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If anyone would like to
receive an e-mail color copy
of the newsletter, send your
E-mail address to Sec/Trea.

This is my first message as
the incoming President of the
Hale Family
Association. I have been
busy getting the information
gathered to send to
Fred as the incoming
Secretary/Treasurer so he
will have, hopefully, all he
will need to take over that
Office. I had a lot of help
from Betsy in
making up a form to keep
track of just what portion of
the dues received
will be available for the
coming years. Many
members have paid dues
quite
far ahead, some as far ahead
as 2009.

It was a hectic time getting
information together and sent
out to our
members concerning Nathan
Hale's 250th Birthday
Celebration. I had it in
my head that it was to take
place in July, and suddenly
woke to the fact it
was to be held in June. I owe
Quincy Abbot a big thank
you for all the help
he gave, along with the
programs and other
information.

It was a great day at
Coventry, Connecticut, the
weather was just great, a

bit on the warm side but no
foul weather. The
Homestead was a flurry of
activity with all the programs
and tours and wagon rides
and demonstrations
and all. The members were
ferried by bus to the
Cemetery to view the
exercises there. The
Coventry Town Manager
spoke very briefly and laid a
wreath at the monument. I
was given the honor of also
laying a wreath
there as the incoming
President of the Hale Family
Association.

We were then brought back
to the Homestead where we
could view the parade
coming in and along the
driveway from the comfort of
the shade of the
beautiful trees in the front
yard. The route of the parade
was two miles
long from the Coventry High
School to the Homestead.
Some of the
participants were very
flushed from the exposure to
the hot sun, and many
of them were dressed in the
period costumes.

We also met young Nathan
Hale running around the
farm. He is a seven year
old boy, really named Nathan

Hale, all the way from California. His mother brought him to see the celebration, as well as many points of interest along the East Coast.

Our meeting was scheduled to start after the functions of the celebration, somewhere around 5:00 PM. Quincy Abbot, brought his cousin who came up from from South Carolina, Fred Hale, and James Gardner who is a new member,

and myself were there as members of the Association. Fred had to leave earlier in the afternoon. The others of us met very briefly to discuss the

15 ballots which were returned and approve the nominees, and agree that the Officers were duly elected. Fred's name was inadvertently left off the ballot as Genealogist, but we agreed he should be in that Office.

The new slate of Officers are as follows:

Vice President Shirley Smith
Secretary/Treasurer Fred Hale
Member-at-Large Betsy Walega
Genealogist Fred Hale

I have enjoyed the privilege of serving as the

Secretary/Treasurer of the Association and have become acquainted with a great many new cousins scattered around the United States. I also want to thank Bob Hale who has set up the Association Web Site and is going to continue working with that. He has been in the process of moving from Colorado to Ohio. His home is very close to another Hale Farm which is in Kent, Ohio.

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President Arthur Hale has just placed a wreath from the HFA in honor of Nathans 250th Birthday



Nathan Hale Memorial Coventry, Conn.



Nathans 250th Birthday cake



Parade participants in costume

We all know that Deacon Richard Hale was born in Newbury Mass 1717, the eldest son of Samuel and Apphia Moody Hale. He settled in Coventry Connecticut, married Elizabeth Strong in 1746, had twelve children- Elizabeth died 1767, and Richard married the widow Abigail Cobb Adams in 1769.

How did Richard get from Newbury Mass to Coventry Conn.? - Richards Father Samuel was the brother of Rev. James Hale, James was the eldest child of Rev. John and Sarah Noyes Hale, born 14 October 1684 in Beverly, Mass. When Sarah Noyes Hale died in 1695, Rev Hale married third Elizabeth Sommerby Clark, and when the Rev John Hale died in 1700, Rev James was a student at Harvard, and when his siblings Samuel, Joanna and John became orphans, and returned to Newbury to be raised by Sarah Noyes Hales brother Thomas, James continued at Harvard, graduating in 1703, and became the first minister of Ashby Conn., in 1718. Ashford is the town next to Coventry Conn.

When Samuel died in 1723, the Widow Apphia continued to live in the Hale Noyes home in Newbury, the children Joanna, Richard, Samuel, Hannah and John became indentured to Apphias Brother, and the property was held in escrow until the youngest child John attained the age of 21 in 1743. After John became 21, the property could be sold, and Richard moved to Conn.

In a letter from Richard to his Brother Major Samuel Hale shortly after Nathan was hung as a spy, Richard announced to Major Samuel the Bro Robinson was doing well. (Apphia had died 1753, and is buried in Newbury, Mass.)

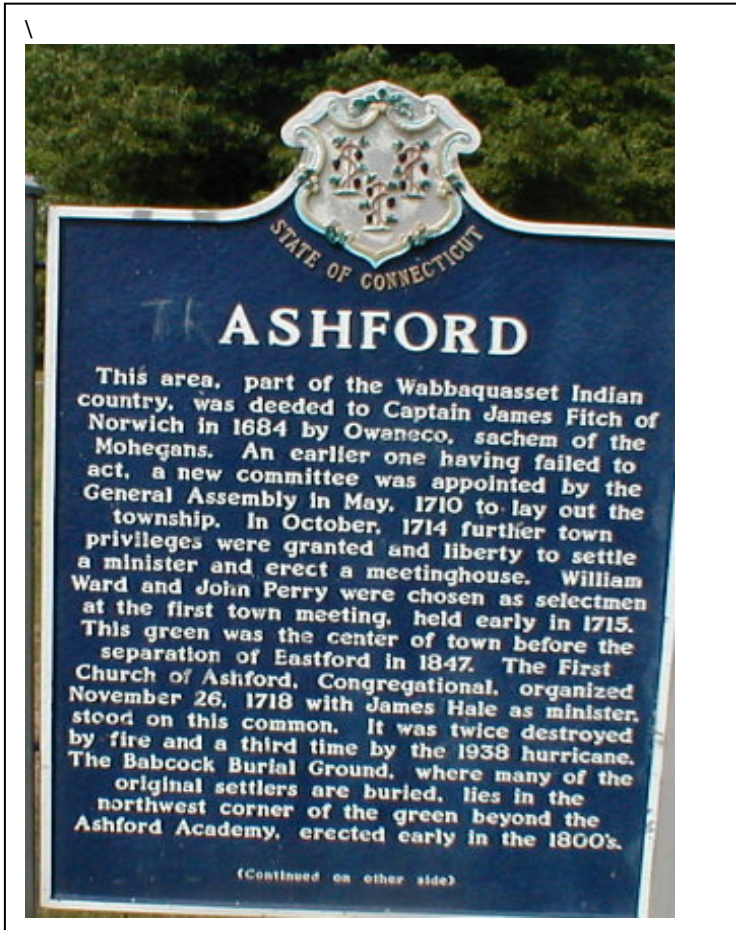
Apphia married 2nd Samuel Robinson of Conn., in 1732, and moved to the Ashford Conn. area We assume that Apphia and Samuel were introduced by the Rev James Hale.

In the early 1740's Major Samuel Hale moved to Portsmouth NH, married 1751 and had 11 children.

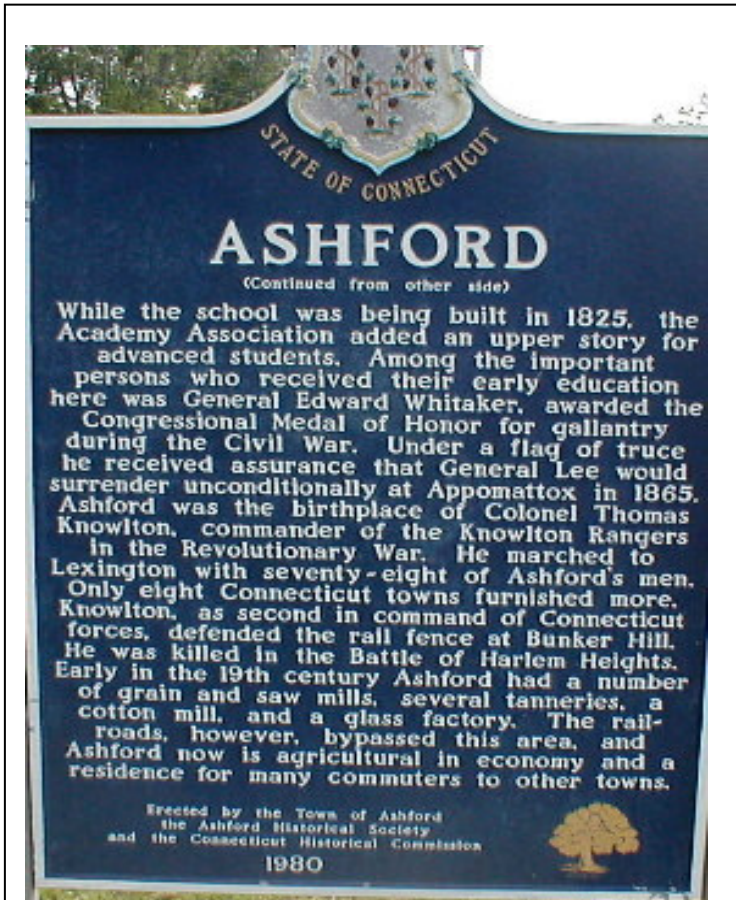
John Hale moved to Rockport Ma, and married Eleanor Knight in 1743, they had eight children.

Joanna Hale, Richards elder sister born 1715, married Capt Stephen Gerrish 1741 they had 7 children, they lived many years in the Newbury Mass. Area and later moved to Boscawen, Nh where they are both buried.

Hannah Hale the youngest daughter born 1720, married Joseph Atkinson In 1745 they had 9 children. They moved to Boscawen, NH between 1760 and and 1770.



Ashford Academy on Site where James Church originally stood



Cemetery in Ashford where Rev James is buried