

Goodnow and Lieutenant Haines to inspect all families at Lanham and Nobscot, and all others about there and in their way—and these are to return an account of that matter at the next meeting of the selectmen, appointed to be on the 30th of this instant Jan.”

Jan. 30, 1679. “The selectmen at this meeting gave an account of their several examinations in families according to the order, on the 1 & 16 of said month, who having gone over the town from house to house and inspected and made inquiry: do find that all children and young persons are in a forward and growing way as to reading and catechising, and as to work and employment they find them generally diligent, and in a hopeful thriving way in all respects.” (Dr. Stearns Notes.)

11 July 1684. The town purchased of the Indians another tract of land. The Committee appointed to ratify the contract in behalf of the Town and named in the Indian deed—are—Cap’t Edmond Goodnow, Leif’t Josiah Haynes, etc.

In 1690, a Petition was sent to Boston referring, the “Annals” say, probably, “to the ill-fated expedition under Sir Wm. Phipps.”

“To the honorable Governor, Deputy Governor,” etc.

“The humble petition of us who are some of us for ourselves, others for our children and servants whose names are after subscribed, humbly sheweth that being impressed the last winter several of us into dreadful service, where by reason of cold and hunger and in tedious marches many score of miles in snow and water, and laying on the snow by night, having no provision but what they could carry upon their backs, beside hard arms and ammunition, it cost many of them their lives. - - - Your humble petitioners request is that this honored court would grant this favor that our messengers may have liberty to speak in the court to open our cause so as to give the court satisfaction. Your humble petitioners humble request is farther that you would please to mind our present circumstances, and to grant us some favors as seem to be just and rational, that we may have some compensation answerable to our burden, or at least to be freed from farther charges by rates, until the rest of our brethren have borne their share with us,” etc., etc.

Signed by twenty names among them,
John Haynes, Sen., Josiah Haynes, Sen.

It is easy to see in these notes the son following in the footsteps of a worthy father. As we found Walter Haynes, God-fearing, brave, public-spirited, industrious, provident, and thoughtful of the welfare of his children, we may easily trace these characteristics in his sons. We find that Josiah Haynes besides being a good fighter was not without interest in books. We have seen how he was appointed to go with Captain Goodnow “to examine the children and servants as to their progress in reading and the catechism.” His will directs his “books” to be equally divided among his four children except that he gives to his son Joshua “his great Bible and Mr. Perkin’s works.”