

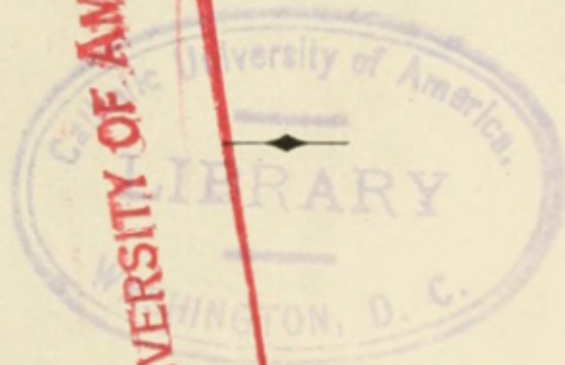
THE HISTORY  
OF  
RIDGEFIELD, CONN.

*FROM ITS FIRST SETTLEMENT TO THE  
PRESENT TIME.*

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1878.

ing Soldiers to Enlist into the Continental army And when the sum necessary for that purpose is known, said Meeting vote, agree and grant a Tax on the polls & Rateable Estate of the Inhabitants of this Town, on the List of 1776, in order to repay the money that is or may be so procured and Laid Out and either of the Select Men for the time being, or any other person, that the Select Men shall nominate & Depute, Shall be fully Authorized to collect the said tax &c and the same apply to the use aforesaid.

“ Said Meeting is Dismissed.

“ Test      STEPHEN SMITH *Register.*”

The following is a copy of a muster-roll of Captain Gamaliel Northrop's Company, A.D. 1776—in all probability the first company formed in the town to take part in the war of the Revolution :

Gamaliel Northrup Capt <sup>n</sup>	Levi Keeler
James Betts 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut	Uriah Keeler
John St John 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut	David Lavake
Ebenezer Olmsted Ensign	Jeremiah Mead
Thaddeus Keeler Serg <sup>t</sup>	Matthew Mead
Aaron Comstock Serg <sup>t</sup>	Nathaniel Northrop
Gamaliel Osborn Serg <sup>t</sup>	James Nichols
Salmon Hubbell Serg <sup>t</sup>	Enoch Olmsted
Benajah Northrop Corp <sup>l</sup>	Jeremiah Olmsted
Alvin Hyatt Corp <sup>l</sup>	Isaac Olmsted
John Thomas Corp <sup>l</sup>	Bartholomew Persons
William Lee Corp <sup>l</sup>	Stephen Remington
John Joyce Drummer	Silas Rockwell
Samuel D <sup>e</sup> Forest Fifer	Nathaniel Sterling
Seth Baker	Phineas Sherwood
John Bennett	Albert Stuart
Abraham Betts	Asa Scribner
Stephen Beers	William Scott
Dennis Collins	Joseph Trowbridge
Ammon Crow	Peter Tuttle
Arthur Forester	Hezekiah Whitlock
Moses Gilbert	Eleazer Waterous
Jared Hine	Thomas Woodbridge
David Hall	Israel White
Newton Hine	Jabez Keeler

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David Hoyt  
 Joseph Jackson  
 Thomas Jervis  
 Reuben Jackson  
 Lockwood Keeler  
 Elijah Kellogg  
 Aaron Keeler

Trowbridge Bennett  
 Josiah Taylor  
 Gamaliel Benedict  
 Barnabas Haglin  
 Ezekiel Whitney  
 Seth Hubbell  
 Samuel Holmes

ME# 485 brother of 482;  
 151 or 303

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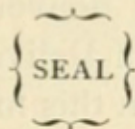
The following is a copy of the commission of Philip Burr Bradley, Esq., as Colonel of the Fifth Connecticut Regiment, in the regular army :

“THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

“To Philip B. Bradley Esquire. Greeting. We, Reposing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct, and Fidelity DO by these presents constitute and appoint you to be ‘Colonel’ of the fifth Connecticut Regiment in the Army of the United States, to take rank as such from the first day of January A.D. 1777 ; You are therefor carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of ‘Colonel’ by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers, under your command, to be obedient to your orders, as Colonel. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from this, or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States, or Commander in Chief for the time being of the Army of the United States, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this, or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress before mentioned, or a Committee of the States.

Witness His Excellency John Jay Esquire President of the Congress of the United States of America at Philadelphia the sixteenth day of March 1779 and in the third year of our Independence.

JOHN JAY.



“Entered in the War Office and examined by the Board.

“Attest E. SCULL, *Secretary of the Board of War.*”

Colonel Bradley graduated at Yale College in A.D.