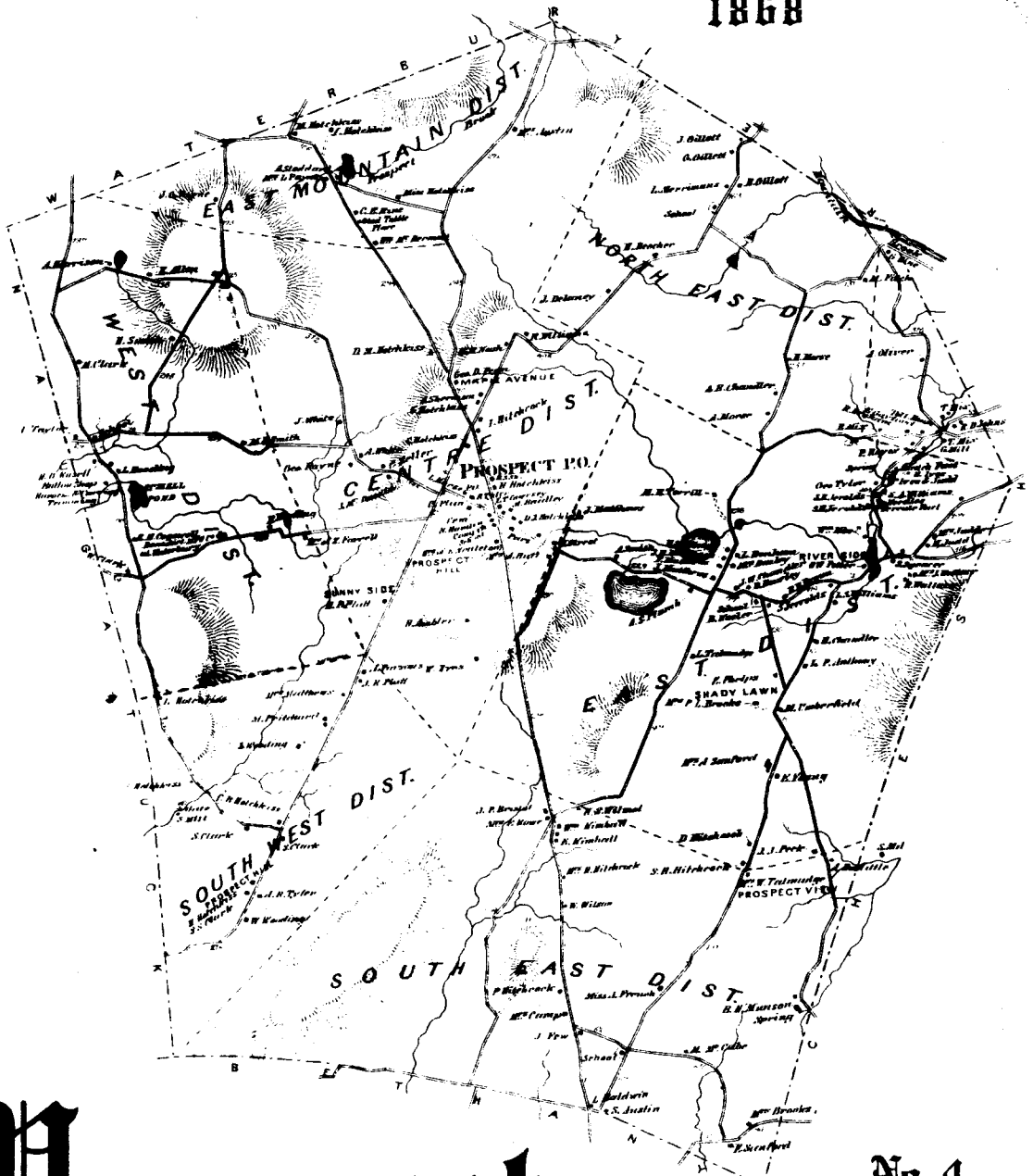


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The Result of research regarding men who lived in Prospect, and whose names should be remembered for their part in the War of the Revolution, at a time when Columbia Parish, or the Town of Prospect had not been thought of.

When we planned to make one of the Bicentennial Book-lets a record of Prospect Men who served in the War of the Revolution, it seemed that it would be a simple matter to take the names from the town Monument, and research a brief story about each. It has proven so great a task that at some future date another historian may write in detail of additional men, of the engagements taken part in, of where each lived, and a little about their families. Herewith is some of what has been found, but much remains. In 1907 when the Monument on the Green was erected, primarily in memory of the many Civil War Soldiers, a part of the plaque was for Soldiers of the Revolution and other Wars. Thus some of the names may have been for men known to have fought for the Colonies, before the Revolution. An earlier, 1895, printed Honor Roll, exists that details some of the Civil War Soldiers, and it includes _____ Roberts and _____ Williams, whom we have not been able to identify. But some on both lists have defied all efforts to find record of service.

When the monument was dedicated one of the speakers was Judge Cowell, of Waterbury, a descendant of some Prospect soldiers. He began by saying that "Connecticut was a small commonwealth, only 50 miles in width by 100 miles in length. At the outbreak of the Revolution it had a population of barely 200,000, including about 11,000 colored people and 1,200 Indians. Yet 33,000 of its citizens wore the buff and blue of the Continental army, not to speak of the 5,000 State Militia, the more than 5,000 Minute Men and the considerable but unknown privateersmen, who rendered valuable service" He continued to talk about the great services the state rendered in clothing, food, munitions, and remarked that in many instances the names of the soldiers were not recorded, as the officers reported only the number in their Company.

There are 22 names on the monument, a few more than on the early Honor Roll. Yet a number of names were omitted. It is not strange that dependence on personal records and memories should have permitted errors. How many in town today, dare state for certainty the names of those who were in the World War II, or Korea, or Viet Nam?

A check has been made of many pension records, chiefly of names that seem to have been connected with early Prospect. However it should be remembered that only a small percentage of the soldiers lived to 1818, or 1832 when the majority of pensions were granted. In "Connecticut Men In The Revolution" printed by the state from records available in 1889, and from some biographies and genealogies, compared with property deeds and early tax lists we have a fair idea of which men who served in the Revolution resided in what is now Prospect. A 1797 territory surveyed for "Columbia Parish" was nearly the same as the town in 1827, and church tax lists naming all residents, whether of the Congregational Church, or other, exist for early dates. The burial records for Prospect Cemetery seem to include only church members. Many who are recorded as being buried in Prospect, have no stone. They may never have had one, or it may have disappeared. No one knows whether all the graves were moved from the first small graveyard, at the south end of the green, to the present cemetery. Records of men and women who have joined Patriotic Societies, with their ancestors record of service have been referred to. An effort has been made to ascertain if they are resting in nearby towns, or other states. Or, as may be the case, buried on the battlefield. A great deal remains to be done, but it seems wise to offer this to the waiting public, and add other names at a later date, when research into ownership of old houses suggests it. We know that there were representatives of the Cook, Brooks, Mix, and other families here at a very early date. No doubt some of them were among the ones we shall find. The histories of Waterbury and Cheshire have supplied some names, but they were written after all who knew the soldiers personally had died, so were dependent, as we are on records, which may be incomplete.

NEVER SET DOWN WHAT YOU KNOW IS FALSE
NEVER CONCEAL WHAT YOU KNOW IS TRUE
NEVER BE INFLUENCED BY PERSONAL INTERESTS.

Atwater, Amos is listed on the Monument, and on the early Honor Roll. He is buried in Prospect Cemetery, with his daughter Rhoda and her husband, Isaac Hotchkiss. He married Hannah Ives, who is probably buried elsewhere. He was born in Woodbridge 1755 and died here 1822. He probably lived in Waterbury and owned a grist mill below Turkey Hill Brook before 1800. His daughter Nancy married Eldad Hotchkiss jr. Their daughter Miss Nancy Maria Hotchkiss, for whom Maria Hotchkiss Road is named, wrote her Memoirs for the news paper, when quite an old lady. "Grandfather Atwater served during the whole seven years of the war, without receiving a wound. In his first engagement a man fell on each side of him. He was too young to be drafted, but enlisted. In a retreat after one battle he traded guns with a dead Russian soldier" We wonder if she meant "Prussian"? He is listed as a member of Captain Peck's Co., Col Douglas Battalion, raised June 1776. Several other familiar names are in the same company, including Peter Gilkey. Miss Maria was born 1826 and her grandfather Atwater died 1822 so she was dependant on family tradition for her information.

Bronson, Maj. Samuel is listed on the Monument, but was not on the earlier Honor Roll. He is listed on many early tax rolls. He was born 1742 and died 1813. He married 1776 Temperance, daughter of Isaac Spencer who is listed on the Monument. He married (2) Huldah Williams da of Samuel Williams. There was much inter-marriage of his children with other Revolutionary families. In the 10th Regt. of Militia, in 1777, Capt. Bronson served at Fishkill, and Hudson. In the Waterbury History, Capt Bronson is listed with 38 men who went to Fishkill, but the men's names are not given. In Oct 1777 he, with Col. Baldwin's Regt. of Militia were ordered to march to the aid of the Regular Army. It is not known where he is buried,

Beecher, Hezekiah Sr perhaps lived in Prospect. He was born 1753 and his death in Prospect, 1797 as 44 reads "buried in Cheshire". His widow Lydia and his son Hezekiah and grandson Hezekiah are in Prospect Cemetery. He served in Capt. Johnson's Company in 1776 with Enoch Terrell, Eldad Hotchkiss, Ephraim Smith, Amos Wilmot and other names found in our records. The repetition of the name Hezekiah makes positive occupancy of land uncertain. He is not on Honor Roll or Monument.

Burr, Jared is on the Monument and on the early Honor Roll. His name is in the index of Sons of the American Revolution. He was very active in Columbia Society, and before that time, is found in Cheshire records. From his grave we know that as he died 29 Aug 1829, age 70, he must be the Jared Burr born to Joseph and Rebecca Burr, recorded in Wallingford, as Cheshire was not a town. Three children are buried with him and his wife, the eldest Loly d 1790 age 14, would have been born 1776 when he was barely 18 and his wife younger. So no doubt his service was in the local militia. There is one record of Isaiah Burr, in 1775 in Captain Arnolds New Haven Co. This ?? J ared ??? as there is no record anywhere of the existance of any Isaiah. And handwriting and ink we know were subject to mis-reading. The only child we know of who survived was Rebecca, who married Jesse Ford of Prospect. Jared and Anna are buried here. More about him in a future book as he took an active part in all early activities.

Chittenden, Asahel is not on the Monument or the Honor Roll. We know from the pension papers of his widow Anna (dau of John Lewis, early minister) that he did serve. He and later his son Edward owned one of the first, if not the first, store in town. He lived in the house close by the cemetery gates. He died 1813, age 50, so was still a young man in March 1780 when he enlisted in Col. Beecher's Regt. of Infantry. They served in White Plains, Horseneck, etc. Asahel and Anna had 9 children, the youngest only 4 years when the father died. Anna married (2) Robert Hotchkiss, who lived less than a year, and then (3) Richard McFarland, with whom she went to Ohio. After McFarland's death she applied for a pension and bounty land on Asahel Chittenden's service. Later she returned to Waterbury and lived with her son Edward, who had married Emiline Castle, daughter of Prospect's hotel keeper, Samuel Castle. His service is definitely proven by the pension record.

Gilkey, Peter .We do not know what part of Cheshire Peter Gilkey lived in in his early life. It might well have been the part that became Prospect, as many of his associates did. Little has ever been written of the expedition against France in Cuba in 1762. at the end of the French Wars. Peter Gilkey served under General Putnam. The history of Connecticut men during the French and Indian Wars, when we were still part of Great Britian would be an entire chapter. At the close of

the campaign a body of provincials assisted the British Regulars in the reduction of French possessions in the West Indies. One thousand men under Maj. Gen. Phineas Lyman, and Lieut Col Putnam proceeded to "Habana". Sickness and shipwreck so thinned the ranks that only a handful ever returned. The Colony of Connecticut had raised 350,000 pounds in bills of credit all of which seems to have been repaid. Having given freely of men and money, is it any wonder that 10 years later Connecticut resented being taxed to pay for the expense of Colonial Wars?. Peter Gilkey was one of those who lived to return. When the Revolution broke out he enlisted under Capt. Peck, with Amos Atwater and other local men. He had a wife and children. He was a shoemaker, but better known for his counterfeiting. He did live in Prospect 1782-83 when he came home from the service. The complete story of Peter Gilkey may never be known, but before his story is printed an effort will be made to find where he ended his days, and where he is buried. In that time many men attempted to make their own money. The mistake was in being "caught".

Hine, Ambrose born 1726, d 1794. Does not appear on Monument or Honor Roll. However his name is in the D A R Patriot Index. He married (1) Sarah Terril and (2) Betsey Ford. He was the first owner, and probably the builder of George Sabo's house. He bought that lot 1755. He was a Lieut. of the 1st Co. of Wadsworth's Brigade, when he enlisted in May, 1777 for three years. Obviously, as he was an officer, he had seen previous service. This is the same Company that Hezekiah Beecher, Eldad Hotchkiss, Ephraim Smith, and Amos Wilmot were in. He is also listed in the Waterbury History with 26 able men in his company in '77 so perhaps some of the service should be credited to a son, Ambrose Hine jr. A daughter Sarah married Amos Wilmot. In later years Ambrose deeded land and house to a daughter for support in his old age. It is not known where he is buried.

Hine, Isaac, is on the Monument and on the Honor Roll. He was born 1743, a cousin of Ambrose Hine. He was a Captain in Col. Beardsley's Regt. of Militia that went to New Haven, July 5, 1779 when Tryon attacked, and again later in the year to the defense of Fairfield, Bedford, Norwalk. His wife, Eunice (Wilmot) died Dec. 29, 1806 age 60 and he died Dec. 3. 1807.

The Congregational Church records of deaths and burials, following the opening of the present cemetery, read "wife of Isaac Hine, buried in the Old Ground" and then "Dec. 3, 1807, Isaac Hine died, age 64, buried in the OLD Ground!" There may have been other members of his family resting there, and he knew where he wanted to be buried. His will mentions a little of his family, Chloe, m --- Tyler; Freeman B. who moved to Ashtabula, Ohio; daughter Susanna, deceased who left a daughter Hope (Lord) wife of Ancel Spencer. The will was written 1804. There is no stone for him or his wife, and no means of knowing if they were eventually moved from the "OLD Ground" at the south end of the Green.

Hitchcock, Daniel is listed on the Monument and on the old Honor Roll. He applied for and received a pension under the act of 1818. He enlisted July 15, 1778 at White Plains, N Y; in Capt. Judd's Co., Col. Wyllys Regt. of Connecticut in the Continental Army to serve during the war, according to his pension application. He served until June, 1783 when he was discharged at West Point. He was present at the capture of Cornwallis. He was born Cheshire 1763, and died 24 March, 1839 age 76, Prospect. He may have been disabled as his need seemed to grant him a larger pension than many. He received eight dollars a month. His widow Lydia (Ives) had fifty dollars a year after his death. He is buried in the Prospect Cemetery with wife Lydia, a son Enos who d. 1824 age 17, and a daughter Nancy (Elliot). We do not know the rest of the family.

Hotchkiss. There were representatives of several branches of this family lived here, coming from Cheshire, Waterbury, and Bethany. They were all distant cousins, but in some cases closely connected by marriage. Many of them are descendants of Gideon Hotchkiss, born 12 May, 1716 in Cheshire. His father, Stephen gave him land on Straightsville Road, on the Waterbury side, on the occasion of his marriage to Anna Brockett June, 1737. Gideon was active in the Naugatuck (Salem) part of Waterbury and represented Waterbury in the General Assembly, alternately serving in the Militia. He held a commission from the King, and with his two eldest

sons fought at Fort William Henry and Ticonderoga, ten years before the Revolution.

Hotchkiss, Gideon name is on the Monument and on the Honor Roll. He is buried in the Prospect Cemetery. He was a member of the Committee of Safety, the Committee of Inspection, the Committee of Relief to soldiers families, according to old Waterbury Records. He was an officer in the militia and led his men to New Haven when the British attacked in July, 1779, and to New London. Quoting the Connecticut Magazine, in an article by Rev. Sherrod Soule in 1907; "when Gideon Hotchkiss heard of the attack on New Haven, July 5, 1779, he was working on his farm. Like Putnam, he mounted his horse in the field, and with a hired boy galloped to the Elm City. He encountered the enemy at Westville, where there was a ford. Arriving at the scene of battle, he dismounted and was about to send the boy home with the steed. Just then a shell struck the boy, and killed him instantly. There was no time to show sorrow or sentiment. The old soldier picked up the body, and laid it in a concealed place beside the road. Fastening the reins to the saddle, he started the horse back to the farm, and remained to take part in the fray! Confirmation for this story is given by the fact that Aaron Russell, age 13, whose brothers Riverius and Elmore married grand-daughters of Capt. Gideon, is listed among those killed in the attack.

Hotchkiss, Abraham (Abram). 1743-1806. Son of Gideon, is on the Monument and on the old Honor Roll. He married Hannah Weed. They are buried in the Prospect Cemetery, "No 16 in the New Ground!" It was thought he was the Abraham from Waterbury who served in Captain Peck's Co. from Waterbury with other familiar names. However the service under Captain Peck was claimed by a cousin Abraham Hotchkiss of Naugatuck who married Rosetta Sperry, and had a pension. Our Abraham Hotchkiss no doubt was one of the un-named, listed only by totals under a Captain, who were members of the State Militia.

Hotchkiss, Amos 1760-1820, son of Gideon, on Monument and on Honor Roll. Married Abigail Scott. Is listed in DAR Patriot Index. In "Conn. Men in the Revolution" Capt Amos Hotchkiss is included with a number of other Captains of Militia Regts. Familiar names in the same list are Phineas Castle, Ambrose Hine, and Josiah Terrell. He is buried in Prospect.

Hotchkiss, Asahel 1760-1841, was a son of Jesse Hotchkiss and grandson of Gideon. He lived with his grandfather on Straightsville Rd. some of the time. His father's home was on Clark Hill Road and for many years after his return from the war he lived there, taking an active part in church and school activities. Later he moved to Watertown, and then to Sharon, where he died, and is buried. He and his wife Phebe are listed among the original members of the Columbia Parish Church. He married (1) Sarah Williams who is buried in Naugatuck, where many of his descendants lived. His pension application fills six closely written pages, giving many interesting details. In the spring of 1777, age 17, he belonged to a militia company in Waterbury. They were drafted to go to Peekskill for six weeks until the regular army could be organized. In June 1778 he took the place of his uncle, Jonah Mallery, "whose wife being delivered of three children at one birth" was needed at home. In the fall of 1779 Asahel was in Capt. Lewis Company in the defense of the Connecticut shore line. In April 1780, he enlisted in the regular army. At one time "marching, wheeling & for at least a fortnight. Baron Steuben, the Inspector General of the Army came up here and picked out of the body of men for the light infantry--- and applicant was one of selected.-----under the command of General Laffayette, who gave applicant a black feather with a red tip, as well as every soldier of the light infantry". He was also present at the taking of Major Andre, but not at his hanging. His life before, during and after the Revolution would make an interesting book. His fourth wife, Ruhana Wakeman, as his widow drew a pension.

Hotchkiss, David 1740-1826, son of Gideon, is buried in Windsor, N Y. He served with his father in the F&I Wars in 1758. He married (1) Abigail Douglas, and (2) widow Peninah Todd. He moved to New York State with most of his family 1789-90 leaving his son Frederick to follow later. He is not named on any honor roll but was a selectman in Waterbury during the Revolution, and in 1781 one of a Committee to divide Waterbury into six classes, each to furnish a soldier. In 1782 he was on a committee to hire 7 men for the army.

Hotchkiss, Eben 1757-1853. A son of Gideon, he is listed on the Monument, and on the old Honor Roll. He is buried in Prospect. He received a pension. He married (1) Mary dau of Gideon Sanford, and (2) widow Ruth Martin. In Feb., 1776 the Waterbury Militia were drafted for 2 months until the regular army could be raised. Soon after arriving home from this tour he enlisted in the State Troops commanded by Capt. John Lewis of Waterbury. He enlisted for eight months but about the last of August 1776 he went to the hospital, sick. He applied for a furlough, but was refused as none had been granted then. He got his brother Titus to take his place, who staid out Eben's term. Others of the sick were immediately given furloughs with out substitutes. Because of his illness he was unable to do any work until the next March and then only half a day. In August 1778 he was drafted with Captain Norton's Company of Durham and Ira Bebee of Waterbury. They went to New London, and to Providence, Rhode Island. His pension application was signed by Culpepper Hoadly (a well known name in Naugatuck) and Josiah Terrell. The typed copy reads in one place Jacob Terrell and in another Jared, but the photostat of the signature looks like Josiah, whom we know was living in Prospect. He states he lived on the Waterbury side of the road until 15 years ago and then moved 40 rods across the street into Cheshire. These pension papers give helpful information about other men, and often about residences. Eben Hotchkiss, according to Prospect records "died July 26, 1853, age 95 years, 7 mo. 12 da., cause of death fall on hip and old age. He must have been the oldest, Revolutionary Veteran in town at the time of his death. His brother Jesse, who came and helped him home, died in 1776 of camp fever.

Hotchkiss, Eldad 1756-1832, born in Bethany son of Joel Hotchkiss. He received a pension, Is on the Monument and Honor Roll and is buried in Prospect. His grand-daughter "Aunt Maria" wrote about him in the same article she wrote about Amos Atwater. He applied for his pension in 1832, and it was used to place his tomb-stones. The application reads "About 50 years ago I moved into the town of Waterbury, Society of Columbia, now Prospect and have lived here ever since.

Eldad Hotchkiss in the spring of 1776 enlisted under Capt. Johnson. The regiment was discharged North Castle, N Y on 5 Nov 1776, but I was left behind being among the feeble. I rejoined the patrol at Turtle Bay, was at the Battle of White Plains, received a verbal discharge. Got word home, and my brother came and got me, and those who enlisted into the regt came home pretty soon after. Then he was out as a privateer for two months, and the day before I should have arrived home, was taken prisoner and detained aboard a 75 gun ship, and then a prison ship, making two months prison. His son Edlad jr was a very early town clerk dying of typhoid with his little son Eldad 3, a few years after the father. A sister Mary married, Stephen Ives, whose name appears on the Monument.

Hotchkiss, Jesse is not on the Monument, or on any Honor Roll. It seems he should not be forgotten. He is included in the History of Waterbury among Revolutionary Soldiers. He had fought in the F&I war with his father, Gideon. When his brother, Eben, contracted camp fever (typhoid?) he went and brought him home, falling ill of the same disease. He lived on the Clark Hill Road, and belonged to the Waterbury Church and is buried in Waterbury. He left 11 children, one of whom was Asahel, whose story is told in another paragraph. He died at the end of September, and his little daughter Beulah soon after of the same fever. A daughter Charity married Riverius Russell.

Hotchkiss, Robert 1755-1826, is not on any Honor Roll or on the Monument. There were several Robert Hotchkiss's at one time in Cheshire. The one who lived and is buried in Prospect was a son of Asa and Mary Hotchkiss. A brother Giles may have lived here at one time, is buried in Naugatuck. The widowed mother, Mary, married Enos Tyler of Prospect for his third wife. Robert and Giles served in Capt. Bunnell's Company in 1776. Waterbury History identifies Robert as one "who went over to the enemy". However Vol 4, page 63 of the "Records of the State of Connecticut" in 1782 "Robert Hotchkiss--Jail by a military warrent for some supposed crime--committee reported nothing criminal--so were released without cost or charges. He was later chosen Lieut of the Militia.

Hotchkiss, Titus son of Captain Gideon, born 1755, died Wolcott 1835. Received a pension. Is on the monument but not on the older Honor Roll. He married Rachel Guernsey of Watertown, where he lived for a time. She drew the pension after his death. He did live in Columbia Parish for a time, as his name is listed as paying a school tax, for those having children. He enlisted May 20, 1775 in New Haven, under Capt. Wilmot. Col. Hands' Regt. for one year. He was discharged in Montreal May 1776 and reenlisted in Capt. Parmelee's Regt. He entered aboard the US Ship Oxford, of twenty guns at Boston for one year as Lieut of the marines., Capt. Truxton Commander. He shipped again in May 1778 and returned in Jan. 1779 to Boston. He shipped again and returned April 1780. Then, being in bad health he returned home. At one time he was a prosperous farmer in Wolcott, but having lost all his property by the failure of others, he needed the pension. The History of Wolcott does not include him in its list of Revolutionary Soldiers, and it is not known which cemetery he is buried in.

Ives, Stephen 1740-1830 His name appears on the monument and on the old Honor Roll list. Cheshire "Old Houses" reads that Stephen Ives moved to Cheshire from what is now Prospect. Another Stephen Ives has been suggested by the SAR to have been buried in North Haven, not the Prospect man. There seems to be no close connection. This Stephen Ives mother was Mary Hotchkiss, a sister of Gideon Hotchkiss. His wife was Mary Hotchkiss, of another line, a sister of Eldad Hotchkiss. The birth of their children is recorded in Waterbury, so he lived on that side of Prospect. He contributed to the Columbia Society Building Fund. In 1797 he was serving as "lister" in Waterbury. He moved to Cheshire about 1799 apparently with an exchange of houses with Robert Hotchkiss. He is not mentioned in Conn. Men. in Rev., but undoubtedly served in the local Militia, perhaps under his uncle Gideon Hotchkiss. The papers with the names of those who were members of the militia have apparently been lost for years.

Jones, William b about 1740 died 1829 in Prospect. His name is on the Monument and the Honor Roll but it has not been possible to identify him in service as there were many of the name. He married (3) Olive, dau of Gideon Hotchkiss.

Judd, Walter 1758-1833 Not on Prospect Monument or Honor Roll. Buried in Naugatuck. Married Margaret, dau. of Josiah Terrell. He was a son of Isaac Judd of Salem, and a brother of Chauncey Judd, of Lost Boy story. He served as a Sgt. in the Revolution in Capt. Martin's Co. Col. Moseley's Regt. His name is found on all the early church records, but in 1805 he signed a declaration that he was a Baptist and would no longer support the Congregational Society in Columbia. His brother Chauncey Judd who suffered greatly as a boy in the Revolution, owned and operated a sawmill in Prospect, near the Naugatuck Reservoir dam, but it is not known where he lived.

Payne, Philemon is on the Monument and on the Honor Roll, but no record of service has been found. His name is found many times in early town records, and his diary, account book, is in the Connecticut State Library. He was born about 1764 and died after 1830. He held many town offices, some of his children were baptised here, but neither he or either of his wives seem to have been buried here. His first wife was a daughter of Gideon Sanford. The Revolutionary Service of others of the Payne families who lived in Prospect, remains to be established.

Russell, Riverius is on the Monument, but not on the earlier Honor Roll. We know that his father Nicholus Russell's farm was within the bounds of present Prospect, but the family had emigrated before Columbia Parish was established. "Rivers" Russell was born 1756 and died in New York State 1834. He married Charity, daughter of Jesse Hotchkiss. We have his pension application, but because he was unable to establish enough months of service it seems he never received it. He did serve with Col. Mosely's men in 1778.

Elmore Russell 1761-1835, He married Asenath Hotchkiss, dau. of David Hotchkiss. He applied for a pension, but apparently did not follow through when it was denied, as he was listed as a deserter. The "Records of The State of Connecticut" Vol. IV give a clear discription of his case. He enlisted May, 1777 age 16, to serve 3 years. He joined and served faithfully his term in Capt. Browns Company. He applied for his

discharge after three years, but the return had him as enlisting for the duration of the war. Being unwilling to leave without a discharge, he served 5 months more. His effort to secure a discharge proved ineffectual, so he left, but was taken up and returned to the army. He left and went to sea, where he served faithfully. In consequence of being listed as a deserter, he was prevented from receiving his pay. He was at Fort Constitution, White Plains, New Milford, Chester, Redding, Fishkill, Nelson Point among other places. He was able to give a clear discription of each place and date, and the Assembly voted that the pay table be adjusted, and he received all his back pay, so his name was cleared, except for the pension board years later.

Russell, Aaron the next son of Nicholas, born 27 Jan. 1766, died 6 July 1779, (killed by the enemy). His grave is not known. What a burden for those parents! the older boys away in the army, one of them listed as a deserter and not daring to come home; this 13½ year old killed by the British in their attack on New Haven. It is almost certain that this is the boy Gideon Hotchkiss took with him to bring the horse home.

Sanford, Archibald not on Monument or Honor Roll, yet he drew a pension, and is buried in Prospect. He was born 1759, died 1844. He was a brother of Gideon Sanford who lived in the south part of town. Archibald's wife was Amy ? who died a few months earlier. His pension application states that he was in Capt. Curtiss Co. Col. Hooker's Regt. stationed at Peekskill and in Lieut. Ive's Regt. for several short enlistments. He mentions Boston, Dorchester Heights, Long Island, Rye, Kingsbridge, some of the time with the Waterbury Militia. His papers include a detailed account of each "tour" of duty, of seasons and crops, of the chain across the river, of officers and of blacksmith work to lengthen the chain, at the batteries. Part of the time he lived in Woodbridge (Bethany), part in Salem Society of Waterbury, and part in Cheshire. Now in that part of Cheshire being made into the town of Prospect, but always within four miles of where he was born. His pension was granted in September. 1832m to begin April 1831, and he lived to enjoy it until 1844. One of the men who vouched for him was Ranson Johnson, Methodist Clergyman of Wallingford, whose circuit included Prospect. Several of his children remained in Prospect, and his daughter Anna married Lauren Preston, an early officer in the town.

Sanford, John W. 1744-1802. married Sarah Wilmot, sister of Amos Wilmot. His name is on the monument and on the Honor Roll. He died in falling from a load of hay. It has not been possible to prove his service. He may be listed somewhere as William. BUT?

Sandford, John 1750-1827 may be the man intended. Both are buried in Prospect. Some John Sandford was in the militia with Asahel Chittenden. Neither drew a pension, which could have given additional proof. This John, spelt with a d wife was Susannah. There were at one time 4 different John Sanfords paying taxes in town, altho one was resident of Milford, and father of John William. Bearing in mind the statement that more than half the male population were engaged in the Revolution at some time, with many names not recorded, we might well remember both John W Sanford, and John Sandford.

It is doubtful that David Sanford 1765-1839 was in service, because of his age. However there were at least three records of some David Sanford. He was the son of Gideon Sanford, who may also have had a part. Gideon Sanford, age 74, died Mar. 10, 1806, the 10th in the new ground. No stone marks his grave today.

Smith, Ephraim 1733-1806 not on the Monument, or Honor Roll. buried in Prospect. married Thankful Tyler. He enlisted May 12, 1775 and was discharged Oct. 23, 1775. In 1776 he was enrolled in Col. Douglas's Company. Ephraim Smith and his wife Thankful were among the organizers of the Church. Rev. Benjamin Trumball, later of North Haven, was Chaplain of the Company that Ephraim served in. Rev. Trumball was invited to officiate at the installation of the first minister.

Smith, Ira 1757-1835. Not on the Monument or Honor Roll, altho he received a pension, which is largely quoted in the history of Cheshire. Ira is a son of Ephraim, and his application for pension gives a detailed account of his service for 15 months. In the spring of 1777 his father Ephraim was drafted, and Ira went instead. He served as a private in

Capt. Kimball's Company, Col. John Chandler. He was at Peekskill, Germantown, and detached for defense of Fort Mifflin, and at Valley Forge. His application further states that he was born within 40 rods of where he now lives. This helps to establish his father's residence, as the present Plumb farm, was Ira Smith's own home. He married 1779 Elizabeth Judson who died 1824. They with his parents were among the founders of the Congregational Church. He m (2) Chloe, widow of John Stephens.

Smith, Ephraim jr 1760-after 1833. He testified for Riverius Russell in his application for a pension, that Riverius home was in Waterbury, but near his, Ephraim jr's, home in Cheshire, and they served at the same time, but not in the same company. At that time Ephraim Smith, jr was living in Monroe County, NY. Others in the same company were Hezekiah Beecher, Eldad Hotchkiss, Amos Wilmot, Ambrose Hine jr.

Smith, Josiah 1757-1833. On the honor roll and on the Monument. He received a pension. His wife was Thankful, sister of the Rev. Oliver Hitchcock. He lived on the Cheshire side of the town. He was a teamster 1777 and 1778. In 1779 he again entered the service in a Company commanded by Col. Hooker. Stationed at a place called Horseneck, he was wounded, for which after the termination of said war he obtained a pension during his lifetime. It was \$5.00 a month, and increased to \$8.00 in 1816. His pension payments were transferred to Ohio in Oct. 1830, apparently when some of his family moved. It was retransferred to Connecticut July 13, 1833. He died Nov. 1833. No stone marks his grave. Years ago there was a broken stone, lying on the ground, "Thankful, wife of Josiah Smith, died 1822" In 1815 he had declared that he belonged to the Church of England, and would not support the Congregational Church. His daughters Patty Sweat, Polly Talmadge, Meroa Cook testified in 1856 in Burton Ohio for arrears of pension.

Smith, Daniel lived near the Bethany line, but whether this is the same Daniel who was in the war is not yet known.

Spencer, Isaac 1723-1787. On the Monument and the Honor Roll. He has no stone here, but perhaps dying as early as he did was buried in the little old cemetery, or in Cheshire. His wife was Sarah Smith whom he married in 1762. He has been confused with a nephew, Major Isaac Spencer of East Haddam, who drew a Rev. pension, and with his own son Isaac who died 1803 age 33 and has a stone. He is described as a very devout man, a lay preacher in the Separatist Church. (That preceded the Congregational Church, in the same building, as early as 1769) He perhaps only served as a committee member or in the local militia. But he did a service in providing children whose names should be remembered. His daughter Temperance married Samuel Bronson; daughter Rebecca married Medad Hotchkiss, a soldier from Bethany and brother to our own Eldad; At least three of his sons saw service and should be recognized.

Spencer, Selden 1757-after 1840, as he was residing in Waterbury and drawing a pension then. He was in Capt. Phineas Porter's Co. in 1775 and in Capt. Lewis' Co. in 1776. He married Esther Hine (dau of a soldier), who died 1790, and (2) Loly Benham. He also served 3 years in Capt. Pendleton's Co. 1778-1781. Selden is listed in the D A R index At one place he is called "Seldom" His brother---

Spencer, Elihu born about 1764 is living in Waterbury in 1840, drawing a pension, and aged 78. He married Ruth Shepard, an adopted daughter of Rev. Abram Fowler, minister in Naugatuck, and in Prospect for a short time 1815 just before his death. Rev. Fowler had been a soldier also, according to "Yale Graduates". In the military regiments Elihu is listed along with Asahel Chittenden, William Jones, and John Sandford. Another brother.

Spencer, Ansel two years younger, was in Waterbury in 1840. Ansel taught school in Prospect, as one of our earliest school records is "Ansel Spencers school bill". It listed the parents and how much each owed. His daughter Mary married Deacon James Street. He drew a revolutionary war pension. These three sons of Isaac Spencer are no doubt buried in Waterbury or Naugatuck, but they grew to manhood in Prospect.

Terrell, Enoch 1742-1804. Is on the Monument and the Honor Roll. He is listed as a Sgt. in Col. Douglas' Co., Wadsworth's Brigade in 1776. Among the privates were Ephraim Smith and Amos Wilmot. He married Experience Wilmot. His is among the names to whom the oldest part of the present cemetery was conveyed in 1805, as "Columbia Society Inhabitants", but before the Columbia Society took the land, the records show the death of "Enoch Terrell, a Baptist". There are no records of his grave.

Terrell, Josiah 1742-1795. Not on the Monument or Honor Roll. He married Eunice Hoadley. His is one of the oldest stones in the cemetery, having been moved from the old one. In the Connecticut Public Records, "Josiah Terrill to be a Captain of the alarm List Company in Salem" under Lieut. Stanley. 1779. He also went to the defense of New Haven, July 1779. This family is mentioned in the History of Waterbury.

Terrill, Isaac born about 1735, a brother of Josiah. He lived in Prospect, and is mentioned in several old account books. He died Feb, 1817 in Prospect, while making arrangements to apply for a pension. Waterbury History lists in Revolutionary Soldiers, Isaac and Oliver Terrill and also are in the expedition against Crown Point in 1756. Isaac was in the Connecticut Line 1779-81.

Terril, Oliver died 1808 age 71 according to church records. There is no record of his joining the church here, but still he was one of the committee to decide on where to seat people, in 1798. He served under Capt. Warner May 77 to Jan 78. More research is needed for this family.

Tuttle, Moses is on the Monument but not on the first Honor Roll. Born 1753, died 1835 in Prospect. His grave is in Prospect. He married Damaris Hitchcock, a sister of Rev. Oliver Hitchcock. His pension record tells of some of his service. Under Capt. Nathaniel Bunnell he was engaged in the retreat to New York. Under Col. Douglas at Kips Bay. His term did not expire until 12-25-76 but he was sick and his father came to bring him home a month before his term expired. He was in the same battalion as Josiah Smith. Among his children were Wooster Tuttle and Mrs. Benj. Dutton Beecher.

Tyler, Phineas, is on the Monument and on the old Honor Roll, but can not be identified with the Revolutionary War. In one old account book he appears as "finus tier" so he may have been known by other spellings in the War. The DAR index lists one Phineas Tyler, born 1738, d1800 who married Lucy Hyde. He does not appear in the Waterbury or Cheshire lists of soldiers. The Phineas Tyler living in Columbia Society, who had children baptised in June, 1800, and was on the tax list 1834, was certainly a younger man. This is another family where additional research is required.

Tyler, Abraham 1738-1823. On the Monument but not on the old Honor Roll. He is listed as a Sergt. in Co. of Capt. John Lewis, Lieut. Col. Baldwin at Fishkill, in Oct, 1777. He was also in the war in 1780. according to a statement made by his son Lyman. The wording on the stone suggests that Lyman was the soldier, but it was his father, Abraham. Years later Lyman wrote, "when 14 years of age, I ploughed the land, (rough it was and hard soil), and sowed rye and harvested it and planted corn and potatoes and worked the farm with only the help of brother, David age 12, while father Abraham was away in the army."

Tyler, Enos 1735-1804. Served in the French and Indian War but is not on the Monument, even for "Other Wars". Was a brother of Abraham, and may have seen service in the Revolution. His home was near where St. Anthony's Church now stands. He is buried in Prospect with his (3) wife Mary. He was the first man to donate to the Columbia Society Company to aid in "getting set off" as a separate parish, giving \$100.00 which was a generous sum in those days. His sons whose service is known are - - -

Tyler, Nathaniel enlisted in 1777 from Cheshire for the war. In the same company were Hezekiah Hine, Seldom Spencer, and Isaac Terril. He married (1) Mabel Hodge. They had a divorce and while she was married again in New York State she tried to get a widow's pension on Nathaniel, at the same time her second husband was drawing his own pension!!!! Nathaniel married (2) Patience, daughter of Oliver Terrel. His burial place is not listed. Another brother- - -

Tyler, Reuben was a private in the 2nd Co. 7th Regt. He is listed in Capt. Bunnell's Co. along with William Jones, Josiah Smith, Moses Tuttle. A paragraph in Cheshire History indicates he died in camp, 1777. Reuben lived to marry, and died about 1807 by drowning at sea. the one who died in camp

Tyler, Levi born June 1763, d 1777 in camp, age 14, according to Cheshire Church records. Was he a drummer boy? Did he accompany a brother? Which camp and why, and where was this little boy buried?

There were other Tyler families who should have a complete story.

Wilmot, Amos 1756-1809 married Sarah, dau of Ambrose Hine. Supposed to be buried in Prospect Cemetery, but no stone in existence now. Not on the Monument or Honor Roll. He was a member of Capt. Johnson's Co. Wadsworth's Brigade of Connecticut troops in 1776. A daughter Sarah married John W. Sanford.

Wilmot, Elisha enlisted for the war in 1780, the only body of men who served south of Virginia from Connecticut, by the especial request of General Greene. He removed to Ohio in 1785, but many of the Wilmot family remained in the area.

At times the forgoing record quotes books and records, and the spelling and punctuation has been followed, without the use of "quotes". The attempt has been to convey the record rather than to compose a perfect essay. As stated in the first paragraph, another writer can take this material, and build on it to a perfect book.

Probable families to research are Austin, Clark, Farrell, Williams, Munson, Baldwin, Mix, Ford, Lewis. This will follow the present house and land research.

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