

Chapmans in the Early History of Tolland County, Connecticut

This series began in the Fall 2004 issue, page 56, which you should see for background and source information. It all comes through the courtesy of Leonard Chapman, CFA Member # 184, who sent the reprint for the CFA data collection. Names in the various lists in this segment were not clear in the source and may have been transcribed incorrectly. This is the second of two parts of the Military segment. Chapmans do not appear as often in this segment as in the first. Chapman is listed thirteen times. Those that do appear are shown in bold print except when the who paragraph is a bold list of children. In those cases the Chapmans are also underlined and listed in italics. Look for more in a coming issue—"Burying Grounds."

The Early History of Tolland

WILLS or WILLES. This is one of the names that stand prominent among the early settlers of Tolland. Joshua Wills was an inhabitant of the town of Windsor. His name appears on the petition of the Windsor men for a new township, bearing date May 9, 1713, and presented to the General Assembly at its ensuing session. It also appears as one of the inhabitants of Tolland, on the petition relative to Coventry lands, presented May session, 1718.

The following copy of a petition by Joshua. Wills, now among the archives of the state at Hartford, will give some idea of the inhabitants of those times:

"To the Honorable the Governor and Council sitting at Hartford May 25, 1722: The prayer of Joshua Wills of Tolland humbly sheweth: that your poor petitioner, by the Holy providence of God, visiting of him with great sickness and of long continuance, is reduced to very hard and low circumstances in thο world: my life is still continued to me, through the mercy of God, by my body and my estate brought very low through the force of my disease. I have thought it my duty to repair of the broken state of my health, but have no means that can possibly enable me thereunto. Therefore my humble request is that [you] would give me liberty of a brief to ask charity from christian friends within places and limits as your Honors in your great goodness shall think most suitable: and your petitioner as in duty bound shall pray."

JOSHUA WILLS"

At this time there was a statute prohibiting applications for charitable contributions, without liberty from the governor and council, who were to direct in what towns and societies such briefs should be used. It does not appear what action was had on this petition.

The necessities of the poor and unfortunate were not in those days relieved in this way alone, but they successfully sought relief in other ways. The following extract of a letter from Rev. Stephen Mix, of Wethersfield, to Gov. Talcott. dated May 26, 1726, and the action had thereon, will exhibit the character of the people of that generation in its true light.

"We have," he says, "for a considerable time had many needy persons, (from the eastern towns principally,) coming to us for corn; and they are still daily coming; many that come--perhaps the generality seem to be sober, well disposed persons--showing an honest simplicity and freedom as I imagine from the vices, apt to be found in our 'more populous and fuller towns:--This evening I hear more of their straits," &c., &c.

This letter occupies a page of foolscap paper, closely written. Gov. Talcott forthwith wrote a message to the Assembly, then in session, on a blank page of this sheet, and forwarded the whole for their consideration. A committee was appointed of members of each house who made a favorable report, and the following resolution was adopted in both houses, to wit:

"May, 1726. This Assembly being informed that there are many persons in the towns of Voluntown, Ashford, Willington, Stafford, Tolland, and Bolton, which by frost in the year past were generally cut short in their crops and thereby are reduced to a suffering, almost a perishing condition;--for the relief of whom this Assembly orders thirty pounds, (one hundred dollars,) money to be drawn out of the public treasury of this colony and to be delivered to Nathaniel Stanley and Ozias Pitkin, who are hereby ordered to send to the several, ministers or selectmen of said towns except in Willington; and there to send to John Cady and Thomas Jennings, to inform said committee of such persons as are in a suffering condition; and said committee are hereby ordered to proportion said money to the several towns according to their number and necessities; and said poor persons having a

certificate from such minister, selectmen or others as abovesaid, may repair to such committee who is thereby ordered to deliver unto him or them such support out of the money as they shall see fit."

JOSHUA WILLS was one of the very first persons to whom allotments of land were made in the territory afterwards named Tolland, on the 6th day of February, 1711; and he was one of the original grantees in the deed of the committee who were authorized and empowered to sell the lands in the north part of Tolland. He had a son also named Joshua., who was born before Tolland was settled--the name of Joshua Wills, Jr., appearing on the petition of May 9, 1713.

Joshua Wills, Jr., married Melicent Yeomans, November 9, 1729. She died March 13, 1737. Their children were :

Solomon	born	October 14, 1731
Amriah	born	June 27, 1733
Elizabeth	born	May 18, 1735, died July 2, 1736
Melicent	born	March 11, 1737, died March 17, 1737

Joshua Wills, Jr., married for second wife, Jemima Eaton, August 22, 1739. Their children were :

Elizabeth	born	August 14, 1740
Joshua	"	July 16, 1742
Gideon	"	February 1, 1743
Melicent	"	January 12, 1747, died November 19, 1750

Joshua Wills died August 2, 1767. His widow survived to May 3, 1791. Mr. Wills was a captain of the militia company; a member of the General Assembly thirteen regular and four special sessions; and was selectman thirteen years.

SOLOMON WILLS, son of Joshua and Melicent Wills, married Elizabeth Lathrop, February 24, 1763. She was the daughter of John Lathrop, one of the first settlers in Tolland. Their children were:

Ariah	born	May 30 1772, went to Franklin, N.Y.
Solomon	"	January 10, 1775, settled in Pennsylvania
Warsham	"	July 27, 1780, " " "
Roxalana	"	December 3, 1763, first wife of Col E. <u>Chapman</u>, died November 24, 1780
Nancy	"	September 3, 1765, second wife of Col E. <u>Chapman</u>
Elizabeth	"	November 30, 1767, married Capt. Ashbel Steel
Melicent	"	September 12, 1769, married Col. Elijah Smith

Solomon Wills was very early enrolled in the defense of his country. We find his name first as a private soldier in the year 1756, in the French and Indian war. In 1759 he served as a serjeant (sic), in 1758 as an ensign, in 1759 he was a second lieutenant, and in 1762 he was first lieutenant commanding the ill fated company that went to Cuba, of whom so few returned. In 1775, we find him captain of the volunteer company that performed a tour of duty of eight months, near Boston. The promptness with which this company was formed and made ready for service, speaks well for the character of its commander. The exciting cause or this movement, was the skirmish at Lexington on the 19th of April; and this company of ninety-eight men were at Roxbury, Mass., and mustered into service on the first day of the following May. When we take into consideration the facilities of that day for circulating news or for traveling, this transaction will look the more remarkable. In the campaign of 1776 we find Mr. Wills under the command of Gen. Washington, as a Colonel, in which capacity he served at different periods during the war of the revolution, both in the State and Continental lines. Col. Wills was in civil life also, a very active and useful citizen. He was a selectman of the town three years; a justice of the peace five years; an Associate Judge of Tolland County Court seven years; a member of the General Assembly twenty-three sessions. In 1793 he ceased to act in public life. He died December 10, 1807, aged seventy-six years.

Col. Wills is still represented in Tolland by two ladies, his lineal descendants, viz.: Mrs. Joseph Bishop and Miss Elizabeth S. Kent; they being all the descendants of Joshua Wills, one of the first settlers, now remaining in Tolland.

The name of SAMUEL HUNTINGTON appears on the list of those who died in the service of their country. He was second son of John Huntington, Esq., one of the original grantees of the town of Tolland. John Huntington was from Windsor; was one of the petitioners for the town in May, 1713, though his name does not appear on the subsequent petitions. It is certain that he was of Windsor, January 14, 1719, for on that day he took a deed of John Ellsworth of a tract of land in Tolland containing three hundred acres. He had also a lot of land that was Christopher Huntington's, assigned him November 26, 1719. It is not certain when he moved to Tolland; it is certain, however, he became a resident of this town before April 16, 1723, as there is a record of his marriage

on that day as follows: "April 16, 1723. Then was John Huntington of Tolland married to Thankful Warren of Windham." The following is a record of his family :

Thankful	born	March 16, 1724, died July 14, 1739
John	"	February 22, 1725
Samuel	"	July 24, 1728
Andrew "	September 17, 1730	
Abigail	"	October 1, 1732
Deborah	"	May 21 1736

John Huntington, Esq., died January 26, 1737, aged forty-six years. He was the second justice of the peace ever appointed for the town of Tolland, and he was the only justice from 1733 to his death. He was commissioned as ensign in October, 1723, on the first organization of the militia in Tolland; was one year the town-clerk, and two years selectman --departing this life at almost the commencement of his public usefulness. Tradition assigns his place of residence on the farm now owned and occupied by Dea. Nathan Spalding.

JOHN, the eldest son of John Huntington, Esq., married Mehitabel, daughter of Rev. Stephen Steel, March 23, 1749. The following is their family record ;

John	born	May 12, 1749
Thankful	"	July 23, 1750, died October 29, 1750
Mehitabel	"	January 24, 1752
Elisha	"	December 17, 1754
William "	September 19, 1757	
Hezekiah	"	December 30, 1759
Deborah	"	November 21, 1762
Samuel	"	March 23, 1765
Abigail	"	March 29, 1767
Ruth	"	May 12, 1769
Thankful	"	October 3, 1771
Maria	"	October 27, 1774, died August 3, 1777

SAMUEL, second son of John Huntington, Esq., married Jane West, daughter of Deacon Joseph West, December 26, 1751. He was the Ensign in the French war , and died at Lake Onedia, in 1760. His children were:

Thankful	born	December 24, 1752
Jane	"	February 22, 1755
Diantha "	November 4, 1757, died September 20, 1763	
Jerusha "	May 1, 1760, died August 5, 1773	

JOHN, son of John and grandson of John Huntington, Esq., married Rebecca Newell, of Ellington, (then East Windsor,) February 20, 1783. Their children were :

John	born	February 26, 1784, died November 18, 1784
Mara	"	February 12, 1786, died Mary 18, 1787
John	"	March 7, 1788
Frederick Augustus	"	July 14, 1790
Ephraim Newell	"	March 7, 1792, died February 8, 1793
Rebecca	"	October 29, 1793
Mara	"	June 6, 1795
Andrew	"	March 23, 1798
Robert Goodloe	"	February 6, 1800
Almira	"	February 10, 1802

ELISHA, son of John and grandson of John Huntington, Esq., married Esther Ladd, June 16, 1785. Their children were:

Andrew	born	January 25, 1786, died February 5, 1786
Lucia	"	May 27, 1787
Samuel	"	May 9, 1789
Ambrose	"	June 8, 1791
Esther	"	September 28, 1793
Elias	"	June 6, 1796
Appo- illegible	"	November 4, 1798
Nancy	"	May 31, 1801
Laura	"	May 19, 1804

Ruth " December 20, 1806

HEZEKIAH HUNTINGTON, the fourth son of John Huntington and his wife Mehitabel Steel, was in the war of the revolution. At one time he was in an armed ship that made a daring attempt to escape from New London harbor through the British fleet that blockaded the eastern entrance into Long Island sound, but the ship was taken, and the most formidable looking of its men, among them Mr. Huntington, put in irons. He was thus conveyed to New York, and confined in a prison ship, where his sufferings were such as to injure his health during life. He afterwards became an eminent lawyer and politician. For many years he was United States District Attorney for Connecticut, and died in Middletown at an advanced age, leaving children. who occupy very prominent places in society, viz.: Samuel H. Huntington, clerk of the court of claims, Washington, D. C., and Hezekiah Huntington, of Hartford. .

I am not aware that any of the descendants of John Huntington, Esq., the first settler, are now in Tolland.

Capt. ICHABOD HINCKLEY was the son of Ichabod Hinckley, who came from Barnstable county, Mass., about the year 1732, and settled on the farm now owned by Nathan Pierson. He died May 10, 1768. He was selectman two years. Ichabod Hinckley, Jr., had six children by his first wife, whose name was Mary, viz.: Anna, Bethiah, Temperance, Ichabod, Benjamin, and Daniel. His wife Mary died January 8, 1769. He then married Hannah Kingsbury, daughter of Dea. Nathaniel Kingsbury, for his second wife, December 12, 1769, by whom he had four children, viz.: Mary, Hannah, Sarah, and Deborah. He was a captain in the continental army, and performed several tours of duty, besides being otherwise very active in the revolutionary contest. He was twice a member of the General Assembly and fourteen years a selectman. People who remembered him used to speak with admiration of his integrity and ability as a selectman, and of the dignity with which he used to preside in town meetings. Capt. Hinckley died February 23, 1807, in his seventy-second year. I do not know that any of his descendants are now in Tolland.

Captain AMOS FELLOWS, of revolutionary memory, was a son of Isaac Fellows, who carne from Plainfield, in Windham County, to Tolland about the year 1745. He married Abigail Lathrop, daughter of Ichabod Lathrop, and granddaughter of John Lathrop, who was one of the early settlers in Tolland. The following were his children, viz.:

Ruth born March 27, 1753
Ichabod " March 7, 1754, died March 18, 1759
Stephen " April 17, 1755, died June 29, 1759
Isaac " May 29, 1757

Abigail, his wife, died June 25, 1773.

Capt Fellows is reported to have been at New York in the twenty-second regiment, in 1776, where he is said to have been taken by the enemy. Certain it is that he was in captivity awhile, and was confined in a prison ship, where his sufferings were the most cruel, and from which he found relief only in the sleep of death. He was said to have been a man of intellect, and of great decision and firmness of character. His death was considered a great loss to the cause, and it was said that had he survived he would have been promoted to a very superior grade. He left only two children, one of whom, Isaac, married and remained in Tolland to the day of his death.

ICHABOD GRIGGS, Jr., was an ensign in the war of the revolution. He was the son of Dea. Ichabod Griggs, who removed from Norwich to Tolland about the year 1744, the year in which his son Ichabod was born. Dea. Ichahod Griggs was representative three sessions, and selectman five years. He died May 9, 1790, aged seventy-two years. His children were as follows:

Joshua born January 8, 1743, at Norwich.
Ichabod " June 7, 1744
Sarah " June 6, 1749

JOSHUA, eldest son of Dea. Ichabod Griggs, was, like his father, a deacon in the church and a very respectable man. He was an adjutant in the revolutionary service, and was a selectman five years. He married Joanna, daughter of Dea.. Elijah **Chapman**, December 11, 1766. Their children were :

Roswell born September 23, 1767
Joshua " June 17, 1769
Susannah " January 30, 1771
Daniel " April 15, 1773
Charles " August 15, 1775
Sarah " September 23, 1777
Elijah " September 5, 1780
Joanna " September 5, 1783

Dea. Joshua Griggs died June 9, 1813, aged seventy years.

ROSWELL, eldest son of Dea. Joshua Griggs, married Sarah Dunham, of Mansfield, October 27, 1791. The following are their children, to wit:

Mary	Born	May 15, 1792
Sally	"	March 5, 1794
Minerva	"	August 6, 1796, died married Doct. O.K. Isham, November 12, 1822
Charles	"	April 14, 1799
Eunice Hovey	"	August 27, 1801
Elijah <i>Chapman</i>	"	September 5, 1803, Died January 23, 1806
Roswell Leonard	"	March 11, 1806, died April 6, 1815
Seth Dunham	"	May 1, 1809
Parmela Porter	"	August 13, 1812, died February 3, 1813
Julia	"	March 17, 1814
Normand Brigham	"	June 18, 1816

JOSHUA., son of Dea. Joshua Griggs, was a physician, and for a short time practiced in Tolland, but removed to the west.

Daniel, son of Dea. Joshua Griggs, married Nancy Pinney, or Ellington, January 19, 1806. The following are their children, viz.:

Joshua	born	October 11, 1806
Elisa	"	February 19, 1808
Lucius	"	January 9, 1810
Harriet	"	November 28 1811, died March 1, 1815
Daniel	"	March 2, 1814
Harriet	"	May 27, 1816
Lemuel P.	"	May 19, 1818
Henry O.	"	March 30, 1821
Charles G.	"	November 25, 1823
James Randolph	"	May 7, 1827

Ensign ICHABOD GRIGGS, son of Dea. Ichabod Griggs, married Mary Hatch, daughter of Joseph Hatch, the second, December 19, 1765. He died at New Rochelle, N. Y., September 30, 1776, aged thirty-two years. His children were:

Joseph	born	January 30, 1767
Samuel	"	May 10, 1768
Stephen	"	October 3, 1769
Anna	"	September 14, 1773, died April 23, 1787
Matta	"	February 12, 1777

SAMUEL GRIGGS, son of Ichabod and Mercy Griggs, married Mary Hinckley, daughter of Capt. Ichabod Hinckley, all of Tolland, February 16, 1792. His children were:

Anna	born	October 6, 1792
Ichabod	"	February 28
Chester	"	April 6

STEPHEN GRIGGS, son of Ichabod and Mercy Griggs, married Betsey Lathrop, daughter of Solomon Lathrop, and a niece of Hope Lathrop, March 8, 1792. His children were:

Harriet	born	December 27, 1792
Chauncey	"	April 10, 1796
Ralph	"	January 31, 1798
Solomon Lathrop	"	April 7, 1800
Austin	"	July 26, 1805
Leverett	"	November 6, 1806

The descendants of Dea. Joshua Griggs, now residents in Tolland, are Mrs. Mary Cowen, Mrs. Oliver K. Isham, and Mr. Joshua Griggs. They are also descendants of Deacon Elijah **Chapman**, through Joanna, wife of Dea. Joshua Griggs.

The descendants of Ichabod Griggs, 2d, are descendants of Joseph Hatch, one of the first settlers in Tolland through Mercy, wife of said Ichabod. .

The descendants of Stephen Griggs are descendants also of Hope Lathrop, one of the first settlers in Tolland,

through Betsey, wife of said Stephen Griggs.

Ichabod Griggs, 1st was representative in the General Assembly three sessions, and selectman five years.

Stephen Griggs was selectman one year, and captain of a militia company.

Chauncey Griggs was representative in the General Assembly two sessions, judge of the Probate Court for the district of Tolland two years, and a justice of the peace fourteen years.

Ralph R. Griggs was a justice of the peace five years.

Solomon Lathrop Griggs, was sheriff of Tolland county six years, and selectman four years.

Seth D. Griggs and Joshua Griggs were each representatives in the General Assembly one session.

JAMES CHAMBERLIN commanded a company of cavalry one or two tours of duty during the war of the revolution. He came to Tolland from Coventry about the year 1772, and removed to East Windsor before the year 1782. While in this town he lived at the extreme south-east part of it, on a farm lying east of the one lately owned by Jesse West. He was one of the representatives from Tolland in the General Assembly, October session, 1775; otherwise I can learn nothing more of him than that he was a revolutionary officer.

The name of JOSEPH BAKER frequently occurs as one who actively participated in the early settlement of Tolland. He was one of the petitioners in 1713, for a charter of the new town, and his name is on various other petitions relative to its settlement; he also received an early allotment of land. He was one of the fifty-one grantees of the township in 1719. He was of Windsor and was the grandson of Jeffrey Baker, from England, one of the early settlers of that town, Joseph Baker finally removed his entire family, (all of whom were born in Windsor,) to Tolland, in the year 1724. He settled on a tract of several hundred acres lying south of Shenipset pond,—he was a large landholder, owning besides other tracts, one in the south-west district, where he settled two or three of his sons, and where their descendants have resided until this day. One of his sons, Jacob, was educated for the ministry and graduated at Yale College in 1731, being the earliest graduate belonging to Tolland; but he was consumptive--never preached except where there was a temporary vacancy, and died early in life. Joseph Baker was two years a select-man, and died in 1784, aged seventy-five years. His son, John, married Sarah, daughter of Dea. Isaac Davis, of Windsor; settled on his share of the original tract, near Shenipset pond, and died in 1802, at the age of ninety-five years. Jerusha., his only child who lived to maturity, married Samuel Stanley; their oldest son, John Stanley, born in 1752, married Abigail Gibbs, of East Windsor, in 1771;--their oldest son, Roswell Stanley, born in 1772, died in 1850, aged seventy-eight years, on the land of his ancestors;--the farm being now occupied by Col. Sanford Stanley, and was formerly the residence of Sidney Stanley, Esq., now of Hartford, who during his employment at the office of Secretary of State, furnished me with copies of documents in the public archives, relative to the history of this town. And I take pleasure in publicly acknowledging my obligations to Mr. Stanley for many of the interesting facts and incidents used in this history, and would recommend those who may desire further information upon this subject, to avail themselves of his extensive research and fund of facts relative to the early settlers of Tolland.

JOSEPH BAKER, Jr., married Margaret Gibbs, of East Windsor, January, 21, 1731. Their children were :

Seth	born	July 2, 1733
Titus	"	June 18, 1736
Joseph	"	November 18, 1738
Ebenezer	"	February 8, 1740
Mary	"	August 5, 1745
Daniel	"	January 6, 1747, died June 3, 1752
Ruth	"	December 25, 1749

JOSEPH BAKER, son of Joseph Baker, Jr., married, Lois Carpenter, March 25, 1762. He was the father of Alvin Baker and Eli Baker, who lived and died in the south-west part of Tolland. Eli Baker was three years a selectman and four years a member of the General Assembly.

Heman, son of Joseph Baker, senior, settled on his father's homestead, married Lois Gilbert, of Hebron, and died in 1805, aged eighty-six years. The children of Heman and Lois Gilbert were :

Heman	born	October 11, 1748
Ann	"	April 24, 1750
Deborah	"	January 12, 1752
John	"	January 26, 1754
Oliver	"	October 5, 1755
Abigail	"	November 5, 1757
Lois	"	November 14, 1760

Delight " December 21, 1762
Lydia " February 4, 1765

HEMAN BAKER, Jr., was a sergeant in Capt. Solomon Wills' company of volunteers at Roxbury, in 1775. The next year he was taken prisoner, together with his brother-in-law, Joel Smith, near New York, and after being kept in the usual severe confinement, they were exchanged or released, and having been unnecessarily and maliciously exposed to the small pox, they were permitted to return to their homes. On their way they became ill, and were unable to proceed farther than East Hartford, where it was discovered that they both had the small pox in the most malignant form, and where they both died. Heman Baker, Jr., died January 21, 1777. He was a single man. Joel Smith left a widow and two small children. Their grave-stones yet remain where they were buried,—not in the public burying ground, but in a field near the house in which they died. No one of their friends in Tolland could be present during their sickness or burial. Oliver Baker became a physician and settled in New Hampshire. *NOTE—This family should not be confounded with that of a Mr. Heman Baker, who moved into Tolland from Massachusetts, and some of whose descendants for a generation or two, continued in the eastern section of the town.*

JOHN BAKER, son of Heman Baker, Sen., married Elizabeth Dimick; July 22, 1779. Their family record is as follows:

Celinda	born	April 22, 1780, married Hon. E. Stearns, November 4, 1800
Nancy	"	May 5, 1782
Almira	"	April 16, 1784
Amelia	"	June 10, 1786
Seymour	"	June 25, 1788
Lydia	"	October 25, 1790
Chauncey	"	September 18, 1794
Florilla	"	October 17, 1797

John Baker married for his second wife, Alice Jewett., December 25, 1806. They had one child, Juliana, born September 10, 1809.

The name "Joseph Baker," which was the name of the first Baker who settled in Tolland, has been continued in a direct line for more than two hundred years, and is now borne by a young man who is the seventh in unbroken succession.

Two persons by the name of BENTON died in the service of their country in the French and revolutionary wars, viz.: WILLIAM BENTON, who died at Oswego in August, 1760; and AZARIAH BENTON, who died in captivity in a prison ship in Long Island sound, December 29, 1776. They were lineal descendants of Samuel Benton, Sen., who was formerly of Hartford, in this state.

SAMUEL BENTON, Sen. was one of the grantees in the deed of the committee to the first proprietors of Tolland. There were in that deed four grantees by the name or Benton, viz.: Samuel Benton, Sen., Samuel Benton, Jr., Joseph Benton, Sen., and Joseph Benton, Jr. The name of Daniel Benton appears first as one of the twenty-five petitioners respecting the Coventry lands in May, 1718. On the 20th day of February, 1719, Samuel Benton, describing himself of Hartford, gave a deed of land situated in Tolland, to Daniel Benton, also of Hartford, which deed is expressed to be "in consideration of love and good will I have and do have unto my loving son Daniel Benton," &c., &c. The land is described as containing forty acres; be the same more or less, &c., &c. On the 23d day or May, 1719, he had a lot of land surveyed to him, north-westerly from Skungamug pond. On the 20th day of June, 1719, he had another tract set to him which had a highway across it, leading from the highway that run west from James Stimson's. This tract was doubtless on both sides of the highway that runs from the south burying ground south-westward to the saw mill. July 25, 1721, he had other lots, surveyed to him—one of which was estimated at seventy acres, and one twenty-seven acres.

Daniel Benton married Mary Skinner, January 3, 1722. They had three sons, viz.:

Daniel	born	January 6, 1723
William	"	November 12, 1725
Elijah	"	June 30, 1728

WILLIAM BENTON'S name is upon the roll of Capt. Samuel Stoughton, in the year 1757, at the time the French took fort William Henry; also upon the roll of Capt. Samuel **Chapman**, in the year 1758. He married Sarah Burroughs, December 14, 1750, by whom he had one son, John, born March 2, 1754. They had three daughters, whose names were Sarah, Ruth, and Abigail. William Benton died at Oswego in the month of August, 1760, aged thirty-four years.

DANIEL, son of Daniel and Mary Benton, married Mary Wheeler, November 3, 1747. They had seven sons, as

follows:

Elisha born August 9, 1747, died January 21, 1777
Daniel " April 29, 1748
Asariah " March 29, 1752, died in a prison ship, 1776
Jacob " April 22, 1754
William " April 13, 1760
Nathan " May 3, 1764
Silas " June 6, 1766

DANIEL, son of Daniel Benton and Mary Wheeler, his wife, married Betty Richards, of Somers, February 18, 1779. Their children were:

Elisha born March 20, 1780
Betty " March 20, 1782
Eunice " July 23, 1784
Agnes " February 12, 1787, died August 19, 1791
Phebe " August 12, 1791

EUNICE married Bliss Chapin, of Somers, and occupied the family homestead where their son, Theodore Chapin, now resides.

JACOB BENTON, the son of Daniel Benton and Mary Wheeler, his wife, married Sarah Weston, of Willington, March 14, 1782. They had two children, Anna, born February 1, 1783, and William, born August 29, 1785. Mrs. Benton died September 23, 1787. He married for his second wife, Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Ladd, Jr., of Tolland, January 1, 1789. Their children were:

Azariah born June 8, 1790
Ruth " December 8, 1791
Daniel " May 3, 1794
Susalla " February 19, 1796
Chester " February 5, 1798
Jacob " June 1, 1802

Jacob Benton was a revolutionary soldier. At the age of only seventeen he was a dragoon in the army that captured Burgoyne, and saw the forces of that officer march off as prisoners. He died in 1843, at the age of eighty-three.

AZARIAH, eldest son of Jacob and Sarah Benton, and now deceased, was a deacon of the Congregational church, and the father of Rev. William A. Benton, missionary to Syria; also of Azariah L. Benton, a resident of Tolland.

DANIEL, son of Jacob Benton, and his children, are also residents of this town.

Samuel Benton, Jr., was one of the grantees in the first deed of Tolland, and probably was the son or grandson of Samuel Benton, Sen., first above-mentioned. He married Jane Bradley, December 22, 1743. Their children were

Elihu born December 26, 1744
Jonathan " September 9, 1746
Ozias " February 26, 1748
Samuel " May 9, 1757
Zadoc " March 7, 1761
Jacob " September 30, 1768
Thankful " April __, 1751, burned to death in a house destroyed by fire, Nov., 1751
Thankful " August 22 1752
Dorothy " February 23, 1755
Sarah " December 21, 1764

[Listed above in the same sequence as in the source.]

Ozias, son of Samuel and Jane Benton, married Sarah Day, of East Windsor, (now Ellington,) November 19, 1772. Their children were :

Solomon born May 1, 1775
Adonijah " May 25, 1777
Ozias " January 1, 1781
Ira " September 16, 1783
Alvin " May 21, 1786
Alfred " January 6, 1789
Benjamin D. " June 14, 1791

Levi " **February 6, 1794**

In the year 1816, a disease, called by physicians "congestive pneumonia," made its appearance in Tolland, and in six weeks time occasioned the death of sixteen persons, all of them adults. Only one man recovered who was taken with it. In the family of Ozias Benton the deaths were as follows:

Ozias, senior	died	March 21, 1816
Benjamin D., son of Ozias	" "	21 "
Sarah, wife of Ozias, senior	" "	24 "
Adonijah, son of Ozias	" "	24 "
Ozias, Jr., son of Ozias	" "	26 "

ADONIJAH, son of Ozias and Jane Benton, married Anna Poet, of Tolland, November 23, 1803. Their children were:

Erastus	born	January 17, 1806
Austin	"	November 14, 1806
Benjamin D.	"	February 22, 1809
George B.	"	May 23, 1811
Juliana	"	October 17, 1813

Benjamin D. Benton is a resident of Tolland.

ALVIN BENTON, son of Ozias and Jane, married Ruth, daughter of S. R. Kingsbury, and great granddaughter of Rev. Stephen Steel, March 24, 1812.

TIMOTHY BENTON was undoubtedly a relative of the families already described, but the precise relationship I am unable to determine. The first Timothy Benton found upon our records, married Abigail Scott, of Tolland, June 29, 1738. Their children were :

Abigail	born	November 1, 1740
Eleanor	"	August 12, 1742
Mehitable	"	April 21, 1745
Elizabeth	"	February 21, 1747
Prudence	"	March 12, 1749
Huldah	"	July 15, 1751
Jerusha	"	March 29, 1753
Timothy	"	August 2, 1755

TIMOTHY son of Timothy and Abigail Benton, was in the revolutionary service; and afterwards on the establishment of an artillery company in Tolland, at the first choice of officers, was elected its captain. He possessed an unusually excellent common school education, and was a popular school-master. Capt. Benton resided in the large house near the north-west burying ground, now owned by the heirs of Milton Webster , where he died April 18, 1816, of the "congestive pneumonia," above-mentioned. He married Sarah, daughter of Joseph West, of Tolland, November 9, 1780. Their son, Timothy, lately deceased, was born March 3, 1786;—his first wife was Minerva Webster, of Tolland. The sons of Timothy and Minerva Benton were: Milton W. (lately deceased,) born December 16, 1812; Charles West, born July 7, 1814.

JOSEPH BENTON, one of the grantees in the first deed, was the first town-clerk of Tolland, and held the office three years, or from 1717 to 1720; but he was a poor penman as his records will show. He was a selectman two years, and was otherwise entrusted with public affairs. I can not find any record of his family, nor do I know whether he had one. He was one of the first deacons of the church in Tolland, and in the final settlement of the line between Coventry and Tolland, was located in the former town.

WILLIAM EATON Was one of the victims of the campaign of 1762. He was the grandson of William Eaton, one of the first settlers in Tolland. William Eaton the first, was from the town of Windsor. He was one of the petitioners of May, 1718, respecting Coventry lands; he had lands surveyed to him on the 18th day of May, and 29th of December, 1719, and 28th November, 1720. All these lands were in the south part of the town, and bounded on Skungamug river. He was born December 15, 1665, and married Mary Burnet, January 11, 1693. The following is the record of this family:

Daniel	born	December 7, 1693, died July 20, 1716
Mary	"	March 23, 1696
Ebenezer	"	November 29, 1697, died June 17, 1716
William	"	July __, 1700, one Monday in peace time.
Samuel	"	September 11, 1706
Bethiah	"	November 3, 1708

The first William Eaton was the first selectman ever chosen in Tolland. He was elected in the year 1717, and re-elected the two succeeding years.

William, son of William and Mary Eaton, married a woman whose Christian name was Rachel. Their children were :

Ebenezer born **January 6, 1727, died August 1, 1728**
Juda " **March 10, 1728-9**
Rachel " **November 15, 1730**
William " **October 17, 1732, died at Havana**
Jemima " **January 26, 1735**
Peter " **August 19, 1737, died November 25, 1752**

William, son of William and Rachel Eaton, married Lydia Cook, November 13, 1754. Their family record is as follows :

Ann born **November 17, 1755**
Solomon " **December 24, 1757**
William " **June 24, 1759, died October 12, 1760**
Epaphras " **August 8, 1761**

This William Eaton was one of the men who went in the expedition to the Island of Cuba in 1762. He was taken with the fever that proved fatal to so many of the troops about the time the army was to leave the island. Mr. Eaton was taken to the beach preparatory to embarking, and was left by his attendants who returned to bring some things he needed, but when they came back they found he had expired. They had no time to spare and buried him in the sand where he died.

SOLOMON EATON, son of William and Lydia Eaton, married Elizabeth Delano, daughter of Sylvanus Delano, and granddaughter of Jonathan Delano, who will receive further notice under the title of "Town Clerks." They were married June 23, 1777. The following is their family record :

Jasper born **January 26, 1781**
Zerad " **November 30, 1783**
Luther " **November 24, 1785**
Ralph " **January 23, 1788**
Clarissa " **December 2, 1789**
Sally " **December 21, 1791**
Almandor " **January 15, 1794**
Anna " **July 3, 1796, married David Johnson, December 18, 1716 (sic)**

Solomon Eaton was one of the revolutionary veterans of Tolland. He served during nearly the entire war, and was in many engagements. It is to be regretted that the full service of any of those men can not now be ascertained. At Monmouth, Mr. Eaton was slightly wounded, and in that battle he killed a British grenadier in fair single-handed conflict during a charge with bayonets,--a necessity on which, in a conversation with a friend of the writer in his broken old age, his mind seemed to dwell with sadness. Mr. Eaton was in Lafayette's light infantry;--in September, 1824, when that distinguished individual had just commenced his celebrated tour through this country, Mr. Eaton had the satisfaction of an interview with his former commander. It was at the brick tavern in the east part of Vernon. The friend before referred to witnessed their parting. As they shook hands, Mr. Eaton said: "I wish you a pleasant journey ." "God bless you," replied the General. Mr. Eaton was esteemed as the best soldier of the veteran company in which he served his longest term, and enjoyed through life & higher soldierly renown than any other of the rank and file furnished by Tolland. His patriotic feelings during life were very exalted. He worshiped his country and its emblems. One of his descendants, Horatio D. Eaton, of Hartford, is now an officer of the Connecticut volunteers.

Solomon Eaton died in September, 1843, at the age of eighty-five years, being the last survivor but one of the revolutionary soldiers in Tolland.

The descendants of William Eaton, who died at Havana, remaining in this town, are those of his son Solomon, viz.; Luther Eaton, Esq., and family, Mrs. Anna Johnson, widow of David Johnson, and family, Mrs. A. H. Hawkins and her children, and Oliver, son of Ralph Eaton, now residing on the original **Chapman** homestead. Several of the descendants of Solomon Eaton reside in Hartford.

Other persons of the name of Eaton were among the first settlers of Tolland; one of whom, Thomas Eaton, came from Woodstock and settled here in the year 1721. He had two twin Sons born on the first day of March, 1739, whom he named Moses and Aaron. Moses died in 1739, and there is no record of the family after that date.

Thomas Eaton's wife's name was Elizabeth Parker. They were married December 7, 1721. Their son Aaron. was twenty-three years old at the time of the Cuba expedition, and as one Aaron Eaton of Lieut. Wills' company died in that expedition, I think the conclusion reasonable that he was the son of Thomas Eaton of Tolland.

Samuel, the son of William and Mary Eaton, married a wife whose name was Jemima--the surname not given. Their children were:

Jemima born May 8, 1732
Bethiah " January 14, 1733
Samuel " September 15, 1734
Aaron " March 8, 1737

Samuel Eaton, Sen., died in 1737. His son, Aaron, might have been the one in the Cuba. expedition, but being a relative of the William Eaton who was in that expedition, and as there is no family tradition that William had any relative in the same service, I have supposed the other Aaron Eaton was the one who went to Cuba..

CONSTANT CRANDAL was another of the victims of the Cuba expedition. He came to Tolland probably after the year 1750. There is no record of him or his family other than that he had a son born July 25, 1757, and that he died at Havana, August 27, 1762. Giles Crandal came into town about the same time. He had a son, Samuel, who married Bethiah Eaton, August 12, 1749. Probably she was the daughter of Samuel and Jemima Eaton. They had thirteen children, among whom was one named Samuel, who was born April 13, 1774, who married Roxana Rawdon, November 28 1792, and they were the parents of the late Jarvis Crandal, who died June 28, 1854, and who is long to be remembered as one of the sweet singers in Israel; also of Amos Crandal now of this town. These Crandal families are of course the descendants of William Eaton, the first settler of that name in Tolland.

NOAH STIMPSON or Stimson was another of the young men of Tolland who died on the Island of Cuba. He was the grandson of Doct. James Stimson, who was the first physician located in Tolland. James Stimson, before 1710, resided in Lynn, Essex county, Massachusetts. He married Hannah Stearns, a sister of Shubael Stearns and John Stearns, two of the first settlers in Tolland, at Lynn, March 21, 1710. He must have removed to Tolland before March 22, 1716, for his daughter Hannah is recorded as born in Tolland on that day. He was one of the twenty-five inhabitants of Tolland who signed the petition of May, 1718, to the General Assembly, respecting the Coventry lands. He had allotments of land made to him on the 21st of June, 1720, and received a deed of land from Samuel Benton, Jr., dated December 4, 1721. The residence of Doct. Stimson was near the spot now occupied by Mr. George Morgan. He died March 10, 1758--one hundred and three years ago; therefore I can obtain no information relative to his repute in his profession; only the records abundantly show that he was in the medical practice.

JAMES STIMPSON'S eldest son, Ichabod, was born in Lynn, .Mass., January 22, 1713, and married Margaret Pack, daughter of Joseph Pack, another of the first settlers of the town, February 28, 1740. Their first son, Stephen, was born November 5, 1740; married Keziah, daughter of John Paulk, November 26, 1767. Their first daughter, Jane, was born March 27, 1772. She married Joshua Luce of Tolland, and they were the parents of Leverett Luce, lately of this town, and owner of what was called Luce's mills.

The following is the record of Doct. James Stimson's family:

Ichabod born January 22, 1713
Eneas? " May 25, 1714
Hannah " March 22, 1716
James " September 20, 1719
Naomi " November 8, 1722
Thomas " July 26, 1725

The children of Ichabod and Margaret Stimson were:

Stephen born November 5, 1740
Noah " October 14, 1742, died at Havana
Sarah " October 5, 1744
Joseph " January 12, 1746
Ruth " May 1, 1749
Joel " July 31, 1751
Margaret " November 25, 1753
Lois " January 22, 1756
Alice " February 12, 1758
Gideon " September 13, 1761
Eneas? " February 17, 1766

THOMAS, the youngest son of Doct. James Stimson, married Hannah Flint, February 11, 1747. Their children were as follows:

Aaron	born	November 28, 1749
John	"	September 1, 1751
Hannah	"	May 17, 1754
Simon	"	December 2, 1758
Abel	"	March 20, 1762
David	"	April 14, 1764
Miriam	"	October 25, 1766
Ruth	"	September 3, 1769
Joshua	"	May 14, 1772

Thomas Stimson died January 24, 1796, aged seventy-one. JOSHUA, youngest child of Thomas Stimson, was the father of Mrs. Sarah Northrop, at present a resident of Tolland, and a descendant of two of the first settlers, to wit: Doct. James Stimson and Joseph Pack.

Among the names of those who went from Tolland to Cuba in 1762, is that of JOHN BARNARD, who never returned. He was the son of Doct. Thomas Barnard, the second physician that ever located in this town. Doct. Barnard was from Hadley, Mass., and took a deed from James Lassell, dated April 13, 1734, describing a tract of land lying on both sides of the Skungamug river, a little south of Cook's bridge. This was doubtless the farm now owned and occupied by Doct. Jeduthan C. Eaton, which farm it is known he occupied for some time. Probably Dr. Barnard came to Tolland at about the date of Lassell's deed. He had four sons whose names were, Moses, born Feb. 16, 1729; John, born Aug. 6, 1731; Samuel, born May 13, 1737; and Aaron, born Sept. 30, 1746. He died in 1780, aged seventy-three years. Some of the aged people, with whom I formerly had conversation respecting the early history of the town, recollected Dr. Barnard as a very respectable gentleman, and a good doctor. He did not, however, make any very prominent mark, nor do the records show that he was actively engaged in any public business. Moses, his eldest son, married Ann Loomis, daughter of Solomon Loomis, May 22, 1750. The following is the record of this family.

Francis	born	August 31, 1750, died February 10, 1774
Esther	"	November 20, 1752, died December 12, 1773
Jonathan	"	February 27, 1755
Ann	"	August 23, 1757, died February 21, 1774
Moses	"	January 28, 1760
William	"	September 22, 1764
John	"	June 26, 1766, died January 26, 1774
Reuben	"	October 24, 1768
Abby	"	February 20, 1771
Solomon	"	November 30, 1772, died February 10, 1773

Ann, the wife of Thomas Barnard, died Jan. 12, 1774.

It will be seen that there were five deaths in this family between Dec. 12, 1773 and Feb. 25, 1774, a period of only seventy-one days--a mother and four children. Moses Barnard, the father, died at New Rochelle, N. Y., in the services of his country, Oct. 15, 1776, aged forty-six years.

I have no knowledge that any of the descendants of Doct. Barnard are now in Tolland; but as two of their number, while belonging in town, lost their lives in the service of their country, the family ought ever to have a place in the town's history.

The Hatch family also lost a member in the expedition to Cuba. Judah Hatch, of Tolland, died at Havana in 1762. He was the son of Ichabod Hatch, who came from Falmouth, Barnstable Co., Mass., in the year 1726 and whose wife's name was Abigail Works.* Their children were :

Zerviah	born	October 5, 1715
Joseph	"	August 18, 1718
Judah	"	November 11, 1720
Justus	"	October 20, 1722
Abigail	"	March 27, 1725
Daniel	"	September 24, 1726
Ruth	"	August 16, 1729
Ichabod	"	October 28, 1782

[* *The CFA source was annotated to show her name was Weeks. There was also an annotation to show that the*

first child was born in Tolland.]

The name of Hatch is associated intimately with the settlement of the town. Joseph Hatch was one of the grantees in the first deed from the Windsor committee, and is one of the petitioners respecting the Coventry lands in 1718. He probably lived in Windsor before 1713, but there is reason to believe he removed to Tolland in that year, and was one of the first two, if not the very first, permanent settler in the town of Tolland. A record of his family was made May 26, 1722, in Tolland, commencing in these words:

"Joseph Hatch, a record of his children's births and deaths in Tolland, in the county of Hartford, in the colony of Connecticut, in New England.

"Amy Hatch, daughter of Joseph Hatch, was born October 10, 1713.

Joseph Hatch, the son of Joseph Hatch, was born on September 12, 1715."

Tradition says that this was the first male child born in Tolland.

Mercy born August 23, 1717

Jonathan " September 29, 1718

Children of Joseph Hatch and Rebecca, his second wife.

Lemuel born February 29, 1735

Rebecca " June 8, 1737, died September 14, 1739

Ebenezer " April 21, 1740

Timothy " August 14, 1741

This Joseph Hatch was two years a selectman, and was the first tavern-keeper in Tolland, being chosen a tavern-keeper at a town meeting Jan. 6th, 1718. He was the first military officer in Tolland, having been commissioned lieutenant in Oct., 1722, and captain in May, 1725. He was the owner of the land in the south part of Tolland, now in the ownership of Frank Hatch, his great grandson; which has always been in the possession of the family since the first settlement of the town, a period of one hundred and forty-eight years.

Joseph, son of the above Joseph Hatch, married Mary Clark, of Lebanon, March 10, 1741. He died February 23, 1773, aged fifty-eight years. His children were :

Mary born January 15, 1742

Jonathan " September 24, 1743

Mercy " February 28, 1746

William " December 28, 1747, died March 26, 1777, at Natham, New Jersey

Joseph " April 13 1750

Abithea " May 12, 1753

Bethiah " January 13, 1755

Dan " December 29, 1757

Anna " September 18, 1759

Timothy " February 1, 1761

Isaac and

Rebecca " May 24, 1763

Joseph Hatch, 3d, son of Joseph 2d, married Sarah Parks, Sept. 18, 1772.

Joseph, their son, was born January 9, 1773

Betsey " August 27, 1774

Anna " September 24, 1776

Sally " October 24, 1778

William " December 31, 1780, died July 2, 1709

Ephraim " March 21, 1783

Ruth " July 20, 1785

Dana " January 3, 1788, died March 16, 1792

Frank " April 28, 1790

Dana " February 19, 1795

Abner Hatch was a resident of Tolland before 1747, and on Nov. 5, of that year, married Abigail Loomis, daughter of Solomon Loomis, one of the early settlers of the town. Their children were:

Jerusha born May 22, 1748

Abigail " February 1, 1750

Abner " January 31, 1753

Eleazar " August 29, 1755, died June 12, 1763

Hannah " February 12, 1758

Edy " September 20, 1760

Esther " February 10, 1763
Eleazar " September 17, 1769
Sarah " February 3, 1768

[Listed above in same sequence as source.]

The children of Edy, son of Abner Hatch were :

Experience born September 14, 1722
Abner " November 22, 1726
Hannah " January 15, 1729
Sarah " April 10, 1734
David " February 8, 1736
Lucy " August 4, 1740

Eleazar Hatch married Thankful, daughter of Joseph Lathrop, December 31, 1767. Their children were:

Samantha born November 22, 1768
Morane " June 1, 1770
Zadoc " January 6, 1772
Nathaniel " January 19, 1774, died August 6, 1803
Prudence " June 8, 1775
Grace " April 3, 1778, died October 22, 1800
Jonathan " December 20, 1780
Leetana " April 15, 1785

Mrs. Thankful Hatch, wife of Eleazar, died March 17, 1803.

Zadoc, son of Eleazar and Thankful Hatch, married Caroline Holbrook, June 13, 1793. The following is a record of their family:

Gustin born November 3, 1794, died September 28 1796
Narsa " January 21, 1796, died September 3, 1798
Marvin " November 13, 1797, died February 15, 1812
Grace " October 18, 1800
Lectana " September 13, 1802
Caroline " October 11, 1804
Mary Hyde " May 20, 1806, died February 22, 1806
Lovisa " September 14, 1807
Eleazar Lathrop " November 18, 1809

Jonathan, son of the second Joseph Hatch, married Bathsheba, daughter of Dea. Joseph West, December 5, 1765. Their children were :

Bathsheba born June 15, 1768
Mary " May 5, 1770
Clarissa " October 27, 1772
Jonathan " August 24, 1774

Mrs. Bathsheba Hatch died September 1, 1774, and Jonathan Hatch married for his second wife, Mary, daughter of Daniel Benton, Jr., April 28, 1777. Their children were:

Jerusha born June 6, 1778
Rosamond " May 11, 1780
Asenath " May 6, 1782
Mary " April 19, 1784
_____ " November 5, 1786

Children of Timothy Hatch:

Saluenius born July 11, 1717
Mary " August 17, 1718
Jedida " December 30, 1720
Jethro " September 17, 1722
Timothy " June 22, 1728
Deborah " April 10, 1729
Job " May 10, 1731

Justus, son of Ichabod Hatch, married Abigail Case, February 15, 1744. Their children wore :

Honors born March 16, 1745
Heuian " April 1, 1747

Darius " September 30, 1748
Justus " November 1, 1751
Ruth " January 21, 1759 – and two that died in infancy.

Children of David and Anna Hatch :

George born September 29, 1764
Solomon " November 5, 1766
Lucy " February 19, 1768

The descendants of the first Joseph Hatch now in Tolland, are Mrs. Alexander Abbott and her descendants, Miss Ruth Hatch, Frank Hatch and his children, the descendants of Capt. Stephen Griggs, the descendants of Dea. Jabez Kingsbury, and Joseph Tilden and children.

OLIVER YEOMANS was one of the victims at the island of Cuba. He was a son of Elijah Yeomans, and was born in Tolland, November 10, 1740. He was of course about twenty-two years old when he died. There were several families of the name of Yeomans in Tolland at an early date. In 1720 one John Yeomans was selectman; and one John Yeomans, Jr., of Tolland, has a deed recorded, bearing date April 11, 1723. There is no record of his family.

Thomas Yeomans had the births of five of his children recorded in Tolland, viz.:

Thomas born July 9, 1716
Joseph " March 28, 1719
John " May 10, 1721
Stephen " July 9, 1723
Ruth " October 28, 1725

Joseph, son of Thomas Yeomans, married Susanna Richarson, February 1, 1749. They had one child, Stephen, born July 25, 1749.

Stephen, son of Thomas Yeomans, married Jerusha Benton, October 17, 1771. They had one child, Susanna, born August, 1772.

Elisha Yeomans and his wife Mary have the following record:

Jerusha born March 3, 1728
David " March 30, 1730
Mary " May 5, 1732
Jonathan " April 7, 1734
Hannah " March 8, 1736

Elisha Yeomans died May 21, 1736.

Elisha Yeomans has this record. Abigail, born February 20, 1735; Elijah, January 17, 1738; Oliver, November 10, 1740; Eunice, July 9, 1746. Elijah Yeomans died March 4, 1750.

Elijah (sic) Yeomans, Jr., married Amy Delano, June 17, 1762. Their children were, Abigail, born May 6, 1763; Elisha, November 9, 1764.

Elisha Yeomans married Joanna Baker, June 8, 1769. Their children were: Molly, born, March 24, 1770; Anna, August 25, 1772; Elisha, January 27, 1775; Sarah, October 7, 1717.

John Yeomans, Jr., was doubtless originally from Stonington. It does not appear whether those of Tolland bearing the name were his relatives, or whether they came from the same place. But it does appear that the name was in Tolland as early as 1720, and continued in the town until 1777, a period of fifty-seven years, after which the name of Yeomans disappears from our records.

EZRA WALDO was another of the persons who was sacrificed at Havana in 1762. He was doubtless the son of Bethuel Waldo, who moved from Windham to Tolland about the year 1750. Bethuel Waldo was a son of Edward Waldo, who was a son of John Waldo, and grandson of Dea. Cornelius Waldo, who settled in Ipswich, Mass., about the year 1650. John Waldo, son of Cornelius, settled in Windham, Conn., in the year 1698. The records in Tolland do not show the time when, nor the person to whom, Bethuel was married. It commences with a notice of the birth of his son Bethuel, his fourth child, who was born in Tolland, May 23, 1751. Bethuel Waldo, Sen., married Lois Munsell, and had a son Ezra, who was born March 23, 1746. Ezra Waldo was of course but sixteen years old when he enlisted in the expedition in which he died, and was then an inhabitant of Tolland. I can find no other of the name who could have been in that expedition, Bethuel Waldo, Sen., had a son named Henry, born January 10, 1762, who was the father of Lemuel Waldo, now a resident of Tolland, and of Mrs. Frances West, of Coventry. There is a tradition in the family of Henry Waldo, that an older brother of his perished in the revolutionary army. Bethuel Waldo had an elder brother, named Edward, who was the great grandfather of the writer.

LEONARD GROVER came to Tolland from Coventry in 1756, having a deed of a farm in the north part of Tolland, dated April 23, of that year. He had a daughter born in Tolland, October 9, 1758, and lost two children, one of whom died in 1760; the other May 6, 1762;--after which last date there is no record of him or his family. His name appears on the roll of the company under Lieut. Wills that went to Cuba, with the return that he there died. I am unable to find any further traces of his family.

JONATHAN BURRESS or Burroughs was also a victim in the expedition to Cuba in 1762. He came into Tolland about the year 1748; and has a record of the births of six children, to which it is added that he died at Havana, September 7, 1762.

I have stated that JOHN LATHROP was slain by the enemy in the war of the revolution, He was the grandson of John Lathrop, who moved into Tolland about the year 1726, from Falmouth, in Barnstable county, Mass., and who took a deed of a tract of land containing a hundred and twenty acres, bounded east on Willimantic river, which deed is dated June 4, 1726; and in which deed he is described as "now resident in Tolland."

HOPE LATHROP, who is reputed to have been the brother of John Lathrop, took a deed bearing date 1726, of Daniel Eaton, of a tract of land in Tolland, containing by estimation one hundred and fifty acres, and is also described as bounding east on the Willimantic. In this deed, Hope Lathrop is described as being of "Falmouth in the county of Barnstable, in his majesty's province of Massachusetts Bay."

There is no record of the marriage of John Lathrop, but I find a record of the births of his children. This is as follows:

David	born	October 18, 1723, died October 4, 1737
Hannah "	July 6, 1726	
Jonathan	"	September 18, 1727
Anna	"	March 10, 1730
John	"	May 6, 1732
Thatcher	"	January 26, 1734
Lydia	"	June 21, 1736
Elizabeth	"	April 22, 1740, married Col. Solomon Wills

John Lathrop, Jr., son of John, married Lucy Gray, of Coventry, December 10, 1754. Their children were :

Susalla	born	November 28, 1757, married Eliab Ladd
Prusenda	"	January 30, 1761
John	"	April 24, 1763, killed December 10, 1780
Elizabeth	"	August 23, 1765
Elvira	"	June 13, 1768
Rowland	"	March 10, 1771
Lucy	"	November 1, 1774
Jonathan	"	February 17, 1776
Molly	"	September 12, 1779

ROWLAND LATHROP, the son of John Lathrop, Jr., married Hannah Crafts, of Tolland, January 1, 1799. The following are their children :

Horace	born	April 23, 1801
William	"	January 8, 1806
John	"	December 24, 1810, died May 29, 1813
Benjamin	"	June 5, 1814
Mary	"	July 27, 1817

Hannah Lathrop deceased October 15, 1820;--Rowland Lathrop married for his second wife, Hannah Cleaveland, of Hartland, Vermont, February 28, 1821. Their children were:

Rollin	Born	December 19, 1821
Thomas Cleaveland	"	February 22, 1824

Rowland Lathrop possessed more than ordinary abilities. When young, he passed for what in those days was called a wild young man, but his wildness ended with youth and he early became a very steady man and a most exemplary Christian. He was a member of the Methodist denomination and was a local preacher. His public performances were creditable for fervency, candor and sincerity. He had a good knowledge of human nature, and had a shrewdness peculiar to himself in his remarks upon almost every topic. Mr. Lathrop was proverbial for integrity and uprightness in all his dealings and constant and true in his friendships. He was highly esteemed by his acquaintance, and never seemed to be more happy than when doing them some good. He was twice elected to the

General Assembly, but never appeared to be over-anxious for political preferment. The influence of his example was most salutary, and a recollection of his guilelessness and simplicity will cause his memory to be long respected. He died September 14, 1844, aged seventy-one years.

ICHABOD, son of Hope Lathrop, Sen., married Abigail Baker, of Barnstable, Mass., November 9, 1732. His family record is as follows:

Abigail	born	October 15, 1733
Sarah	"	March 20, 1735, died June 6, 1739
Hope	"	July 6, 1737
Sarah	"	January 22, 1740
Anna	"	March 26, 1742
Solomon	"	May 24, 1746
Mary	"	September 14, 1748

HOPE LATHROP, son of Ichabod, married Hannah Hubbard, of Tolland, May 3, 1760. Their family record is as follows:

Rebecca	born	October 17, 1760
Edna	"	February 15, 1763
Sarah	"	July 4, 1765
Ichabod	"	June 30, 1767
Hannah	"	July 12, 1768

Second with:

Horace	born	April 25, 1775
Grace	"	February 21, 1776
Solomon	"	April 21, 1779
Grant	"	January 25, 1782
Sophia	"	July 2, 1785
Azel	"	January 28, 1788
Laura	"	November 19, 1790

Capt. Hope Lathrop died November 8, 1792. He had been four times a member of the General Assembly.

JOSEPH LATHROP married Prudence, daughter of Samuel West, June 17, 1744. They had but one son – Nathaniel, born August 16, 1752, and died April 28, 1771. Daughters Thankful, born October 21, 1746. Prudence, born August 16, 1749, who died November 30, 1771; and Rebecca, born August 28, 1760. Joseph was a deacon of the church, and nine years a selectman of the town.

John Lathrop married Rachel Ladd, Dec. 20, 1753. Their daughter Rachel was born Oct. 22, 1754.

Melataiah Lathrop married Mercy Hatch, Nov. 15, 1738. Their daughter Deborah was born August 11, 1739.

William Lathrop married Amelia, daughter of Capt. Ammi Paulk, March 22, 1803. Their children were, Kelsey, born: October 17, 1803; Julius, born March 17, 1805.

JOHN LATHROP, the first settler, was a selectman two years, and twice a member of the General Assembly. He was one of the first representatives the town ever had, he being chosen with Zebulon West at the Oct. session, 1748. His descendants are yet rather numerous in Tolland.

JOHN LATHROP, who resided in the south-east part of the town on the farm where his son Charles Lathrop still resides, was not of the above family. He was the son of Zebulon Lathrop, from Lebanon, who received a deed of the above mentioned farm from Joshua Tilden, March 26, 1800. The ancestors of Zebulon Lathrop were from Norwich. The children of this John Lathrop were :

Justin	born	September 18, 1802
John	"	July 25, 1804
Charles	"	December 23, 1806
Wealthy R.	"	September 18, 1810
Samuel M.	"	August 11, 1815
Mary Angeline	"	April 2, 1818

Amos Cobb, the son of Doct. Samuel Cobb, was killed at the battle of White Plains, Oct. 28, 1776.

Samuel Cobb was born in Wales, in Great Britain, in the year 1716. I am unable to say when he came to this country, and where he was educated. On his tombstone he is described as having been a gentleman of public education, but his *alma mater* is not mentioned. He came to Tolland probably about the year 1748, and took a deed from Robert Parker, of Willington, of a hundred and twenty-five acres of land, in this town, dated Dec. 19, 1744, in

which he is described as being of Tolland. He married Mary Hinckley, August 25, 1743, by whom he had two children, Sarah, born July 7, 1744, who married John Slate and Samuel, Jr., born Aug. 2, 1746.

Doct. Cobb married for second wife, Hannah Bicknell, of Ashford, April 11, 1749. Their children were :

Amos	born	February 9, 1750, killed at White Plains
Moses	"	December 21, 1751, died February 2, 1781, was a physician
Mary	"	December 29, 1753, married Reuben <u>Chapman</u> first and Daniel Edgerton second
Jeduthan	"	January 24, 1756, married Sarah, daughter of Dea. Elijah <u>Chapman</u>.
Hannah	"	January 20, 1758, died November 27, 1846, aged 89, unmarried
Solomon	"	July 30, 1759, died November 4, 1770
David	"	July 6, 1761, married Hope Norris
Pamela	"	January 20, 1764, died November 6, 1770
Daniel	"	January 21, 1766, married Elizabeth Holbrook
William	"	January 20, 1768, Married Elvira Stearns
Ruth	"	September 29, 1770, married Ephraim West
Rachel	"	January 20, 1774, died July 19, 1777

Samuel Cobb, Jr., married Esther, daughter of Ephraim Grant, Dec. 14, 1769. Their son, Samuel, was born Jan. 30, 1771. He married for second wife, Ann Slate, Dec. 16, 1773. Their children were:

Jeduthan	born	January 29, 1776
Amos	"	January 2, 1778
Esther	"	July 4, 1779
Ruth	"	February 5, 1781

Daniel Cobb married Elizabeth Holbrook, May 31, 1787. Their children were:

Achaah	born	June, 1788
Horace	"	November, 1789
Walte	"	March, ___
Betsy	"	June, ___
Ruth	"	April, ___
Daniel	"	June, ___
Luther	"	___, ___

William Cobb married Elvira, daughter of Doct. John Stearns, Oct. 29, 1792. Their children were:

Hannah	born	February 30, 1794 (sic)
Alma	"	September 22, 1796
Ellna	"	August 27, 1797
Elvira	"	September 15, 1799
Rachel	"	December 31, 1800
Wm. Bicknell	"	March 9, 1802, died
Mary Ann	"	April 2, 1804
Wm. Bicknell	"	January 16, 1806
Calvin P.	"	September 26, 1810

The descendants of Doct. Cobb, now in Tolland, are: Mr. Levi Edgerton; the children and grandchildren of the late Reuben Edgerton; Mrs. B. L. Young and her children; the children of the late Reuben **Chapman**; Elijah S. **Chapman** and his children, all being the descendants of Mary Cobb: Luther Cobb; Mrs. Edmund Joslyn; and Mrs. Dwight Edgerton, the descendants of Daniel Cobb: Mrs. Doctor Ladd; her children and grandchildren; the descendants of William Cobb: and the descendants of Mr. Ephraim West, deceased, who married Ruth Cobb. The descendants of Doct. Cobb are also numerous elsewhere.

Doct. Cobb was one of the most prominent citizens that ever resided in Tolland. He is reported as having stood high in his profession, and as having enjoyed the entire confidence of the community. He was honored by the town and the public with several important and responsible offices. He was eight times elected a member of the General Assembly, and likewise attended two extra sessions. He was thirteen years a justice of the peace when there were but two justices in town; and most of the time was the acting magistrate. In this sphere of duty he gave very general satisfaction, and his ministrations were regarded as equitable, discreet, and promotive of the public tranquillity. His moral influence in society was very effective in restraining vice and dishonesty, and he did much to encourage sobriety and virtue. While living he was greatly respected, and his memory will long remain as the conscientious, upright citizen and honest man. He died on the 6th day of April, 1781, aged sixty-five years.

As a branch of the Cobb family now in Tolland, we can not lose sight of the descendants of Mary Cobb who

became the wife of Capt. Daniel Edgerton. Daniel Edgerton probably moved into Tolland in the spring of the year 1770. On the 20th day of March, of that year, he took a deed of Daniel and John Lathrop, of Norwich, of a part of the farm he afterwards owned in Tolland, and in which deed he is described as being of Norwich. He first married Sarah, daughter of Dea. Ichabod Griggs, Dec. 19, 1771; the record of which describes him as being of Tolland.

Their children were :

Sarah born January 8, 1773

Phebe " April 13, 1775

Mrs. Sarah Edgerton died June 23, 1717. Capt. Edgerton married for his second wife, Mary, daughter of Doct. Samuel Cobb, and widow of **Reuben Chapman**, Nov. 27, 1777. Their children were:

Daniel born September 11, 1778

Reuben " June 13, 1780

Sarah " April 5 1782

Mary " June 27, 1784, died September 27, 1784

Erastus " November 6, 1786

Mary

Levi " December 28, 1791

Capt. Daniel Edgerton died January 10, 1825. He was very highly respected, and was a very active and useful man. Besides his military rank, he was fourteen years selectman, a large part of which time he was the first selectman and principal manager of the affairs of the town; one year a justice of the peace, (which he probably declined holding longer,) and was chosen a representative to the General Assembly twenty-three times. In stature he was quite six feet high, stout built and well proportioned. In demeanor he resembled a gentleman of the old school,--always dignified, affable, respectful, courteous. He deserved and received the general good will of his entire acquaintance, and discharged all the duties of life conscientiously and satisfactorily, and has left a very honorable and well deserved reputation.

Daniel Edgerton, Jr., married Sarah, daughter of Zebulon Lathrop May 7, 1801. Their children were :

Marvin born January 11, 1802

Linus " October 4, 1803

Erastus " June 23, 1806

Betsey " September 30, 1808

Phebe " October 23. 1810

REUBEN EDGERTON married Anna, daughter of Zebulon Lathrop, March 23, 1803. Their children were :

Austin born March 26, 1805

Eliza Ann " September 3, 1807

William L. " August 30, 1810

Daniel " September 26, 1813

Reuben " October 17, 1816

Lucius " April 19, 1820

Marvin " December 4, 1823, died December 5, 1829

LEVI EDGERTON married Edna Grant, daughter of Ebenezer Grant, December 7, 1825. Their children were Sarah Kingsbury, born September 14, 1826, and Amaret Grant, born June 26, 1828.

Capt. Daniel Edgerton, the founder of the above family had a half brother named Hezekiah, who came from Norwich to Tolland about the year 1770. He was the progenitor of the Edgertons in Coventry, and their descendants.

His widow, Freelove, died in Tolland in 1801.