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To my Nephew,  
Mr. W.K. Baker,  
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In response to your kind request to me bearing date of Oct. 27th, 1897, asking me to write in a note book and send to you what I have written or can recollect or have had notes of from my father, of the family history and connections, including incidents or any particulars that I can give of the family in the way which would be of increasing interest as time passes away, owing to the removal by death of all that could throw any light upon the early history of those times.

I intended to comply with your request much sooner than the present time by furnishing the information that you wished, as far as I could do it, and I had made considerable progress in the work when, unfortunately, I had an attack of the disease called La Grippe, from the effects of which I felt quite unable, for a long time, to do the subject justice, or to do any mental work in addition to what I had to do, but now I am feeling so much better that I am trying to proceed with the work.

As I intend to keep a copy of the work for the information of my descendants here, I will begin with the first of the name of Hinman of whom we have an account as having come to this country from England to live, which information, perhaps may be, as you remarked, of increasing interest in the future as the actors of the scenes represented will soon be all away.

Edward Hinman left London, England, about the year 1649 for America and settled in Stratford, in the State of Connecticut, which lies a few miles east of New York on the Long Island Sound. Soon after he came, he married Hannah Styles of Windsor, by whom he raised a family of eight children.

He took up land there in 1651. He was the first owner of the old Tide Mill between Stratford and what is now Bridgeport. (This is the place where P.T. Barnum lived.) Some of his descendants have owned or have been connected with it from that time up to the present time. In 1681, he sold his homestead and died in the same year. His death was recorded on the 26th of November, 1681.

Benjamin Hinman, the fourth child of Edward Hinman, was born in 1652 in Stratford, Conn. He was a farmer and a man of some repute as he represented the town of Woodbury in the general court of the Colony twice in 1711 and died two years later at the age of 61 years.

He married Elizabeth <sup>Lum</sup> Lann, of Woodbury, on the 16th of July, 1684, this being the first marriage recorded upon the Woodbury records. It was performed by Justice Rickbell. He lived at White Oak in Southbury. His wife, Elizabeth, united with the church at Woodbury on the 14th of June, 1691. By this marriage, he raised a family of 13 children. His grandson, Benjamin Hinman, became a general in the Colonial Army and served under General Wolfe when Quebec was taken.

Noah Hinman was the fourth child of Benjamin and Elizabeth Hinman who was born in July 1689 at Woodbury, Conn. He was married three times, first to Anna Knowles on Feb. 28th, 1710, who died Feb. 10th, 1720; second to Sarah Scoville of Waterbury, who died on the 23rd of April 1742; then to the Widow Wildman; by whom <sup>these</sup> he raised a family of fourteen children. He was a man of distinguished ability and of some renown.