

Richard Hendee

XIX. HENDY.

This name is identical with *Hendé*, *Hendys*, and *Handy*. Richard *Hendy* seems to have been one of the first purchasers of Norwich, and to have had an early allotment in the neighborhood of the town-plot. He also shared in the first divisions of land, but there is no evidence of his actual residence at any time in the settlement. In 1660 and '61 a person of this name was at work upon vessels at New London and Newport. A Richard *Handy*, four or five years later, was proprietor of a mill built by John *Elderkin* on the *Menunkatesuck* river at *Killingworth*, and died at that place, Aug. 4, 1670. This mill at *Killingworth*, and fifty acres of land on *Westward Hill* in *Norwich*, were among his assets.* The same year the townsmen of *Norwich* directed that the children of Richard *Hendy*, deceased, should have a share in the divisions of common land equal with other proprietors. From these and other concurrent facts, it is evident that Richard *Hendy*, the *Norwich* proprietor, and Richard *Handy*, of *Killingworth*, were one and the same person.

Hannah, the wife of Richard *Handy*, was a daughter of John *Elderkin*. Only three children appear as heirs, *Jonathan*, *Richard*, and *Hannah*. *Elderkin* was their guardian, and settled the estate. Richard lived in the family of *Elderkin*, and became an inhabitant of *Norwich*. *Hannah* married *Samuel Belding* of *Wethersfield*, Jan. 14, 1685.

* *Conn. Col. Rec.*, 2, 191.

† The author is indebted for this fact and other information concerning Richard *Handy* of *Killingworth*, to *R. D. Smith, Esq.*, of *Guilford*. *Miss Sally Handy*, the last of the name in *Guilford*, died Feb. 28, 1849, almost a centenarian. She was born March 20, 1750.

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