

## John Ellsworth

John built the house later known as the "Ellsworth Homestead". He was a prominent Citizen, serving first as hay warden, member of numerous local committees and constable. One important assignment was as one of a committee to determine the state boundary between Enfield, Massachusetts and Windsor, Conn. John was one of the largest landowners in Windsor. A portion of his holdings was inherited from his father.

John and his sons John and Daniel, were developing land in Ellington. They would go to their new holdings on Monday morning with their oxen and cart, spend the week clearing the land, and return to their home in Windsor on Saturday. One Saturday afternoon John asked his sons to gather some turnips and place them in the cart while he went to the marsh to fell a tree. The boys, having completed their assignment, waited for the return of their father. After some time went to look for them and found the tree had fallen on him and he was dead. The boys placed the body upon the stone boat, taking it to a shanty which had been built as a temporary shelter. There one boy remained with the body all night while the other boy went to Windsor for aid. A stone marks the place with the inscription "Lieutenant John Ellsworth was killed here by the fall of a tree, Oct. 26, 1720 Age 47 years and 15 days."