

ANNALS

AND

FAMILY RECORDS

OF

WINCHESTER, CONN.,

WITH

Exercises of the Centennial Celebration,

ON THE 16TH AND 17TH DAYS OF AUGUST,
1871.

BY

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HARTFORD:
PRESS OF CASE, LOCKWOOD & BRAINARD.
1873.

NOTE: Captain Benjamin Benedict is not identified yet as kin to our Timothy or Joshua, but is included as selling property to Timothy B.

[Annals of Winchester; Boyd; pages 71-72]

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN BENEDICT, from Danbury, was chosen a Surveyor of Highways at the first annual town meeting. His first deed dated April 4, 1771, in which he is named Benjamin Benedict, junior, conveys to him the Colonel Whiting Lot on both sides of Mad River where the Danbury School-house stands. His homestead stood on a discontinued road east of the present road, running east of the school-house, on the hill south of Mad River. He built a saw mill on the south side of Mad River, above the bridge, nearly all traces of which have now disappeared. He removed to Coventry, Chenango Co., N.Y., in 1807. He married, May 27, 1762, Mary Bouton.

CHILDREN.

- I. **NOAH**,² b. May 28, 1763; m. May 22, 1788, Chloe Andrews; lived on part of his father's homestead; his last deed on record is dated 1805; had son Noah, b. March 18, 1789.
- II. **ABIJAH**,² b. April 30, 1765; m. June 11, 1789, Abigail Corbin; lived south of Noah, on part of his father's original homestead; he probably left town before 1800; had Daniel, b. February 26, 1790; Sylvester, b. December 4, 1794.
- III. **BENJAMIN**,² b. July 18, 1767; m. July 3, 1788, Sibyl Loomis. He was a deacon; had Wealthy, b. March 9, 1793; Sylvia Melissa, b. May 15, 1811. He lived on the east side of the old country road, south of the Corbins.
- IV. **EDEN**,² b. May 6, 1770; m. May 24, 1792, Miranda Culver; had son Ira, b. May 16, 1794.
- VI. **PHEBE**,² b. May 30, 1775; m. August 1, 1796, Levi Daw.
- VII. **ELIAKIM**,² b. March 9, 1778.
- VIII. **HULDAH**,² b. April 6, 1782; m. November 1, 1799, Lorrain Sweet.

CAPTAIN TIMOTHY BENEDICT, from Danbury, named in his first deed, Timothy Benedict, Jr., bought in 1771 the eastern half of the lot originally purchased by Captain Benjamin Benedict, lying on both sides of Mad River, and enclosing the Danbury school-house, on which he resided until his death. His wife, Mrs. Lydia Benedict, died in this town February 21, 1824, aged 95.

The land records show that he had three sons, Timothy, Jr., William, and Joshua, who came with him to Winchester and to whom he conveyed portions of his land. There was an Elizabeth Benedict, married to Hezekiah Elmer, September 7, 1774, who may have been his daughter.

TIMOTHY BENEDICT, JR.,² owned land on both sides of Mad River east of the highway and running south from the Danbury school-house, and lived on the east side of the road nearly opposite the Danbury burying-ground until his decease. He married, October 5, 1773, Mary Judd. She died September 8, 1822, aged 75; and he died November 27, 1836, aged 89.

CHILDREN.

- I. **DEBORAH,**³ b. August 29, 1774; m. William Crocker. [See next page]
- II. **TIMOTHY,**³ b. March 8, 1777.
- III. **SARAH,**³ b. August 17, 1781.
- IV. **MELA,**³ b. October 23, 1784.

WILLIAM BENEDICT,² son of Timothy, is named of New Marlboro, Massachusetts, in a deed of 1786, July 5. No record of his family is found.

JOSHUA BENEDICT,² son of Timothy, is not found on the records after 1786. He married, November 15, 1784, Mary Wilcox, and had a child, Anna, born March 13, 1786. He removed to Montreal, L. C., and is supposed to have died there.

TIMOTHY BENEDICT,³ son of Timothy,² lived and died (March. 29, 1820) in the house now owned by Joel Tuttle, on the easterly side of the turn-pike above the toll-gate. He married Lydia, daughter of John Crocker, and had by her

CHILDREN.

- I. **RHODA,**⁵ b. September 1, 1800; m. Willard Hart; d. in 1824.
- II. **HANNAH,**⁵ b. November 2, 1802; m. Eleazer Andrews.
- III. **LYDIA,**⁵ b. December 8, 1809; m. Charles Selden; d., 1834.

[Annals of Winchester; Boyd; page 199]

WILLIAM CROCKER'S, name is on the Tax List of this year. He came from New London County; and in 1799 bought the farm in Danbury Quarter now partly owned by John J. Fanning, on which he lived until about 1825, and then removed to Vernon, N. Y. He m. Dec. 20, 1796, **Deborah, daughter of Timothy Benedict**, b. Aug. 29, 1774; she d. Sept. 18, 1823; they had a son, *Silas*, and perhaps other children. *Silas* removed, at or about the same time, with his father, to Vernon, N. Y. His wife's name was Mary Breen. They had a son, Lemuel, born in Winchester, June 27, 1825. The father (Joseph) and two brothers (Joseph and James) of William Crocker, became inhabitants of the town after 1800, and all of them died there.