

SAMUEL COOK (1668-1725) ae. 58

HANNAH IVES (-1714)

Samuel Cook, the son of Samuel and Hope (Parker) Cook, was the first born of 15 children, 10 of whom were children of his own mother, Hope. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, Mar. 3, 1668. After his brother, John, was born in 1669, his parents moved, with several other families up the Quinnipiac River to a newly selected area to settle the town of Wallingford. Each family had been allotted five acres of land for a house lot within the village limits and Samuel and Hope held a land grant for 500 acres on what came to be known as Cook Hill. Their village lot was on what is now Center Street. (map #9)

Samuel's father (4-6), was one of the 39 signers of the original agreement or covenant of the newly surveyed settlement. He became a distinguished member of the town and church, well respected and prosperous in personal property and land ownership, holding many offices of responsibility and trust.

Samuel grew up on his father's farm and acquired a portion for his residence and livelihood. At the age of 24, on Mar. 3, 1692, he was married by John Moss Esq. to Hannah, daughter of John and Hannah (Merriman) Ives (4-11). These parents had also come with the original proprietors of Wallingford from New Haven, Connecticut. Both Samuel and Hannah had been reared to know the rigors of pioneering and were familiar with the problems that went along with starting a new settlement.

John Ives, Hannah's father, was a large land owner and farmer in Meriden, a parish of Wallingford that had been settled by the spreading of planters to the north of the town. This area was called "The North Farms", (maps #12, 13) "John Ives died, however, in 1681 when Hannah was still a young child, leaving her mother, Hannah, with five children; John, age 12; Hannah, 9; Joseph, 7; Nathaniel, 4; and Gideon, a baby of one year. The mother married Joseph Benham, Aug. 17, 1682..."¹ The Ives family, as years went by, played a large part in the development of Wallingford and in the building up of both Meriden and Cheshire. (map referred to above)

Samuel and Hannah Cook became the parents of eleven children before Hannah's death, May 29, 1714. Samuel then married Elizabeth Bedel, or Beadle, of Stratford, Conn., and they had four children, which, like his father, brought the number of Samuel's children to fifteen. The youngest of these was only four years old when Samuel died, Sept. 8, 1725, ae. 58, leaving Elizabeth with eight or more unmarried children. He left a good estate of properties so Elizabeth and her children were well provided for, though it is understandable that their lot was hard. The widow, Elizabeth, married Capt. Daniel Harris, of Middletown, Conn.

Samuel's farm, in the western part of Wallingford township, was located near the line which now divides Cheshire from Wallingford. Some of his descendants are still occupying the same land. His estate was inventoried at 390 pounds.²

"Children by first wife, Hannah Ives:

1. Hannah Cook, b. May 28, 1693; md. Jeremiah Hull; died Nov. 22, 1735, ae. 43
2. Samuel Cook, b. Mar. 5, 1695
3. Aaron Cook, b. Dec. 28, 1696
4. Lydia Cook, b. Jan. 13, 1699; md. Daniel (or David) Dutton. She died, Oct. 12, 1739 (see story #4-4)
5. Moses Cook, b. Jan. 4, 1700; died, Dec. 25, 1711, ae. 11 yrs, (nearly 12)
6. Miriam Cook, b. Nov. 4, 1703; md. Benjamin Curtis, Dec. 12, 1727
7. Thankful Cook, b. Dec. 24, 1705; died Aug. 19, 1714, ae. in her 9th yr. two months after her mother
8. Esther Cook, b. Mar. 8, 1707; md. Abel Yale, July 22, 1730
9. Eunice Cook, b. Feb. 25, 1709
10. Susannah Cook, b. Sept. 5, 1711; md. Joseph Cole, Dec. 1, 1735
11. Hope Cook; died Sept. 18, 1728, about 14 years of age and about 3 years after her father's death

"Children by second wife, Elizabeth Beadle:

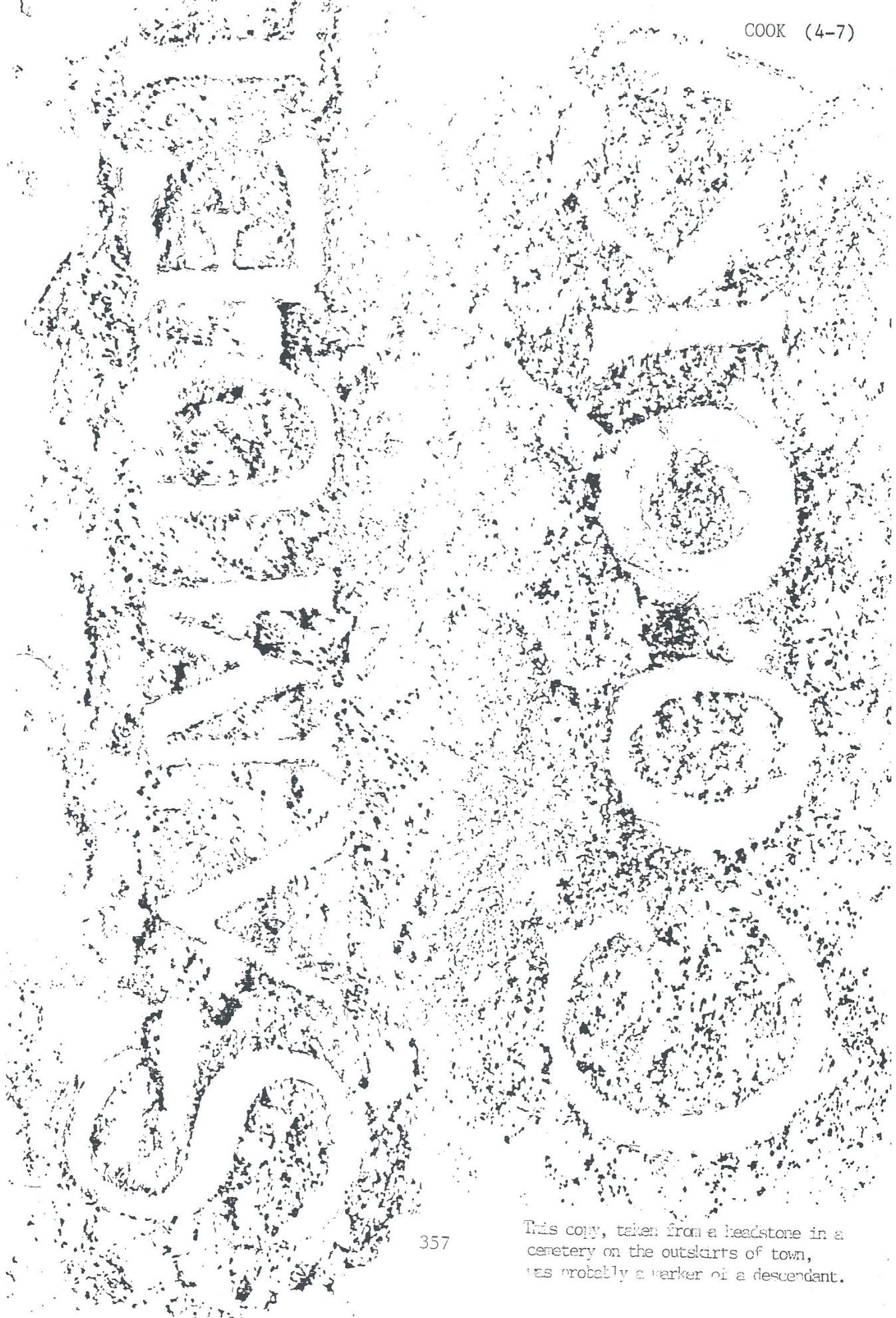
12. Moses Cook, b. Nov. 6, 1716
13. Thankful Cook, b. Nov. 14, 1718; md. Stephen Hitchkiss, Dec. 31, 1742
14. Asaph Cook, b. June 23, 1720
15. Hannah Cook, b. Nov. 4, 1721; md. Zephaniah Hull, of Cheshire and settled at Bethlem, Conn." 3

It is understood that when Samuel's widow, Elizabeth, married Capt. Harris, of Middletown, Conn., (see maps #8 & 9) the Cook property remained in the Cook family. It fell into the hands of Samuel's oldest son, Samuel. We hear no more of the son, Aaron, who may have died, and we know that the son, Moses, had died in 1711.

Samuel was buried in the Wallingford cemetery beside his wife, Hannah (Ives) Cook. This cemetery remains in its ancient setting in the town, enclosed within a high concrete wall. The writer made a search in 1973 for the markers of Wallingford progenitors. Many of the oldest headstones are leaning against the wall and are illegible from wear. A rubbing was obtained from one of the headstones with 'Samuel Cook' inscribed upon it.

In
Memory of
Mr. Samuel
Cook
who died Jan^r. 5
1800 ae. 67
The Living here's with
me doth clos
And now the grave
is my repose

A facimile of the inscription is dated 1800 and would appear to be a grandson of Samuel and Hannah; probably a son of their oldest son, Samuel.



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This copy, taken from a headstone in a cemetery on the outskirts of town, was probably a marker of a descendant.

Much has been done in recent years to preserve the older homes in Wallingford, as in many other areas of New England. The home of Col. Thaddeus Cook (4-6) is an example of the architecture that followed the earliest log structures. Other homes are shown in stories (1-2), (1-3), (1-4), (4-11) and (4-13).

Samuel and Hannah's fourth child was Lydia Cook, born Jan. 13, 1699, who married David Dutton (4-4). The generations of Cooks are listed here:

Henry Cook md. Judith Birdsall (4-5)

Samuel Cook md. Hope Parker (4-6)

Samuel Cook md. Hannah Ives (4-7)

Lydia Cook md. David Dutton (4-4)

Mary, the daughter of David and Lydia Dutton, married Gideon Rice (1-4). Through Mary's lineage, the lines of Cook, Ives, Parker, Merriman, Birdsall, Dutton and others are linked to Gideon's lines of Churchill, Deming, Foote, Porter and others. Their stories are found in the second and third chapters of this work.

1. #33 p. 108
2. #7, p.673
3. ibid