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Mr. Waterman's account, like others of the same kind, must be received according to its inherent probability. He says: "Lieut. John Cates, a pious puritan, who served in the wars in England, holding his commission under Cromwell, when Charles II came to the Throne, fled to this country for safety. He landed first in Virginia where he procured a Negro servant to attend him. But when advertisements and pursuers were spread through this country, to apprehend the adherents of the Protector, he left Virginia, came to New York, and from thence to Norwich. Still feeling that he should be securer in a more retired place, he came to the New Plantation, dug the first cellar, and with his servant, raised in Windham the first English habitation inn the spring of 1689."

The people of Windham certainly have reason to cherish the memory of Cates, not only because he was the earliest settler, but for the generous and considerate legacies that he left, the benefits of which have been so long enjoyed by the town; and it is to be hoped the prostrate, and fast crumbling stones that mark the spot where his ashes repose, will ere long, give place to a suitable monument to his memory.