

## 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

