

Generation No. 24

2. John²⁴ Belding (William²³, Richard²² Bayldon, Francis²¹, George²⁰ Baildon, Robert¹⁹, John¹⁸, Walter¹⁷, Robert¹⁶, Nicholas¹⁵, Nicholas¹⁴ de Baildon, William¹³, John¹², Adam¹¹, Henry¹⁰, William⁹, William⁸, Simon⁷, Hugh⁶, Richard Fitz⁵ Essulf, Essulf⁴, Ulf³, Gamel², Osmund¹) was born Jan 09, 1644 in Weathersfield, CT, and died Nov 26, 1713. He married **Ruth Hayes** 1680. She was born Abt. 1645 in Weathersfield, CT.

Notes for John Belding:

John was assumed to have moved to Norwalk, about 1670.

Child of John Belding and Ruth Hayes is:

- 8 i. Samuel²⁵ Belding, born Jan 03, 1685.

3. Daniel²⁴ Belding (William²³, Richard²² Bayldon, Francis²¹, George²⁰ Baildon, Robert¹⁹, John¹⁸, Walter¹⁷, Robert¹⁶, Nicholas¹⁵, Nicholas¹⁴ de Baildon, William¹³, John¹², Adam¹¹, Henry¹⁰, William⁹, William⁸, Simon⁷, Hugh⁶, Richard Fitz⁵ Essulf, Essulf⁴, Ulf³, Gamel², Osmund¹) was born Nov 20, 1646 in Weathersfield, CT, and died Aug 14, 1732 in Deerfield, MA. He married **(1) Elizabeth Foote** Nov 10, 1670 in Weathersfield, CT, daughter of Nathaniel Foote and Elizabeth Smith. She was born May 20, 1654 in Weathersfield, CT, and died Sep 16, 1696 in Deerfield, MA. He married **(2) Hepzibah Buell** Feb 17, 1699 in Deerfield, MA. She was born Dec 11, 1649 in Windsor, CT, and died Feb 28, 1703 in Deerfield, MA. He married **(3) Sarah Hawks** 1705 in Hampshire Co., MA. She was born Sep 29, 1657 in Windsor, Hartford, CT.

Notes for Daniel Belding:

Daniel settled as early as 1671 in Hatfield, MA, removing to Deerfield about 1689. He was a selectman and leader in town affairs.

On November 10, 1670, Daniel married Elizabeth Foote, daughter of Nathaniel Foote. Elizabeth was born in 1654 in Weathersfield, CT. They had fourteen children. In the massacre of September 16, 1696, Elizabeth and three of their children were slain by Indians, two of the children were wounded and several were taken to Canada. Daniel was sold to the Jesuits, and later redeemed in 1698.

The following was taken from the Hatfield Town Records.

September 16, 1696. The Indians came along from up Green River to the town, and assulted Mr. Daniel Belden's house; took Mr. Belden, his son Nathaniel and daughter Esther captive, killed his wife and three children, and wounded Samuel and Abigail, but they recovered, altho' Samuel had a hatchet stuck in his head, and some of his brains came out at his wound.

"The Indians making an assult upon Deerfield, in this present war, they struck a hatchet some inches into the skull of a boy there, even so deep that the boy felt the force of a wrench used by 'em to get it out. There he lay a long while weltering in his blood, they found him, they dressed him, considerable quantities of his brain came out from time to time when they opened the wound, yet the lad recovered, and is now a Living Monument of the Power and Goodness of God"

Daniel married 2nd, February 17, 1699, to Hepzibah, daughter of William Buell, widow of Thomas Wells. She was born December 11, 1649, in Windsor, CT. On Tuesday,

February 29, 1703, shortly before the break of day, the Indians stole into the village, fired the buildings, captured most of the inhabitants, marching them to Quebec, Canada. A number were slain at the taking of the town. Hepzibah was slain shortly after leaving the town, in the meadows, probably March 1, 1703. Sarah, wife of Benjamine Burt, was with child but made the trip to Canada where the child was born.

Volumn II, by Emma Lewis Coleman says about Hepzibah, Hepzibah, daughter of William Buel of Windsor, she married first, Lieutenant Thomas Wells and was his widow, when in 1693 the Indians attacked her house. Two daughters were killed and, says Stephen Williams, a third daughter and she , herself, were also knocked on the head and scalped. The next year she asked aid from the congregations of Connecticut. In 1699 she married Daniel Belding, was captured in 1704, and killed on the journey to Canada.

Daniel rebuilt his home, and later fought off, with other fellow townsmen, in 1709, another attack by the French and Indians.

Daniel married 3rd, Sarah, widow of Philip Mattoon, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hawkes. She was born September 29, 1657 and died September 17, 1751 in her 95th year.

Stephen William's narrative says, "When Mr. Belding and company came to the fort called "Oso", the males were obliged to run the Gauntlet near it. Mr. Belding, being a nimble man, received but few blows, save at first setting out, but the other men were much abused by clubs and firebrands. Daniel and his children were first kept by the Indians but later he was sold and lived as a servant with the Jesuites at the Seminary. His business was to wait upon them and cut wood, make fires and tend the garden. He accounted himself favorably dealt with. After Ryswick, "the Dutch Gentleman" gathered up what captive he could find and returned June 8 with Mr. Belding and his children and arrived in Albany in about 15 days. There, Mr. Belding his children were clothed at the expense of his brother who lived in Norwick. They returned to Deerfield by way of New York and Connecticut." His son, Nathaniel died in 1714 and his daughter Hester later married Ephraim Clark of Stratford, CT. about 1735.

Notes for Elizabeth Foote:

Daniel was born on November 20, 1648. On November 10, 1670 he married Elizabeth Foote and shortly thereafter moved to Hatfield Massachusetts. In 1689 Daniel moved his family across the river to Deerfield.

On September 16, 1696, the Indians came up the Green River and attacked Deerfield. Daniel and two of his children, Nathaniel and Hester, were captured and taken to Canada. His wife, Elizabeth, and three children, Daniel, John, and Thankful were killed. Two other children, Samuel and Abigail were wounded but survived. Samuel had a hatchet stuck in his skull but recovered.

Steven Williams' Narrative says, "Mr. Belding and the other captives came to the fort called Oso. The male captives were obliged to run the Gauntlet. Mr. Belding, being a nimble man, received but few blows, save at first setting out, but the other men were much abused by clubs, firebrands and such. Daniel was sold to the Jesuites and was made a servant at their Seminary. His business was to wait upon them, cut wood, tend the garden and such. The Dutch intervned and the captives were ransomed and returned to Deerfield two years later.

On February 17, 1699, Daniel married Hepzibah Buell, widow of Thomas Wells. She was born December 11, 1649 in Windsor, Connecticut.

On Tuesday, February 29, 1703, shortly before the break of day, the Indians stole into the village, fired the buildings, captured most of the inhabitants, marching them to Canada.