

of Groton, Windham County, Connecticut. In attacking it, Mason ordered that portion of the wooden barricades at which a strong wind was blowing to be set on fire, and the flames at once spread sweeping through its whole length. It had but two openings, both of which were occupied by Mason's men, and as the savages attempted to escape, they were shot down. Meanwhile, Mason with a number of men penetrated the interior in search of more Indians, and burning their wigwams. As a result only five or six out of the 700 savages escaped, while Mason's loss was but 2 killed and 16 wounded.

In an account of this battle, written by Mason, and published at Boston in 1737, he refers to the part taken by Thomas Barber as follows: "He had entered the fort, and in going out of a wigwam encountered seven Indians. They fled, and we pursued to the end of a lane, but before we could reach them, they were met by Thomas Barber and Edward Pattison, who slew the entire seven with their axes and knives,—their muskets having been discharged."

It appears from the records of the Hartford Court, that Francis Stiles had failed to comply with the terms of an agreement made with Thomas Barber, as, on the 28th of March, 1637, an order was made "That Francis Stiles teach Thomas Barber the carpenter's trade, as he had promised."