved by their conveyance naming their father Thomas Carrier [Colchester Deeds, 5:208], and by her had a son Worthy. Children by Abigail Dayton:

1. Abigail<sup>6</sup>, b. 1 Mar. 1760; d. 26 Mar. 1808; m. Reuben Curtice, b. 9 Feb. 1755; he m. (2) Joanna<sup>6</sup> (Dayton) McCall, first cousin of his first wife.
  2. Katharine, b. 6 May 1761.
  3. Temperance, b. 6 May 1764.
  4. David, b. 21 July 1765.
  5. Elijah, b. 1 Aug. 1767.
  6. Norton, b. 5 Apr. 1769.
  7. Leonard, b. 11 May 1771.
- iv. David, lived near his brother Norton in Setauket, L.I.; probably the David Dayton of Suffolk County who d. before 26 June 1782, when administration on his estate was granted to his wife Anne; his wife is said to have been of French descent. Children:
1. Abigail<sup>6</sup>, m. Nathan Smith; res. Patchogue, L.I. Children: Telim, Henry, William.
  2. Annie, m. Davis Rose; res. near Patchogue, L.I. Children: Nathan and others.

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3. Abraham, said to have settled near Oswego, N. Y., and to have had child David and others. He may possibly be the Abraham Dayton who in the 1790 Census was listed at Granville, Washington Co., N. Y.
4. David, b. 5 Mar. 1766; d. 8 Feb. 1807 ae. 41; settled in Washington Co., N. Y.; later res. Hadley, Warren Co., N. Y.; m. 29 Dec. 1789, Chloe Skiff, b. 27 Apr. 1769, d. 12 May 1848 ae. 80. Children:
  - (1) Joel<sup>7</sup> D., b. 29 Aug. 1790, d. 10 May 1869.
  - (2) Henry, b. 18 Apr. 1792, d. 6 Sept. 1849.
  - (3) Chloe, b. 29 May 1794, d. 20 Aug. 1813.
  - (4) Eunice, b. 5 Feb. 1796.
  - (5) Telim, b. 21 Aug. 1797.
  - (6) Irinda, b. 12 June 1799.
  - (7) Anna, b. 2 Mar. 1801.
  - (8) Orrin, b. 18 Oct. 1802, d. 8 July 1803.
  - (9) Orange, b. 5 Sept. 1804.
  - (10) Erastus, b. 26 Jan. 1806.
  - (11) Louisa, b. 22 Aug. 1807.
5. Deborah, m. and lived near Patchogue, L. I.
6. Telim, settled in Michigan and d. at over 80 yrs.; twice married; several children.
7. Joel, res. Middletown, Vt.; m. and had

children: Azer, Amon, William, Joel, Anna, and others.

8. Rhoda.
9. Henry, b. abt. 1765; d. abt. 1820; res. Long Island; m. Susan Overton; had children: Justus, Overton, Henry, Susan, Anna.
- v. Abraham, is said in the Charles Nathan Dayton notes to have left Long Island about 1770, and supposed to have "gone to Connecticut." He may possibly be the Abraham Dayton who in the 1790 Census was listed at Jerusalem, Ontario (now Yates) Co., N. Y. The first gristmill at Jerusalem was built by Richard Smith, James Parker and Abraham Dayton [J. H. French, Gazetteer of the State of New York, 1860, p. 720].
- vi. Katharine, not traced.

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Part Two

HENRY<sup>5</sup> DAYTON, JR. and DESCENDANTS



## VI

HENRY<sup>5</sup> DAYTON, JR.

Henry<sup>5</sup> Dayton, son of Henry and Abigail (Norton) Dayton, born at Brookhaven, Long Island, N. Y., 3 Apr. 1728, died at Colchester (now Malborough), Conn., 18 Feb. 1803; married first, at Lyme, Conn., 3 July 1758, Ruth Marvin, born at Lyme, ? July 1737, died at Colchester, 6 Jan. 1796, daughter of James and Ruth (Mather) Marvin; married second, at Eastbury Church in Glastonbury, Conn., 17 Oct. 1796, Bethia (Steel) Hollister, born about 1735 if she was (as we suppose) the "Mrs. Dayton" who died 7 Feb. 1822, aged 87 [Marlborough Church records], widow of Joseph Hollister, 3rd, whose third wife she became on 14 Feb. 1785.

We are not informed of the circumstances which brought Henry Dayton, Jr., across Long Island Sound to the Connecticut coast. Since he was already thirty when he married at Lyme, it is possible that he had been engaged as a mariner or trader in the coastal trade. On the other hand, he may have met his future bride, a Lyme girl of good family (she is called "Mrs."--the prefix of respect--in the record of her marriage at the First Congregational Church of Lyme, now Old Lyme), while visiting Dayton relatives in nearby New London.

On 8 June 1758, less than a month before his marriage, Henry Dayton, Jr., called "of Long Island," bought a farm of 89 acres in Colchester, the section which in 1803 became part of the town of Marlborough, with a dwelling house and sawmill [Colchester Deeds, 7:161]. Although bought in his own name, his father's will some years later gave him this farm, from which we infer that the father aided in the purchase and retained some interest. However, no mortgage or agreement was recorded, so this was apparently a private family arrangement. The young couple upon marriage settled on this farm and remained there until they died. The deed of purchase reads in part:

"Jacob Root of Middletown....for £180....to Henry Dayton Jun<sup>r</sup> of Long Island in ye County of Suffolk and province of New York....one Certain Tract or parsell of Land Lying and being in ye Township of Colchester in the County and Colony aforesaid Containing Eighty Nine Acres bounded as followeth Viz beginning first at a white oak Stump at ye South East Corner of Land that ye sd Root bought of Saml Kimberly thence running West 30:Angl 56 Mint southardly about 152 Rods to a white oak tree with stones about it thence running Northwardly 30:sec 56:minte Rods West about 106

Rods to a Stake and stones about it thence Easterly about 152 Rods to ye first Mentioned bounds and tis to be understood Said Land is to Extend So far North and a proportionable Width as is mentioned in ye East and West Line as to Contain 83: and Extending ye Highway which bares North Near acrost said Land & No more together with a Dwelling House and Sawmill Standing thereon..." Witnessed by Samuel Gilbert Jun<sup>r</sup> and Samuel Gilbert 3rd; dated 8 June 1758 and recorded 31 June 1759.

Ruth Marvin inherited lands in Lyme from her family, and she and her husband sold these in a series of deeds as follows:

[Lyme Deeds, 12:142.] 26 Apr. 1769. "We Henry Dayton and Ruth Dayton wife of s<sup>d</sup> Henry and Ezra Carter, Jun<sup>r</sup> and Huldah Carter, Wife of s<sup>d</sup> Ezra Carter all of Colchester....in Consideration of the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds Lawful money to us in hand pay<sup>d</sup> by our Brothers James Marvin and Moses Marvin both of Lyme....all that our Right Title Interest Claim and Demand that we now have Could or ought for to have in and unto all the Estate of our Honored Father Mr James Marvin late of Lyme Deceas<sup>d</sup> (as we are Children and Heirs of s<sup>d</sup> Deceas<sup>d</sup>) all the Buildings thereon Standing and being let the same be more or less as the Same may be bounded and Described in the Records of s<sup>d</sup> Lyme Reference thereto being had Respecting the same...."

By the death of her brother, James Marvin, Jr., Henry Dayton's wife became one of the heirs of further property in Lyme. On 19 Mar. 1778, Ruth Marvin, Moses Marvin of Lyme, Henry "Daton" and Ruth his wife of Colchester, for £10, conveyed to Reynold Gillet and Martha his wife of Lyme, mentioning Martha as "one Heir to the Estate of her Brother James Marvin Deceas<sup>d</sup>," their interest in land which is described by reference to various stakes and heaps of stones [Lyme Deeds, 14:316]. On 10 Mar. 1778, Henry Dayton and Ruth his wife of Colchester, Reynold Gillet and Martha his wife of Lyme, for £10, sold to Moses Marvin of Lyme, land from the "estate of brother James Marvin Late of Lyme Deceas<sup>d</sup>" [*ibid*, 14:318]. Henry Dayton and Ruth Dayton of Colchester, on 4 Jan. 1781, sold land on Marvin's Island "which formerly belonged to James Marvin Deceas<sup>d</sup>" to Abner Griffing of Lyme, receiving in payment £23. 10s. "in horn Cattle appraised as in the Year 1774 pay<sup>d</sup> and Delivered to our Satisfaction [*ibid.*, 15:210]. And finally they sold, on the same date, further land to George Reed of Lyme, the consideration being "Sixteen Pounds in Horn Cattle" [*ibid.*, 16:41].

On 23 Nov. 1785, Henry Dayton of Colchester gave a conveyance to Israel Foot, late of Colchester, now of Glastonbury,

of 40 acres in Marlborough [Parish] with two houses, a barn, and gristmill, with privilege of water from the pond to supply the gristmill, and this was conveyed back on 26 Mar. 1789 [Colchester Deeds, 11:404, 142]. Apparently this was a mortgage and release; the consideration was £150.

On 7 Apr. 1789, Henry Dayton of Colchester gave a conveyance to Richard Skinner of the same, for £160, of "a Certain privilege in a Parcel of Land lying in said Colchester with a certain part of a Grist Mill standing thereon allowing the Road against said Mill to lye for Mill privileges the Width it now is fenced from Seven Rods Below the Corner opposite said Skinners Now Dwelling House Also Liberty to Dig through my Land in the Usual place to draw water out of the Grist Pond with Liberty to Raise a Head of Water Three feet from the bottom of the Ditch by the Head of the mill Trough, "and the bounds are then stated, with references to an apple tree, a chestnut tree, a black birch, and the said Skinner's dwelling house and blacksmith shop. The land, mill and privileges had been appraised 27 Dec. 1787 by three appraisers at a valuation of £290, so it is specified that Skinner's proportion shall be the £160 which he paid, leaving Dayton's interest at £130. [Colchester Deeds, 12:238.] It would seem from the above terms that the grist mill was to be operated in partnership.

After Ruth's death, Henry Dayton married a widow, a woman who very probably had been married more than once previously, since she was about fifty when she married Dayton's predecessor, Joseph Hollister. A prenuptial contract was drawn up four days before the wedding [recorded in Colchester Deeds, 13:437], and is of considerable interest in its bearing on the social and economic conditions of that period. It reads:

"Marriage Agreement between Henry Dayton of Colchester and Bethiah Hollister of Glastonbury - that if she survive she to enjoy as long as she remains widow: 12 Bushells of grain a year, that is to say, four Bushells of Wheat and four Bushells of Rye and four Bushells of Indian Corn and Also the Use and Improvement of my North Room in my now Dwelling House with the use of the Kitchen in common with the cellar under the Bedroom and Buttery at the Northeast Corner of the House Extending as far as the center of the chimney with Half of the Kitchen Chamber and Liberty to Set her Loom in the South cellar where she Shall think fit and Also Liberty to Improve my Dell of Water and further that she shall have Liberty to pass and Repass to Improve the same at her leisure and also firewood to be provided for her Use at the Said Dwelling House sufficient to keep one fire whensoever she needs and Liberty

of having of it Laid near the door with the Use of a Certain piece of Land North of Said House now Improved for a garden and further shall feed a Horse and Cow for her and Keep them on the farm in good Condition at all seasons of the Year and it is further agreed that whatever of the Household furniture and Wearing Apparell She Shall bring with her and can be found at my Decease shall be and Remain her own forever and if the afore Said Marriage Shall take Effect the afore Said Bethiah Agree to accept the above consideration in full of all Dower and in Consideration of the fulfillment of the above Agreement we the subscribers do hereunto Set our hands and Seal this 13th day of October 1796.

Josiah Hale

Henry Dayton

her

Clarissa Hale

Bethiah X Hollister"

mark

Although Bethiah could not sign her name, she seems to have had a good business head or a capable adviser, for a careful reading of the agreement indicates that her wants would be well provided for during widowhood.

Henry Dayton appears little more in Colchester Deeds, but [14:157, 230] sold land to Marvin Dayton of Glastonbury, 9 July 1798, and to Samuel Finley of Colchester, 5 Apr. 1802.

We are fortunate in having a family record of Henry Dayton and Ruth Marvin, containing their birth and death dates, their marriage in 1758, the births of their ten children, and a few other items. Henry and Ruth have stones in the Old Marlborough Cemetery on route Conn. 2, a short distance south of its intersection with U.S. 6A.

Administration on the estate of Henry Dayton of Colchester was granted, 3 Mar. 1803, to Abraham Dayton of Colchester, with Marvin Dayton of Glastonbury as his bondsman. The inventory was taken 28 Feb. 1803 by Elisha Buell and John Curtis. No distribution is found in the file. [Colchester Probate, File 1029.] On 20 May 1805, Abraham Dayton of Marlborough (he signed as Abram) gave a power of attorney to Marvin Dayton of Glastonbury to transact business as Administrator on the Estate of Henry Dayton of Colchester, deceased. [Original family document.]

Children of Henry and Ruth (Marvin) Dayton, born in Marlborough parish, town of Colchester:

- i. Joanna<sup>6</sup>, b. 12 Apr. 1760; m. (1) Jacob McCall of Marlborough, Conn.; m. (2) Reuben Curtice and removed to Parkman, Ohio. Thirteen McCall children, of whom James was a sea captain in Middletown, Conn.

- ii. Henry, b. 16 July 1762; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Green of New London; settled in Unadilla, N. Y.; descendants lived near Janesville, Wis.
- + iii. Marvin, b. 31 Oct. 1764; d. 3 Apr. 1842.
- + iv. Ruth, b. 27 Mar. 1767; d. in 1845.
- + v. James, b. 31 Jan. 1769; d. 24 Aug. 1855.
- + vi. Abraham, b. 8 May 1772; d. 20 Sept. 1848.
- + vii. Erza, b. 18 Oct. 1774; d. 11 Aug. 1849.
- viii. Huldah, b. 16 Feb. 1777; d. 3 Aug. 1809; m. John Peck of Lisle, N. Y.
- ix. Abigail, b. 28 June 1780; m. at Eastbury in Glastonbury, 18 Feb. 1798, Nathan Thomson. They lived in Longmeadow, Mass., and moved to Ohio.
- x. Catharine, b. 12 Apr. 1783; d. 16 May 1817; m. as his second wife, John Peck.

## VII

MARVIN<sup>6</sup> DAYTON

Marvin<sup>6</sup> Dayton, son of Henry, Jr. and Ruth (Marvin) Dayton, born at Colchester, Conn., 31 Oct. 1764, died at South Glastonbury, 3 Apr. 1842, aged 79 (gravestone); married at Eastbury Church in Glastonbury, 3 Apr. 1791, Ruth (House) Talcott, born at Glastonbury about 1757, died at South Glastonbury, 25 July 1831, aged 82 (gravestone), daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Smith) House, and widow of Frary Talcott (born 1 Sept. 1752, died 15 Feb. 1790, married 9 July 1788). She was somewhat his senior in age, and a widow with one child.

Marvin Dayton was a member of the Connecticut Legislature, representing Glastonbury, Oct. 1805, May and Oct. 1806, May 1810, Oct. 1817, and Oct. 1818. He was a member of the Masonic order.

The will of Marvin Dayton dated 29 May 1841, proved 22 Apr. 1842, named the children of his late son Marvin (namely, Emily, Mary, Charlotte, Goodrich, and Horace), and his son Henry. The distribution named Emily Dayton (widow of Marvin Dayton, Jr.), Goodrich M. Dayton, Horace H. Dayton, Emily Dayton, Charlotte Gladding, Mary Stevens, and Henry Dayton.

The 1850 Census lists in Glastonbury:

Henry Dayton	aged 54
Mary "	56
Henry W. "	27
Amarilis "	26
John "	25
Mary A. "	23
James R. "	23

Nearby lived:

Emily Dayton	aged 54
Emily C. "	33
Fayette "	3
Jane "	(11 months)

In the family of Henry and Mary the three males were the adult sons, while Amarilis was the wife of Henry W., and Mary A. is meant for the wife of John. Emily, the widow of Marvin, Jr., was living with her daughter Emily, and the two young children were her grandchildren, the children of her son Goodrich whose wife had died nearly a year before the census was taken.

Children of Marvin and Ruth (House) (Talcott) Dayton, born at Glastonbury:

- i. Marvin<sup>7</sup>, b. 18 Mar. 1793; d. at South Glastonbury, 19 Mar. 1841 ae. 48 (g.s.); m. at Portland, Conn., 8 Mar. 1814, Emily Goodrich, b. 28 Feb. 1796, d. at South Glastonbury, 26 Dec. 1850 ae. 55 (g.s.), dau. of Luther and Freedom (Bidwell) Goodrich. Children:

1. Emily C.<sup>8</sup>, b. 26 Aug. 1815; d. at South Glastonbury, 15 Apr. 1882 ae. 67 (g.s.). She kept a select school for many years in her home and was later postmistress. She made a sampler in 1826 when she was 11, which gives year dates of birth of her parents and their children. She was interested in the family history, and our account of this branch is much indebted to her notes. "Emily Dayton adopted a girl, Hattie Blake. She inherited the old Marvin Dayton home."

2. Mary Ann, b. 13 Oct. 1817; m. at Glastonbury, 28 Aug. 1834, Andrew Stevens of Glastonbury, b. 28 Aug. 1808, d. 3 Sept. 1862 ae. 54, son of Thomas and Hepsey (Hall) Stevens. Children:

- (1) Woodward A.<sup>9</sup>, b. 2 Dec. 1838; m. (1) 30 Nov. 1863, Addie Purple, b. at East Haddam, 17 Jan. 1846, d. 25 Aug. 1866 ae. 20, bur. in Moodus, Conn., dau. of Edward and Caroline Purple; m. (2) 16 June 1869, Rosalie Brainard, b. 31 Aug. 1848, dau. of Daniel and Betsey Brainard of Haddam; res. Moodus.

- (2) Estella M., b. 9 June 1847; d. 28 Sept. 1850.

- (3) Emily A. L., b. 13 Jan. 1852; d. 6 Oct. 1852.

3. Charlotte, b. 21 Sept. 1820; d. 23 Nov. 1820 ae. 2 mos. (g.s.).

4. Charlotte, b. 27 Dec. 1821; m. at Glastonbury, 29 July 1840, Walter Gladden, of New Britain, Conn., b. there 12 Apr. 1815. He was a joiner by trade, captain, representative, postmaster, and active in local politics and in the temperance movement [see Alfred Andrews, New Britain, 1867, p. 295]. Children:
  - (1) Louise S.<sup>9</sup>, b. 4 Aug. 1841.
  - (2) Frederick W., b. 22 Nov. 1849; m. 25 Nov. 1868, Helen M. House, b. 3 Apr. 1845, dau. of Franklin R. and Miranda (Warner) House. A child, Mary Louise, b. at New Britain 23 Nov. 1869.
5. Goodrich Marvin, b. 5 Nov. 1823; m. (1) 6 Aug. 1844, Laura Jane Royce, b. 13 Feb. 1822, d. 14 Aug. 1849, dau. of Erastus Royce of Sandisfield, Mass.; m. (2) 13 May 1852, Mary I. (Taft) Hamilton, dau. of G. Taft of E. Brookfield, Mass. He was captain of militia in Glastonbury, 1848-9; later settled in Cambridgeport, Mass. Children by first wife:
  - (1) Goodrich A.<sup>9</sup>, b. 15 Mar. 1846; d. 18 Aug. 1846.
  - (2) Fayette, b. 25 July 1847; res. Boston, Mass.
  - (3) Jane E., b. 2 Aug. 1849; d. 20 Feb. 1871.

Children by second wife:

- (4) Walter, b. 13 Sept. 1864.
- (5) Francis Gardner, b. 13 Jan. 1867; d. 29 Nov. 1867.

6. Horace House, b. 13 Oct. 1825; a merchant, of Worcester, Mass.; m. at Glastonbury, 10 Nov. 1847, Delia E. Munsell, b. 13 June 1823, dau. of Elisha and Polly Munsell of Winchester, N.H. Children:

- (1) Emma L.<sup>9</sup>, b. 10 Sept. 1848.

- (2) Nellie F., b. 27 Sept. 1857.

- ii. Henry, b. 11 Aug. 1797; d. at South Glastonbury, Conn., 31 Mar. 1864 (g.s.); m. 19 Nov. 1817, Mary Williams, b. at Rocky Hill, Conn., 2 Feb. 1795, d. at her daughter's home in Brooklyn, N.Y., 12 May 1867 ae. 72 (g.s., South Glastonbury), dau. of John and Eunice (Bull) Williams. He was a member of the Conn. Legislature, representing Glastonbury, 1872, 1829, 1834, and 1844; town clerk, 1840; and a member of the Masonic order. Children:

1. Eunice B.<sup>8</sup>, b. in 1818; m. Mortimer Meigs, b. in 1804, d. at Brooklyn, N.Y., July 1872. Children:

- (1) Mary Elizabeth<sup>9</sup>.

- (2) Elizabeth.

2. Henry W., b. 27 June 1822; m. at Windsor, Conn., 5 Apr. 1847, Amarillis Southworth "of Ware, Mass.", dau. of Nathan and Mary Southworth of Glastonbury. Children:

- (1) Charlie<sup>9</sup>, b. 2 Jan. 1848; d. 29 Dec. 1849.

- (2) Mary, b. 3 Apr. 1853.

3. John, b. in Apr. 1825; d. at South Glastonbury, 9 July 1880 ae. 55 (g.s.); m. Apr. 1849, Mary E. Bates, b. abt. 1828, d. 4 Feb. 1892 ae. 63 (g.s.), dau. of David and Eliza M. Bates. Child:

- (1) Clinton Bates<sup>9</sup>, b. Oct. 1856; d.  
21 Sept. 1857 ae. 11 mos.,  
"only child" (g. s.).

4. James R., b. in 1826; m. 29 Jan. 1852,  
Hancy S. Abby, b. in 1827, d. at Minne-  
apolis, Minn., July 1871, dau. of Anson  
and Clarissa Abby of Penna. They moved  
in 1866 to Minneapolis, Minn. Children,  
b. at Portland, Conn.:

- (1) James<sup>9</sup>, b. 3 Dec. 1856.

- (2) Harry, b. 7 Jan. 1858.

## VIII

RUTH<sup>6</sup> DAYTON RILEY

Ruth<sup>6</sup> Dayton, daughter of Henry, Jr. and Ruth (Marvin) Dayton, born at Colchester, Conn., 27 Mar. 1767, died at East Glastonbury in 1845; married Jonathan Riley.

Children of Jonathan and Ruth (Dayton) Riley:

- i. Jonathan<sup>7</sup>, b. abt. 1795; d. at East Glastonbury, 26 Sept. 1856 ae. 61 (g.s.); m. Pamela \_\_\_\_\_ of East Hartford, Conn., b. abt. 1803, d. 9 July 1850 ae. 47 (g.s.). They had children who "went South and West."
- ii. Ruth, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Loveland; res. Marshfield, Vt.
- iii. Tryphenia, b. abt. Mar. 1799; d. at East Glastonbury, 3 June 1869 ae. 70 yrs. 3 mos. (g.s.); m. Joshua Goodale, b. abt. 1802, d. 16 May 1888 ae. 86 (g.s.). Children:
  1. Henry<sup>8</sup>, b. abt. 1821; d. 5 June 1890 ae. 69 (g.s.); m. Elizabeth Edwards; had four children.
  2. Ezra, res. unm. in California.
  3. Thomas, res. California; m. in 1872.
  4. Orrin, d. in California.
  5. Diadama, b. abt. 1825; d. at South Glastonbury, 11 Nov. 1857 ae. 32 (g.s.); m. John Hollister, b. in 1814, d. 1904 (g.s.), son of Horatio Hollister. Children:
    - (1) Mary<sup>9</sup>, in 1867 went to Turkey as a missionary teacher, returning in 1872.
    - (2) Florence.

(3) Hermione T., b. abt. 1852; d.  
2 Sept. 1884 ae. 32 (g. s.).

(4) Emma.

- iv. Nancy, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Evans of New York, N. Y; returned a widow to East Glastonbury and there died.
- v. Betsey, res. Marlborough, Conn.
- vi. Abigail, m. and d. in New York, N. Y.
- vii. Sally, m. and res. in northern Conn.

## IX

JAMES<sup>6</sup> DAYTON

James<sup>6</sup> Dayton, son of Henry, Jr. and Ruth (Marvin) Dayton, born at Colchester, Conn., 31 Jan. 1769; died at Orford, N. H., 24 Aug. 1855; married at Orford, N. H., Lucinda Moray, daughter of Benjamin.

Children:

- i. James<sup>7</sup>, res. Orford, N. H.
- ii. Caroline, m. Hiram Powers; res. Orford, N. H.
- iii. Henry, res. Orford, N. H.; m. Julia Whitcomb; had two sons and two daughters.
- iv. Maria, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hodge; res. Orford, N. H.
- v. Eliza, res. Orford, N. H.
- vi. Daniel, a physician; res. South Bend, Ind. He was grandfather of Capt. James H. Dayton, U. S. N.
- vii. Harriet, m. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Clark; m. (2) Elisha Corliss, Jr. by whom she had two sons. She was grandmother of Capt. Charles E. Clark, U. S. N. who commanded the Oregon on its famous voyage in the Spanish-American War.

## X

ABRAHAM<sup>6</sup> DAYTON

Abraham<sup>6</sup> Dayton, son of Henry, Jr. and Ruth (Marvin) Dayton, born at Colchester, Conn., 8 May 1772, died at Lyonsdale, Wis., 20 Sept. 1848, aged 77 years 3 mos. 12 days (family record); married 25 June 1795, Lovinia McCall, born at Colchester, 11 Apr. 1773, died 28 Jan. 1853.

On 15 Feb. 1797, Lovina Dayton, Anna Bigelow, and Abraham Dayton, all of Colchester, for £54, conveyed to Timothy Waters of Colchester their interest in the estate of Ebenezer "Mackall" of Colchester, deceased; Joseph Bigelow also signed [Colchester Deeds, 14:80].

This family left Marlborough in 1805 for Genesee, N. Y., settling in 1816 in Centerville, Allegany Co., N. Y., and removing in 1829 or 1830 to Lyonsdale, Wis.

Children of Abraham and Lovinia (McCall) Dayton:

- i. Philena<sup>7</sup>, b. 16 Feb. 1797; m. at Centerville, N. Y., in 1818, Julius Bigelow; lived in Chickasaw, Iowa.
- ii. Justus, b. 27 May 1799; living in the 1870's in Janesville, Wis.; m. \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1801, d. 19 July 1873 ae. 72. Children:

1. Jeremy S.<sup>8</sup>, b. 14 June 1823; res. Janesville, Wis.; m. \_\_\_\_\_, and had:

- (1) Anna S.<sup>9</sup>, b. at Centerville, N. Y., 15 Mar. 1847; m. 24 May 1869, Augustus F.<sup>8</sup> Tolls, b. 20 Nov. 1834, son of Joanna (vi, below). He served in the Civil War for 3 years and 2 months with the 4th Pa. Cavalry and was in many battles including Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, and the Wilderness. Mrs. Tolls in the 1870's supplied much of the data on this branch. She then had children: Ida A.<sup>10</sup>, b. 16 Apr. 1870; William, b. 3 Aug. 1875.

2. Sarah, b. 16 Oct. 1836; res. Austin, Minn.;  
m. 5 July 1855, Carlos Fenton. Children:
  - (1) William D.<sup>9</sup>, b. 5 July 1856.
  - (2) Alice L., b. 30 Jan. 1858.
  - (3) Charles E., b. 23 Jan. 1865.
  - (4) Fred J., b. 25 Apr. 1868.
  - (5) Elnora, b. 3 Mar. 1871; d.  
29 July 1872.
  - (6) George C., b. 4 Nov. 1872.
- iii. Lovinia, b. at Waterbury, Conn., 13 Nov. 1801; m. in  
1818, \_\_\_\_\_ Spencer of Centerville, N. Y.; res.  
Caneadea, Allegany Co., N. Y. Children:
  1. Sylvester<sup>8</sup>, b. 10 Nov. 1819.
  2. Lovinia D., b. 20 Feb. 1823; d. 1856.
  3. Sarah, b. 23 Feb. 1825.
  4. Augusta, b. 19 June 1827.
- iv. Ezra, b. 20 Nov. 1803; res. Wheatland, Wis.; m. and  
had two daughters.
- v. Marietta, b. 10 Nov. 1805; d. at Hudson, Mich., 10 May  
1844; m. Jesse Mason. Four children: Marietta<sup>8</sup>,  
Marvin, Manly, and Morgan (or Myron).
- vi. Joanna, b. 16 Sept. 1807; d. at Centerville, N. Y., 21  
Nov. 1836; m. Arvill Tolls. Children:
  1. Gilbert B.<sup>8</sup>, b. 30 Aug. 1827; m. in 1870 and  
had:
    - (1) Frank A.<sup>9</sup>, b. 28 Jan. 1872.
    - (2) Estelle E., b. 28 Mar. 1873.

2. Abram D., b. 25 Jan. 1829.
  3. Maria Y., b. 24 Jan. 1831.
  4. Augustus F., b. 20 Nov. 1834; m. 24 May 1869, Anna S.<sup>9</sup> Dayton, above.
- vii. Ebenezer, b. 15 May 1810; res. Hudson, Wis.;  
m. \_\_\_\_\_ . Children:
1. Henry W.<sup>8</sup>, b. 18 Aug. 1833.
  2. Laura A., b. 9 Oct. 1836.
  3. John S., b. 9 May 1839; d. 13 Aug. 1864.
  4. Maryette, b. 16 Nov. 1842; d. 3 May 1850.
  5. William W., b. 30 June 1845; d. 20 June 1864.
  6. Ada E., b. 20 Nov. 1849.
  7. Emily J., b. 5 June 1852.
- viii. Abraham, b. at Geneseo, N. Y., 7 Mar. 1815; res. Nevada, Iowa; m. \_\_\_\_\_ . Children:
1. Reuben<sup>8</sup>, b. at Centerville, N. Y.; res. Nevada, Iowa.
  2. Jefferson, b. at Wheatland, Wis.; res. Loring City, Wyoming.
  3. Henry P., b. at Wheatland, Wis.; d. at Sacramento, Calif., ae. 16.

## XI

EZRA<sup>6</sup> DAYTON

Ezra<sup>6</sup> Dayton, son of Henry and Ruth (Marvin) Dayton, born at Colchester, Conn., 18 Oct. 1774, died at South Glastonbury, Conn., 1 Aug. 1849, aged 75 (gravestone); married 14 Dec. 1806, Mehetabel Stratton, born at Glastonbury, 1 May 1787, died at East Haddam, Conn., 3 Apr. 1892, aged 104 years, 11 months, 2 days (gravestone), daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hollister) Stratton.

Mr. Dayton lived all his adult life in South Glastonbury. He was a farmer and extensive land owner, and represented Glastonbury in the state legislature in the years 1814, 15, 20, 22, 31, 38. The naming of a son in 1822 marks him as an admirer of Andrew Jackson. His wife, a remarkable woman who lived to be nearly 105, remained in South Glastonbury for all but the last few years of her life, surviving all but two of her ten children, and finally going to live with the family of her deceased son Andrew in East Haddam. The account written 24 Dec. 1891 and published in a local newspaper about the first of the following year is of sufficient interest to publish in full in the appendix. The graves of Ezra and Mehetabel and many other Daytons are in the cemetery on Route 17 in South Glastonbury.

Children of Ezra and Mehetabel (Stratton) Dayton, born at Glastonbury:

- i. Ezra Stratton<sup>7</sup>, b. 6 Nov. 1807; d. at South Glastonbury, 2 May 1886 ae. 78 (g.s.); m. at Glastonbury, 30 Sept. 1839, Nancy Goodrich, dau. of Edward and Sally Goodrich, b. about 1813, d. 27 Mar. 1885 ae. 72 (g.s.). No children.
- ii. Emeline, b. 9 Dec. 1808; d. 18 Nov. 1850 ae. 42 (g.s.).
- iii. Almira, b. 25 Jan. 1811; d. 2 Sept. 1870 (g.s.).
- iv. Pamela, b. 11 Nov. 1813; d. 17 Feb. 1890 ae. 76 (g.s.).
- v. Elenor, b. 7 Apr. 1816; living 1891 in Calvert, Texas; m. 30 Dec. 1847, George Mase of Litchfield.
- vi. Francis Henry, b. 21 Apr. 1818; d. at South Glastonbury, 27 Nov. 1851 ae. 33 yrs. 7 mos. (g.s.); m. at

HENRY<sup>5</sup> JR. AND DESCENDANTS

Hartford, 7 Nov. 1842, Caroline T. Erving, b. 1806 at Concord, Mass., d. at Hartford, 30 May 189-ae. 73, dau. of John and Lydia C. Erving. Children:

1. Caroline Francis<sup>8</sup>, m. Calvin D. McLean, a businessman who retired to become a lay teacher and preacher and held small parishes such as New Boston, Mass., and Middle Haddam, Conn. Children:
  - (1) Mary<sup>9</sup>, b. in Hartford, d. in Scotland; a graduate of Penn. Medical College.
  - (2) Frank Allen, b. in Philadelphia, Pa.; Col., U.S.A.; m. and had children.
  - (3) Edith, m. Rev. Robert Brown; res. 1946, Fayetteville, N.C.
2. Henry Herbert b. 12 Sept. 1849; d. at Hartford, 1 Mar. 1885; m. Julia E. Renshaw. Was a printer, reporter, journalist and writer. After the Civil War he travelled in the South, describing conditions in letters to the northern papers. He is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Child:

Fred Erving<sup>9</sup>, b. at Hartford 3 Aug. 1880; d. 29 Oct. 1954; m. 26 June 1905 Helena Smith, b. 10 May 1880, dau. of Ira and Anna M. Smith of Malone, N.Y., an artist and author. Fred Dayton attended the Brown School and the Hartford Public High School and became a reporter and columnist for various Hartford papers. Later he was connected with Columbia Motor Co., Rogers and Co., Ajax Rubber Co., and in 1924 he joined the Condé Nast Press as sales manager. He was an organizer of the

Hartford Press Club, a founder of the Hartford Yacht Club and a member of the Dauntless Club of Essex, among others. In 1925 he published Steamboat Days, a history of early shipping. At the time of his death he was engaged in writing a history of the Connecticut River. He is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford, Conn. No children.

- vii. Martha Eliza, b. 29 Feb. 1820; d. 28 Oct. 1837 ae. 17 yrs. 8 mos. (g. s ).
- +viii. Andrew Jackson, b. 14 Sept. 1822; d. 10 Oct. 1883.
- ix. Edwin, b. 28 Mar. 1825; living 1891 in Peyton, Colo.; m. 14 Mar. 1849, Emeline Mallett. Children:
  - 1. Charles<sup>8</sup>
  - 2. Odell
  - 3. Carrie
- x. Samuel, b. 29 Nov. 1828; d. 29 May 1833 ae. 4 yrs. 6 mos. (g. s. ).

## XII

ANDREW JACKSON<sup>7</sup> DAYTON

Andrew Jackson<sup>7</sup> Dayton, son of Ezra and Mehetabel (Stratton) Dayton, born at South Glastonbury, 14 Sept. 1822; died 10 Oct. 1883, in East Haddam; married at East Haddam, 3 March 1851 Henrietta Esther Hayden, born at East Haddam 3 March 1830, died 25 Jan. 1912, daughter of Horace and Esther (Paine) (Beebe) Hayden of East Haddam. Esther came from Southold, L.I.

Andrew Jackson Dayton was a mason-contractor. In the years 1853-55 Andrew J. and Henrietta lived in Waterbury, Conn., where their son, Arthur Hayden, was born. Later they moved to Hartford and then to East Haddam. Andrew was not well in his later years and the son, Arthur, had to support the family. The graves are in Riverside Cemetery, East Haddam.

Children of Andrew Jackson and Henrietta Hayden Dayton were:

- i. Emma Jane<sup>8</sup> b. at Glastonbury 21 Nov. 1852, d. 17 July 1906. She is remembered as having considerable musical talent. She died in the Connecticut State Hospital at Middletown because of mental illness in her later years.
- +ii. Arthur Hayden b. 24 Nov. 1854, d. 16 Nov. 1938.

## XIII

ARTHUR HAYDEN<sup>8</sup> DAYTON AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Arthur Hayden<sup>8</sup> Dayton, son of Andrew Jackson and Henrietta (Hayden) Dayton, born at Waterbury, Conn., 24 Nov. 1854, died 16 Nov. 1938; married in Long Meadow, Mass., 25 Nov. 1880, Marilla Chandler Bliss, born 6 May 1853, died 25 June 1897, daughter of Sylvester and Nancy Catharine (Warner) Bliss of Longmeadow, Mass. Both buried, with son Stanley, in Grove Cemetery, Naugatuck, Conn.

Arthur Hayden Dayton was a banker at East Haddam, Conn. 1871 to 1883 and at Naugatuck, Conn. 1883 to 1938. (See Appendix.)

Children of Arthur H. and Marilla C. Dayton, born at Naugatuck, Conn.:

- +i. Arthur Bliss<sup>9</sup>, b. 23 Nov. 1889.
- +ii. Stanley Hayden, b. 21 Aug. 1892; d. 3 June 1893.

Arthur Bliss<sup>9</sup> Dayton, son of Arthur and Marilla (Bliss) Dayton, born 23 Nov. 1889 at Naugatuck, Conn.; married 8 April 1922, at New Haven, Conn., Elinor Bliss, born 10 Dec. 1892, daughter of Charles Franklin and Eliza Slade (Holmes) Bliss of Ansonia and New Haven, Conn. Physician, New Haven; resides in Hamden, Conn. 1959.

Children of Arthur B. and Elinor B. Dayton, twins born in Changsha, Hunan Province, China:

- i. Arthur Bliss<sup>10</sup>, Jr. b. 22 Dec. 1922.
- ii. Charles Bliss<sup>10</sup>, b. 22 Dec. 1922.

Arthur Bliss<sup>10</sup> Dayton, Jr. son of Arthur Bliss and Elinor (Bliss) Dayton, born 22 Dec. 1922 at Changsha, China; married at Naugatuck, Conn., 20 May 1950, Nancy Louise Anderson, born 15 June 1927, daughter of Gunard E. and Melanie B. (Lingenheld) Anderson of Naugatuck, Conn. Residing in Middlebury, Conn. 1959.  
Children of Arthur B. and Nancy L. Dayton (in 1959):

- i. Jonathan Bliss<sup>11</sup>, b. 19 Apr. 1951 at New Haven, Conn.
- ii. Thomas Bliss, b. 16 July 1953 at New Haven, Conn.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. 17 Oct. 1957 at Waterbury, Conn.

Charles Bliss<sup>10</sup> Dayton son of Arthur Bliss and Elinor (Bliss) Dayton, born 22 Dec. 1922 at Changsha, China; married at Naugatuck, Conn., 20 June 1953, Constance Ann Olson, born 5 Feb. 1929, daughter of Howard I. and Theresa J. (Harvey) Olson of Naugatuck, Conn. Residing in North Haven, Conn. 1959.

Children of Charles B. and Constance O. Dayton (in 1959):

- i. Nancy<sup>11</sup>, b. 31 March 1954 at New Haven, Conn.
- ii. Howard Bliss, b. 15 July 1955 at New Haven, Conn.
- iii. Sarah Jane, b. 14 March 1958 at New Haven, Conn.

## APPENDIX



Copy of  
NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF 1890  
Found in her Bible

REMARKABLY LONG LIFE

Historical Facts About The Oldest Woman In The State.

Mrs. Mehetabel Dayton, of East Haddam, Will Be 105 Years of Age May 1. The Country is But a Few Years Older Than This Venerable Woman---Her Picture is a Remarkable Likeness---Her Faculties Remain Unimpaired.

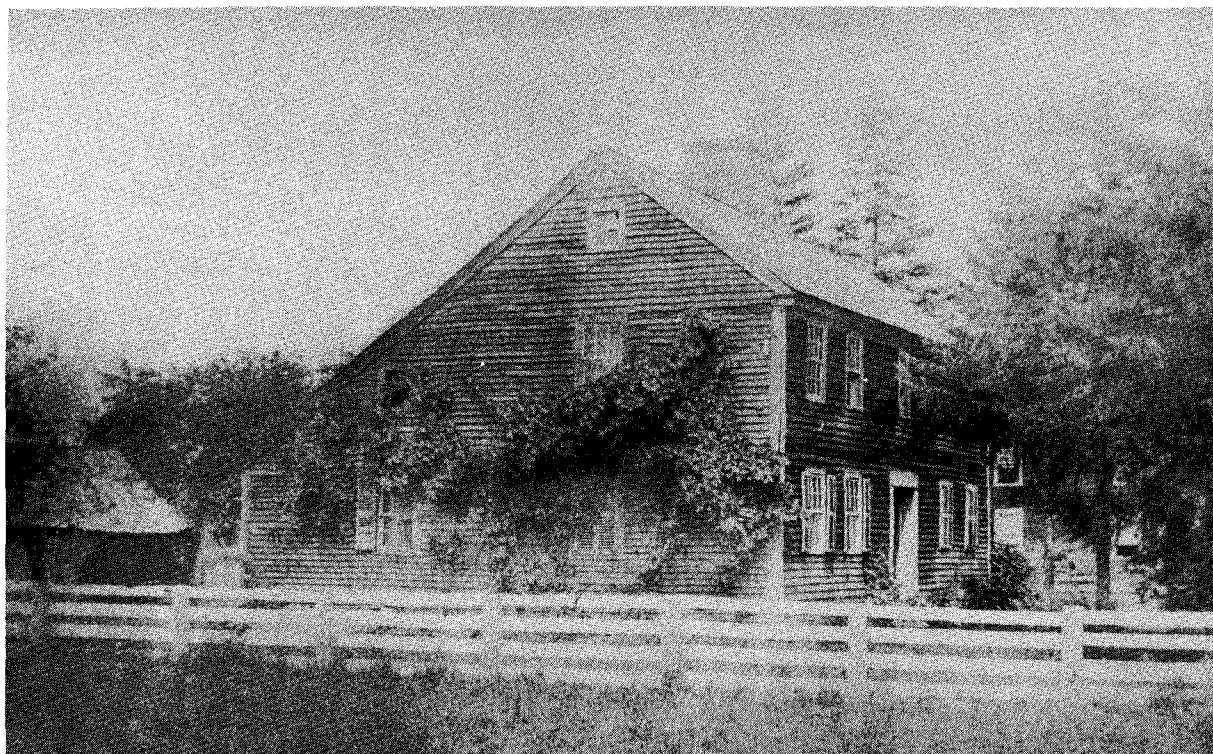
"Mrs. Mehetabel Dayton, a well preserved old lady is living at East Haddam, at the advanced age of 104 years, 7 months and 23 days. She enjoys the peculiar distinction of being the oldest person in the state and as such she naturally attracts much attention. Mrs. Dayton was born in South Glastonbury May 1, 1787. Last summer she was photographed in a number of attitudes and among the negatives obtained this one was the best. Her autograph was written within a few weeks and gives a very good idea of the character of this interesting old lady if there is character in handwriting.

"Mrs. Dayton received early training in the common school and later at an academy, where her education was completed, at the age of 14. Her memory is wonderful, and among many of the interesting things she relates, is the circumstance of a visit to Hartford when hardly 13 years of age to attend with her parents, the services held for Washington on the day of his burial. The services were solemn and impressive and made so deep and lasting an impression on her mind, that the passing of nearly a century has not effaced from her memory some of the things she heard and saw on that day. She often says, "There were great doings over him that day." A part of the ceremony she remembers and often repeats, is this--

Behold that venerable man,  
The Ruler of our mourning land,  
Each voice proclaims from shore to shore  
Our Guide, our Washington's no more.

There was also singing and speaking.

"She was married Dec. 14, 1806, to Ezra Dayton, of Marlboro, who was one of 10 children. Her maiden name was Mehetibel Stratton, and at the age of 19, when she gave her hand in marriage



"Stratton House" built before 1780  
Home of Ezra and Mehetabel (Stratton) Dayton, 1806 to 1890  
495 Main Street, opposite Dayton Road, South Glastonbury, Conn.

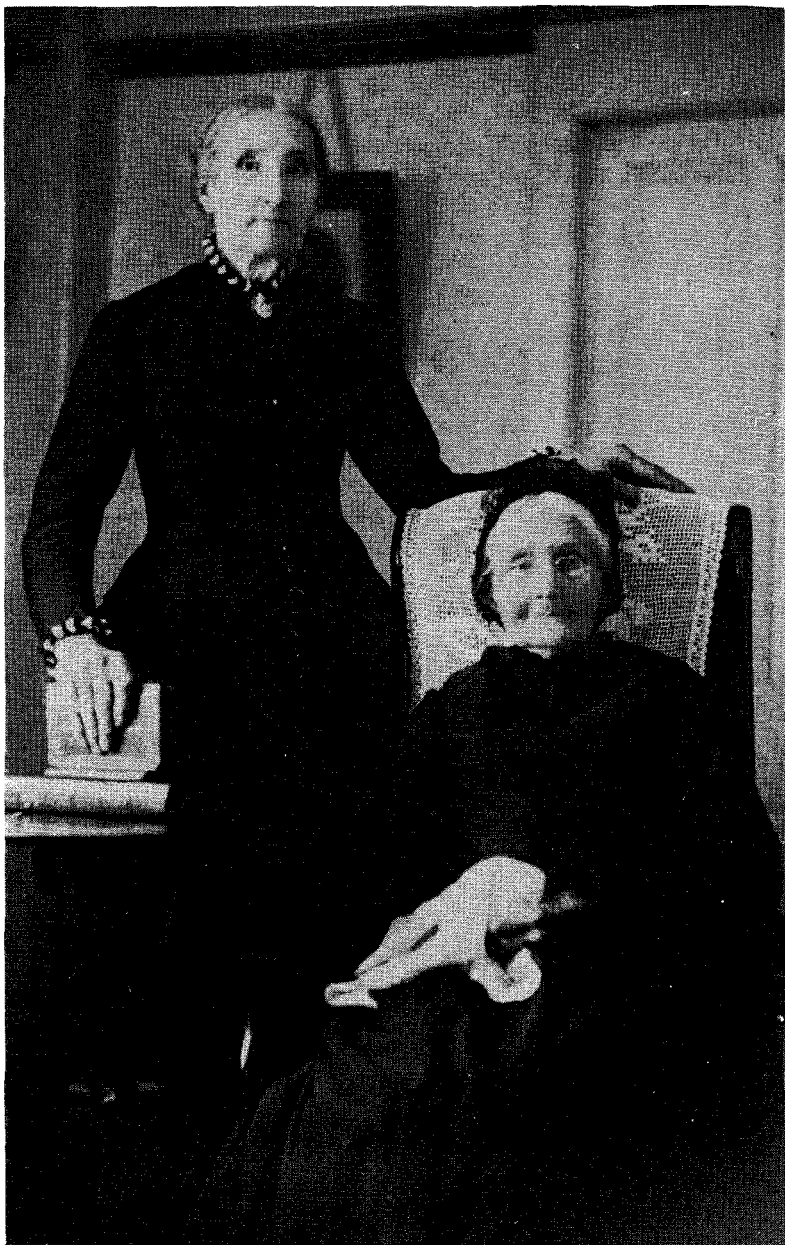
to Ezra Dayton, she was the acknowledged belle of her own and surrounding towns. Their marriage was prolific, and 10 children, two of whom are still living, Mrs. Ellen Mase, of Calvert, Texas, and Edwin Dayton, of Peyton, Col., were born to them. Both of the children now living have attained good old ages, and may safely be classed as old folks. She lived with her husband nearly half a century. He died Aug. 11, 1849, aged 74 years and 9 months. At that time she was 62 years old. She was the eldest of the nine daughters of Samuel and Mary Stratton. Each of her sisters married, and, strange to relate, each settled in a different state. At the time of their marriage there were but few more than enough states to go around.

"There are three of the sisters now living, Mrs. Mehetabel Dayton, aged 104 years and 8 months; Mrs. Dolly Morgan, of Holly, N. Y., aged 91 years, and Mrs. Electa Haskell, of Otis, Mass., aged 89 years. This may be taken as conclusive evidence that she comes from a long-lived family.

"Eight years ago a sister, aged 94 years, died. Such longevity in any family is remarkable, and Mrs. Dayton is certainly the most remarkable instance of this remarkable family.

"She says she cannot see why her life is spared when her children and grandchildren have entered the "Everlasting gate." Although quite deaf, Mrs. Dayton can hear a strong clear voice in conversation and is very interesting to talk with. She is in apparently good health. Her mind is vigorous, memory good, and she retains a warm interest in current events. She will relate incidents that happened three quarters of a century ago with startling fidelity to facts and great ease. There seems to be no lapse in her power of memory. To a visitor not long ago, she repeated the beautiful hymn, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide Myself in Thee," in a strong sonorous voice with but little hesitation. Other hymns of like character were repeated with equal fidelity and with an entire absence of hesitancy resulting from imperfect memory. Her eyesight remains useful, and with the aid of glasses she read aloud on the eighth of last November, at one time, the whole of Ridley-Haverall Wall Roll, consisting of 31 leaves. She reads a little every day, and often recites hymns and other things from memory. She walks with the aid of support from one room to another.

"Much of her time, however, is spent in bed, owing to the consequent weakness of advancing years. Most of her long life was spent in her native town, Glastonbury, and she always resided in the house where was born. About a year ago she was removed to



Mehetabel Dayton and her daughter Pamela, circa 1888

East Haddam, where she has since made her home with her son's wife, Mrs. Andrew Dayton. She seems very much contented in her new home among the nearest relatives she has. She is undoubtedly the oldest woman in the State, and there are probably few older than her in the country. A visit to her is of great interest. She always receives her friends with warmth and cordiality. Her friends say she has seen much of what is called trouble, but this she has counted as nothing. Her constant advice through life has been "don't worry about things." She is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of South Glastonbury, and is strong in the faith. She has passed beyond the sunset of life and is patiently living in the after-glow, awaiting the time when the silver cord shall be loosed and the last faint spark extinguished. She lives in hope of being united with those near and dear to her, who have gone before and are awaiting her coming on the other shore. While she betrays an interest in things about her and is apparently happy, her thoughts are largely in the past; dim shadows of her former associates. Her life has been one of beauty and usefulness. At present writing she bids fair to celebrate her 105th birthday, May 1st of this year."

An anecdote as told by  
A. H. Dayton

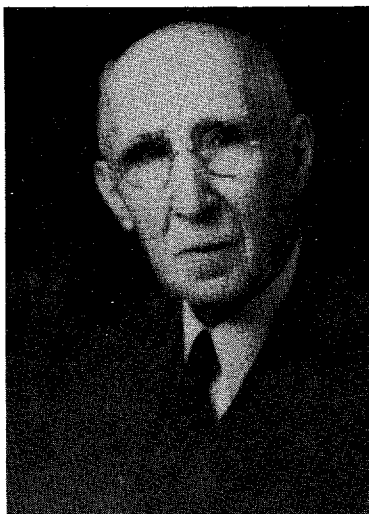
"Aunt Pamela never married. She lived all her life with Grandma Mehetabel in the old house in South Glastonbury. When Grandma was one hundred and two years old, Aunt Pamela died at the age of seventy six. After the funeral we came back from the cemetery and were sitting around talking, mostly about Aunt Pamela, when Grandma, who had been somewhat silent, gave a long sigh and said, 'Yes, Pamela was a good gal but she always was unhealthy; I never did think I'd raise her.' "



Andrew Jackson Dayton  
1822---1883



Henrietta (Hayden) Dayton  
1830-1912



Arthur Hayden Dayton  
1854---1938



Marilla Chandler (Bliss) Dayton  
1853---1897

Making a beginning.

The question is, how to make a beginning in the right manner. It will not do to shut our eyes, and fold our hands, and dread it, No; we must go to work with a determination to make our beginnings of every thing, whether work, play, or study, thorough. Then the ending will be a success. It is true we shall need patience in our beginnings, in our progress, and in finishing. If we form habits of working in patience, then we shall enjoy our work in all its parts, and after its completion, ~~especially~~ Especially in our studies. may we make a right beginning, and go on with credit to ourselves and our teacher.

A. H. Dayton

## ARTHUR HAYDEN DAYTON

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

by E. B. D.

Arthur Hayden Dayton, son of Andrew Jackson and Henrietta Hayden Dayton, and grandson of Ezra and Mehetabel Dayton of Glastonbury, was born at Waterbury, Conn., November 24, 1854. He remembered the hardships of the Civil War years while the family was living in Hartford where his father was a contractor. But he was still very young when the family moved to East Haddam where he grew up. He attended the schools of Glastonbury and East Haddam, and among the papers which have been preserved are some school themes dated 1867, when he was thirteen years old. At this time, because of his father's ill health, it became necessary for him to leave school in order to help meet the family needs. He worked first on the ferry crossing the Connecticut River from Goodspeed's Landing where his maternal grandfather, Horace Hayden, had previously had a shipyard. Later he worked in a tile factory and as a trimmer on lathes in the Boardman Silver Factory. Eager for further education, he saved enough money during these years to go to Wilbraham Academy in Mass., but found his funds sufficient for only a few months there. In later years his insistence on the importance of education for his family and young friends was probably due to his own unfulfilled ambitions.

In October 1871, at the age of sixteen, he entered the employ of the National Bank of New England at East Haddam, "tending fires" according to his own account. Within a few years he became teller, then cashier and vice-president, and remained as a director and vice-president for the rest of his life. In 1883 he was called to Naugatuck, Conn. to help organize the Naugatuck National Bank and to become its cashier, 1883 to 1918, its vice-president and a director from 1918, and trust officer from 1925, until his death in 1938. At the same time he was successively manager, treasurer, and secretary of the Naugatuck Savings Bank from 1885 to 1924 when he became its president.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1880, Arthur Dayton had married Marilla Bliss of Longmeadow, Mass., a cousin of the Boardmans in whose silver factory he had once been employed. For the three years that they remained at East Haddam the Daytons lived in the Hotel Riverside in which the National Bank of New England has always been situated, near Goodspeed's Landing and the famous East Haddam Opera House which is still standing. The

marriage was a happy one, and when they moved to Naugatuck Mrs. Dayton made a place for herself in their new home as quickly as did her husband. She became a member of the Womens Study Club, which fostered the intellectual life of the community; and she helped her husband continue his education by the study of the German language. When she died, in childbirth, in 1897, she was much beloved and greatly missed according to the memories of her contemporaries.

In his early life Arthur Dayton had indulged in sports, baseball in the days when pitching was underhand and no gloves were used, and rowing in a racing shell on the Connecticut River. He often recalled with amusement a time when he attended a dance down in Deep River and it took him the rest of the night to row back upstream to East Haddam. In his early years at Naugatuck he played tennis and rode horseback.

When about fifty years of age, he was thrown while wrestling in the Y. M. C. A. and suffered an injury which caused him to stoop and limp for the rest of his life. It remained untreated because it was not until X-rays were available, a decade later, that it was found to be an ankylosed, impacted, fracture of the femur. This did not keep him, however, from taking extensive canoe trips, with long carries, in the Maine woods where he spent most of his vacations in later years and enjoyed fishing as long as he lived.

Throughout his life Arthur Dayton was deeply interested in the welfare of his community and served it actively. He was elected one of the first six burgesses, 1894 to 1898, and held that office again in 1905. In 1895 he was serving on the board of charities, and from 1895 to 1905 on the board of education. In 1917 he was appointed, by Governor Holcomb, Military Census Agent for Naugatuck. He was an active member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, serving as vestryman from 1893 to 1913 and as warden from 1913 to 1938. From 1909 to 1922 he was president of the Y. M. C. A.

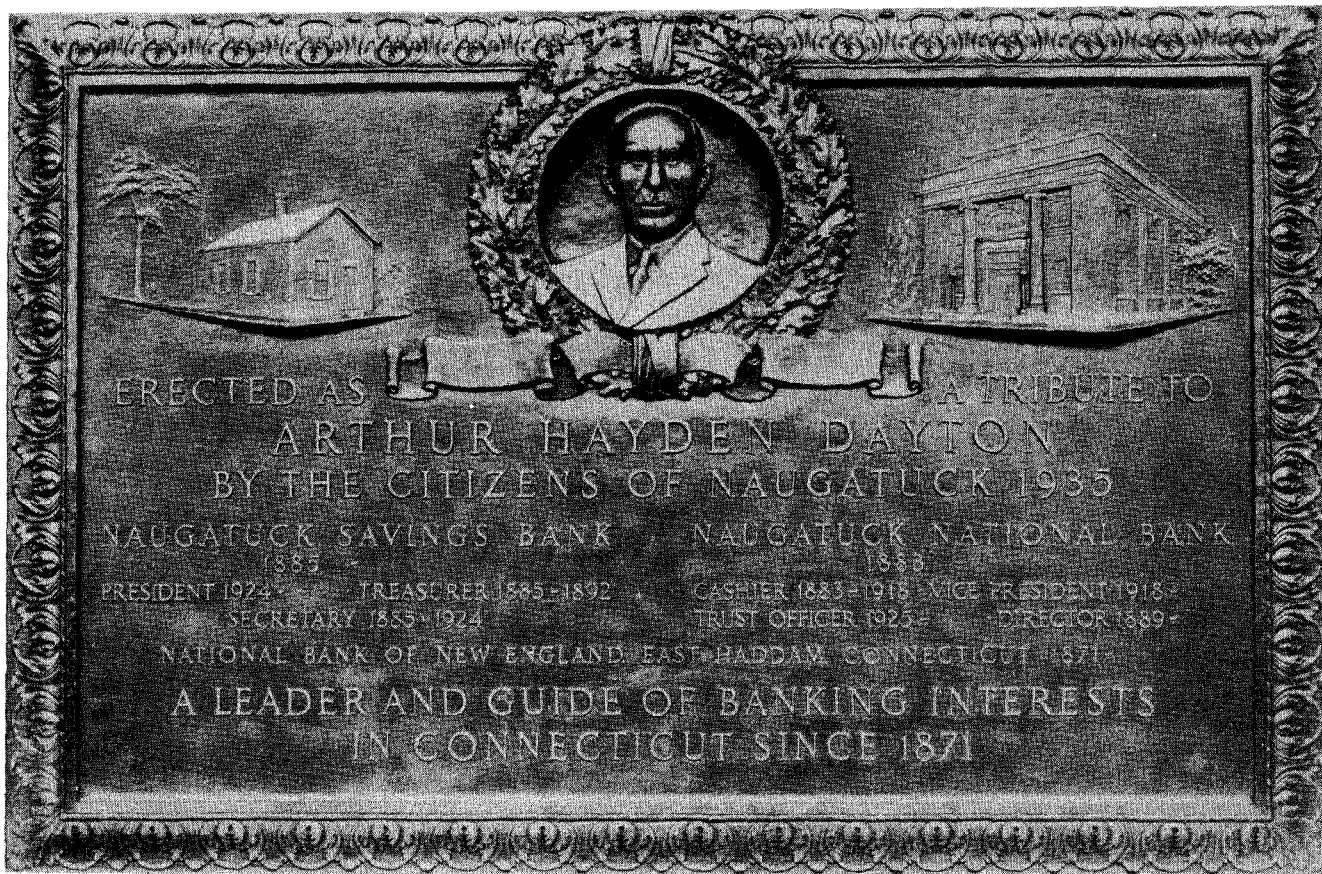
At the time of his death, November 16, 1938, he was president of the Naugatuck Savings Bank, a director and vice-president of the Naugatuck National Bank, a director and vice-president of the National Bank of New England (East Haddam), vice-president of Risdon Manufacturing Co., honorary president of the Y. M. C. A. and senior warden of St. Michael's Church.

To Arthur Dayton banking was not just a business but a means of serving the best interest of the community and its individual citizens. Believing it to be an obligation of people who possessed capital to risk a portion of it in new ventures in order to maintain

a healthy and growing economy, he encouraged the development of new industries which would promote the growth of the town and so benefit all its citizens. At the same time he was no less concerned with the personal welfare of the individuals who entrusted their savings to his care, particularly those of modest means. With missionary zeal he urged every one to start the habit of saving and encouraged families to buy their own homes with the bank's assistance. Before he died he was particularly proud of the small number of foreclosures that were necessary during the depression. He would let no one withdraw savings without first consulting him, as he then had a chance to offer sound and impartial advice in regard to that individual's best interests. In this way he undoubtedly prevented many losses to people who could ill afford them but had miscalculated the risks they were about to take. Scrupulously careful in guarding the funds of the bank and the savings of individuals against undue risk, he often dipped into his personal funds instead, in order to loan money to someone whose need evoked his sympathy or whose plans aroused his eagerness to help. Perhaps because of his own early disappointment and rugged start, it became one of his hobbies to help young people of his community to get more education and smoother starts in life; but only those he helped knew the extent of his generosity.

In 1935, when bankers were still being blamed for the depression, an unusual tribute was paid to banker Arthur Dayton. By popular subscription his fellow townsmen raised money to place on the walls of the Naugatuck Savings Bank a bronze placque in his honor.

One of the many letters he received at that time shows the esteem in which he was held.



*Arthur Hayden Dayton*  
2-3-1936

Congregational House  
37 Garden Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

Nov. 28, 1935

Mr. Arthur H. Dayton  
Naugatuck, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Dayton:

On this Thanksgiving Day I count as one of the blessings of my life, my fellowship and friendship with you for more than two score years.

The press tells me that the Naugatuck people have placed a fitting tablet in appreciation of your life and services in the community.

There is a larger tribute in the hearts of those who have known you.

It is not that your commercial intergrity has been unquestioned this long period alone but as a banker you have shown a heart of human sympathy and helpfulness to the many you have been able to serve.

I came to Naugatuck forty-three years ago a young minister in my earliest thirties and soon I met you. Your favors not a few I recall with satisfaction.

But more than this I remember your gracious personality and helpful attitude to mine and me.

Your character has been an influential example to the youth of Naugatuck.

I rejoice that your service has been extended for these many years and I trust you will still be spared to continue and further your good work.

Yours with warm feelings of regard

Sherrod Soule

Note:

Mr. Soule was formerly minister of the  
Congregational Church in Naugatuck

Copy of Editorial which appeared in  
The Daily News  
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1938

ARTHUR H. DAYTON

Naugatuck residents were shocked and saddened today by the unexpected death of Arthur H. Dayton, president of the Naugatuck Savings Bank and vice-president of the Naugatuck National Bank, which occurred early this morning at the New Haven Hospital where he was taken yesterday, following a sudden attack of illness.

It can truthfully be said that no resident of this community was more highly esteemed or beloved than the outstanding citizen who had recently observed his sixty-seventh year of service in the banking business. He was first of all, a man of fine character and as such was true to the highest ideals of the honored and honorable institution of banking. He was a man of excellent judgment and well qualified for the position of trust and responsibility which he so ably, efficiently and satisfactorily filled. ----There are many persons in Naugatuck today who owe much to Arthur H. Dayton for his friendly advice and acts of generosity.

Although he would have been 84 years old had he lived until November 24 of this year, Mr. Dayton was not considered an old man. He was exceedingly active for a person of his years and very youthful in spirit. He enjoyed remarkably good health up to the time of his illness. His habits were of the best, and in his attendance to his duties at the Naugatuck Savings Bank he was regular and punctual.

During the 55 years that he had resided in Naugatuck he always manifested a keen interest in the affairs of this community and played an active and prominent part in its advancement and progress.

He had served as a burgess, a member of the board of charities and also on the board of education, and was a former president of that association at the time of his death. He was ready at all times to assist the needy and distressed, but his acts of charity were quietly performed. His long and useful life was well spent and he goes to his grave respected, loved and admired. What finer tribute could be paid to any man? He will be greatly missed.

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