HATFIELD CHRONOLOGY

1658 - Original land purchased
1660 - First house erected in Hatfield (Capawonk) then a part of Hadley, by Richard Fellows where the house of Frank Szawlowski now stands on Valley Street.
1661 - Thomas Meekins opened grist mill on Mill River
1663 - First settlers baby born in Hatfield
1668 - First meetinghouse built
1669 - Thomas Meekins built the first sawmill on the spot where the Shattuck Gun-Shop now stands. (Mill River)
1670 - On May 31, Hatfield incorporated. Named after Hatfield, Hertsfordshire, England
1670 - On Aug. 8, First town meeting
1672 - Oct. Purchase of land from Indians now North Hatfield & Whately
1677 - Sep. 17. Town attacked by Indians Many houses burned, several people killed, and 17 women & children taken captive to Canada
1678 – May, - Captives redeemed and returned to Hatfield by Benjamin Waite and Stephen Jennings
1679 - First school established
1693 - Town expanded by securing land now known as Williamsburg
1700 - Purchase of Governor Bradstreet's farm, now the Bradstreet section of town.
1737 - First linseed oil mill built in Massachusetts on Running Gutter Brook about 1/2 mile above Strong's sawmill site on Linseed Rd., West Hatfield
1755 – On Sep. 8, Col. Ephraim Williams of Hatfield, founder of Williams College, killed at the battle of Lake George in French & Indian War.
1771 - Williamsburg and Whately set off from Hatfield
1776 - 125 Hatfield men engaged in Revolutionary War
1796 - "Dame" School opened
1806 - Bridge across the Connecticut River opened, supported by lottery and tolls
1816 First broom corn raised in Hatfield; 1000 acres raised later