

WILLETT BISHOP (1697-1749)
ELIZABETH STURDEVANT (1713-after 1757)

Willett Bishop was born 17 Oct. 1697 to John and Abigail (Willett) Bishop at New Haven Conn. (map #5). He was the fifth child of eleven and like his parents he apparently lived in New Haven all of his life.

He married Elizabeth Sturdevant in New Haven Mar. 17, 1729-30. Elizabeth was born to John and Mary (Ferris) Sturdevant (7-61), Feb. 15, 1713 at Ridgefield, Conn. Ridgefield is directly west of New Haven, a distance of about 30 or 35 miles. When the line was established between Connecticut and New York State, Ridgefield lay about five miles east of the western border of Connecticut (see map #5).

Willett and Elizabeth were married about 20 years and their children are listed by Jacobus in his "Families of Ancient New Haven" as:

- "1. John Bishop, b. 31 Dec. 1730, bp. 4 July 1731; md. 1 Jan 1751-2, Rachel, dau. of John and Rachel (Tolles) Ruggles. She was b. 7 July 1732.
2. David Bishop, b. 30 Dec. 1732, bp. 11 Feb. 1733; md. 9 Nov. 1758, Sarah, dau. of Jonathan and Lydia (Bradley) Austin (7-66)
3. Sarah Bishop, bp. 18 July 1736, died 5 Feb. 1806; md. 17 July 1754, Timothy Munson" 1

Willett died in 1749 when his three children were 19, 17, and 13 years of age. Elizabeth, his wife, was married again soon to Joseph Ruggles and three more children were born to her:

- "4. Samuel Ruggles, b. Sept 18, 1750 at New Haven; md. June 1, 1729, Hulda Wakelee
5. Elizabeth Ruggles, b. Mar. 22, 1753 at New Haven; md. Eli Segar of Dunbury
6. Mary Ruggles, b. Aug. 22, 1757 at New Haven; md. Nathan Merwin." 2

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