

BEZALEEL TYLER was born in Branford, CT about 1683; and died in Sharon, CT 29 August 1760 (Sharon VRs). He married at Branford 23 January 1712, ABIGAIL JOHNSON who was born at Woodstock, CT 11 January 1692, daughter of Nathaniel Johnson and Hannah Hoadley (*Branford and Woodstock VRs*). Although Bezaleel and Abigail took care of Charles Tyler, Bezaleel's insane father, for about 26 years, they managed to raise 9 children. After Charles' death, Bezaleel took all his family except his eldest daughter Rebecca, who had married, north to Sharon, where they were on the list of the first settlers about 1738. Bezaleel was 55, and he had 7 sons ranging in age from 7 to 23: Bezaleel, Gideon, Timothy, Benjamin, Charles, Amos, and Nathaniel. That gave Bezaleel plenty of help as a farmer, but Abigail had only her little daughter of the same name about 12 years old, to help her, and in 8 years little Abigail got married and left the family (*Branford and Sharon VRs*).