

HAZEN FAMILY

OF ANDOVER

Nathan Wood Hazen, Esq., born about July 9, 1800 in Bridgeton, Me., married Oct. 2, 1830, Mary Pingree of Salem, and came here to ANDOVER, where he made his home until his death, March 25, 1887. He lived for many years on the corner of Love Lane ( Locke St. ) and Main Street, in what is now known as "Locke House."

As a boy he attended Bridgeton Academy, and became a tutor to the children of the Confederate General, Wade Hampton. Returning to Massachusetts, he read Law in the office of the Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, of Salem, and was admitted to the Bar in 1829. He became one of the ablest and most widely known members of Essex Circuit.

In 1849 and 1850 he was a member of the Massachusetts Senate as a Whig, but after the dissolution of that party, he had no political affiliations. He practised Law here until 1865.

The Advertiser, March 1887 :- (in part)

" He was a small, pleasant old gentleman, with whom every one was glad to converse on account of his inexhaustible supply of interesting reminiscences. He was generous and sympathetic; an extensive reader and owned a fine library. "as alive to all public interests.

He was buried at Salem, in Harmony Grove."

C.H. A. in Townsman :-

" The sudden change from intense heat to an east wind on July 23, brought to mind the tale from Mr. Michael Walsh, that hot morning as I passed along. He had come out for a breath of air to sit in his armchair at the door of his shop, and we were watching the movie man shower his little greenery and inhaling the fresh, sweet odor. He recalled that dessicated little lawyer, Squire Hazen, who loved to go fishing around the suburbs, before he became a shut-in, and who wore ~~the~~ nearly the same weight of undergarments all the year.

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" One intensely hot morning, as Dr. Walter Kimball was returning from his rounds, he overtook Mr. Hazen hurrying home with his rod, and gave him a lift. Hazen said he felt the change to an east wind approaching and must get into winter flannels again.

"Doctor, when is the best time to take off and resume winter wear?"

"Well, Squire," said the genial family physician, "If I were you, I would take them off June 30 and put them on again, July 1."

Most have passed who recall this tiny little gentleman, and his bland smile, but I will never forget the brave fight he made against the B. & M. R.R. and took up their tracks across his land, just below the Phillips Hill grade into the South Lawrence station.

" I forget how long we traveled the field west of the disputed strip. But the track finally went back.

" He was a pacifist and I can remember a certain big parade when Andover flashed with light,- the dark mansion of Hazen so conspicuous. We heard that he made the missus go with him into the cellar lest she even view the glorious spectacle.

He had Red Spring water fetched to him every morning, summer and winter. But, he did know Law, and had a fine obituary at the last."

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A Martha Hazen of Boxford, and her child, are warned out of Andover, 1720.

An Edward Hazen, probably not the 1st, is recorded in Rowley, from 1656 to 1691 Essex Docket-44:274-1716:- "Heirs of Edward Hazen of Rowley, of widow and dower, sell to Richard Dole for 20 £bs. estate left to divide:- Richard Hazen of Haverhill; Jeremiah Pearson and wife Priscilla ( Hazen); (Newbury); Jn. Wood and w. Isabel of Bradford; Timothy Perkins and wife Edna, of Topsfield.