



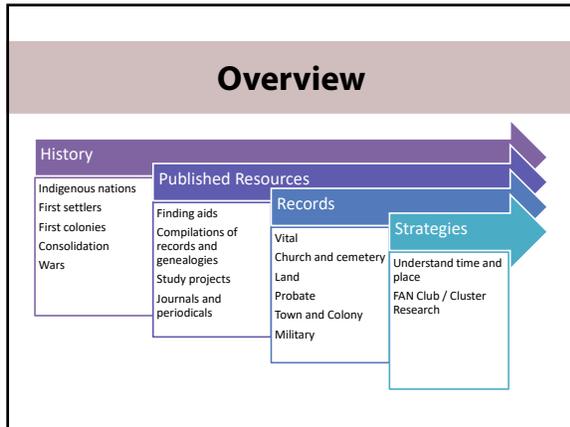
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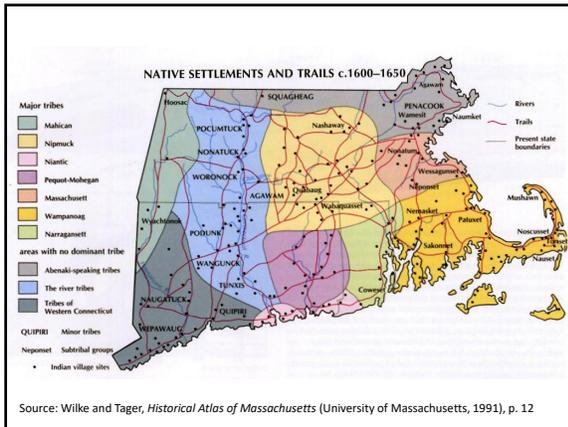
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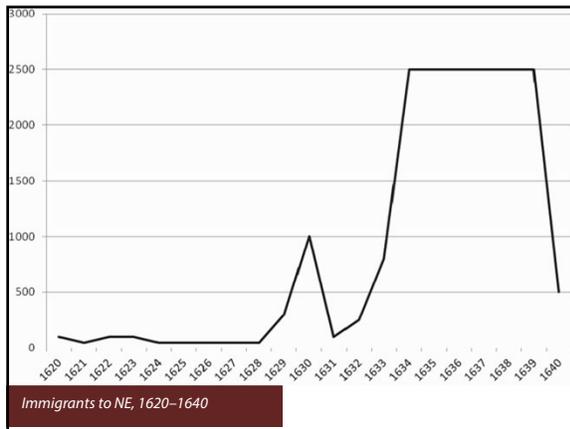
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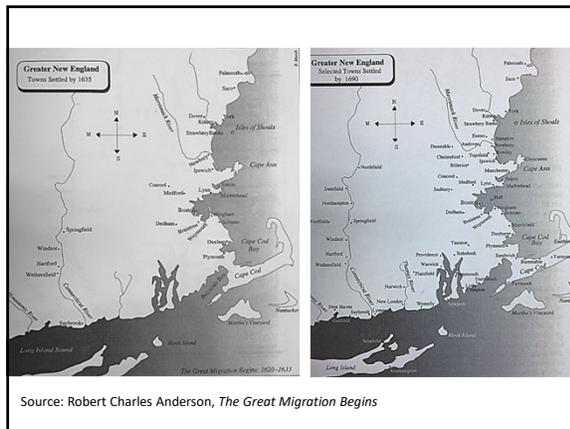
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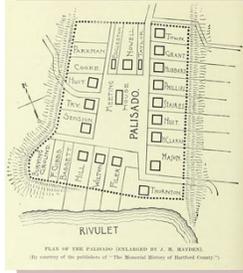
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Source: Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins*

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First Connecticut Settlement - Windsor



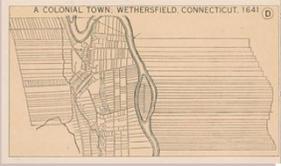
- William Holmes establishes trading post 1633 near junction of Farmington River and Connecticut River
- English counterbalance to the Dutch settlement at Hartford
- Permanent settlers from Dorchester arrive in 1635

Ancient Histories and Genealogies of Windsor, viewed at HathiTrust.org, page 140.

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Founding of Wethersfield

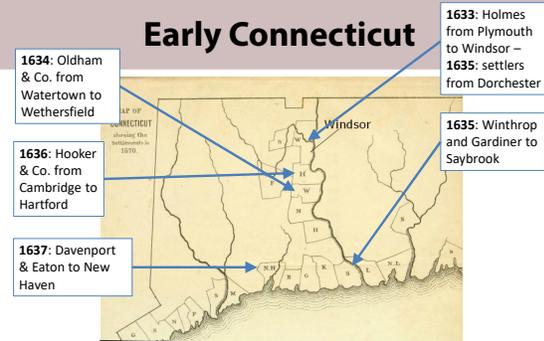
- John Oldham and others from Watertown, MA 1634
- Welcomed by the Wangunk desirous of trading beaver pelts
- Merged with Hartford and Windsor by 1637



Paullin, *Atlas of Historical Geography*

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Early Connecticut



Connecticut's Oldest English Settlement
Map of Connecticut showing the settlements in 1670 from *Historical Sketches of Meriden* by G.W. Perkins

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First Colonies



Saybrook

- Founded by Winthrop and Gardiner, 1635

Connecticut River Colony

- Merger of Hartford, Windsor and Wethersfield towns - 1637

New Haven

- Founded by Davenport and Eaton, 1637

National Geographic: Connecticut ca 1645, accessed 21 Dec 2021

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Consolidation

- 1639: River Colony adopts Fundamental Orders
- 1644: Connecticut River Colony merges with Saybrook Colony
- 1662: Connecticut Colony receives Royal Charter and absorbs New Haven Colony



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Pequot War

- Pitted the Pequot who were allied with the Dutch against the three colonies in 1636 and 1637
- Pequot allied with the Dutch
- Colonists allied with Mohegan and Narragansett tribes
- Pequot tribe was decimated

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King Philip's War

- Metacom, a member of the Wampanoag, was known as King Philip
- Connecticut settlers fearing the Narragansett would join with Metacom joined an attack near South Kingston, Rhode Island
- No major battles fought on Connecticut soil



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17th-Century Connecticut Towns

• 1633 Windsor	• 1649 Stonington	• 1685 Danbury
• 1634 Wethersfield	• 1651 Derby	• 1686 Mansfield
• 1635 Saybrook	• 1651 Middletown	• 1686 Preston
• 1635 Hartford	• 1651 Norwalk	• 1686 Windham
• 1637 New Haven	• 1659 Norwich	• 1686 Woodstock
• 1639 Branford	• 1662 Haddam	• 1689 Plainfield
• 1639 Fairfield	• 1665 Lyme	• 1690 Canterbury
• 1639 Guilford	• 1667 Killingworth	• 1693 Glastonbury
• 1639 Milford	• 1670 Simsbury	• 1697 Lebanon
• 1639 Stratford	• 1670 Wallingford	• 1699 Colchester
• 1640 Farmington	• 1673 Woodbury	• 1699 Durham
• 1640 Greenwich	• 1674 Suffield	
• 1641 Stamford	• 1674 Waterbury	
• 1646 New London	• 1683 Enfield	

Dates of Settlement from Office of Connecticut Secretary of State - Accessed 23 Dec 2021

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Overview

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Types of Published Resources

- How-to guides
- ★ • Finding aids
- ★ • Study projects
- ★ • Compilations of records and genealogies
- ★ • Journals and periodicals
- Genealogies and Local Histories

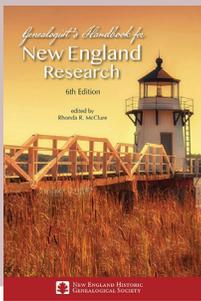
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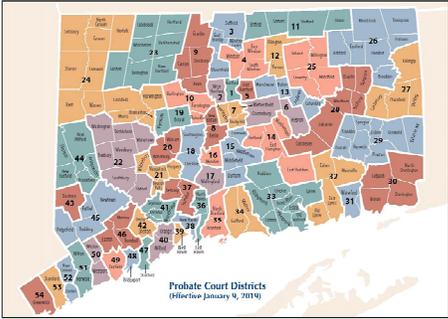
Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research

- Town and County Lists
- Detailed Maps
- Court Houses
- Library and Archives



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Probate Court Districts
(Effective January 9, 2014)

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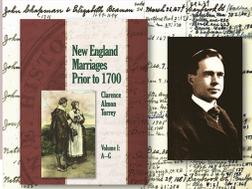
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Connecticut Probate Districts; *Handbook*, p. 18

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New England Marriages Prior to 1700

- Enumerates approximately 99% of all pre-1700 marriages of New Englanders
 - Includes marriages in Europe prior to migrating
 - Found 70% of maiden names
- ★ Searchable database on AmericanAncestors.org



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Torrey's New England Marriages prior to 1700

Diagram illustrating marriage data fields:

- husband's name
- wife's name
- other spouse & date of that marriage
- place(s) of residence
- sources within {}
- other family member

Example entries:

- ABBY, Samuel (ca 1648–1698) & Mary KNOWLTON (1654–), m/2 Abraham MITCHELL 1699–1700 Oct 1672; Wenham/Salem/Windham, CT. Sources: Amsbury 10; Knowledge Supp. 3:21; Fingley-Meyers 793; EHC 1:33; DePew 47; Hale (1952) 660; Granberry 139.
- ADAMS, Peter (?1622, ?1621–1690+) & Rachel [?NEWCOMB], ?dau Francis; ca 1650/2; Medfield (NYGBR 12:10; Reg. 48:191, 85:383; Brainerd Anc. 7; McIntire Anc. 282; Bartlett-H. Adams 79; Adams (1898) 7; Sv. 1:14; Hill (#1) 40, 43; Vinton Men. 297, 299; W. Cooke Gen. (ms) 14; Fellows-Davis Anc. 88).

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Torrey's Source List

ADAMS, Peter (?1622, ?1621–1690+) & Rachel 1650/2; Medfield (NYGBR 12:10; Reg. 48:1; Bartlett-H. Adams 79; Adams (1898) 7; Sv. 1:14; Cooke Gen. (ms) 14; Fellows-Davis Anc. 88)

- Adams (1861):** Adams, George, *Genealogy of the Adams Family of Kingston, Mass.* (Boston: privately printed, 1861)
- Adams (1881):** Appleton, William Sumner, *Some Descendants of William Adams of Ipswich, Mass.* (Boston: D. Apple & Son, 1881)
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- Alden Chart:** see Daniel Alden Gen.
- Alden Mem.:** Alden, Ebenezer Alden, *Memorial of the Descendants of the Hon. John Alden* (Randolph, Mass.: Samuel P. Brown, 1867)
- Alden-Pabodie:** Alden, Mary Lenford (Taylor), *Elizabeth (Alden) Pabodie and Descendants* (Salem: E. Putnam, 1897)
- Alden-Snell-Long:** Long, Hallock Porter, *Alden-Snell-Long Ancestry: Being the Compiler's Line of Descent from John Alden Who Arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts, on the Mayflower, in 1620* . . . (Washington, D. C., 1925)
- Aldis:** Whitin, Frederick H., *The Aldis Family of Dedham, Wrentham, Roxbury and Franklin, Mass.* (Dedham: Dedham Transcript Press, 1905)

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Great Migration Study Project

- Directed by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG
- Started in 1988
- Genealogical and biographical sketch for immigrants to New England from 1620 to 1640
- Thirteen published volumes
- ★ Searchable online databases on AmericanAncestors.org
- Trace early Connecticut settlers



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Who is Included in the Series?

- If person appeared in a record before 1636
- Direct or indirect implication of arrival by the end of 1635, even if the record was of a later date
- Documentation of an immediate family of a person known to have arrived before 1636

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<p>982 <i>The Great Migration Begins</i></p> <p>vice, and acquired land. Since William Honywell does not appear in the 1643 list of men able to bear arms, or in any other Plymouth Colony record, the William Honywell who appears in the unfortunate incident of 1605 is almost certainly a different person than the immigrant of 1633.</p> <p>JOHN HOOKER</p> <p>John Hooker came on the <i>Meghlan</i> as a servant boy to Isaac Allerton and lived with the first. (Bradford 41, 444).</p> <p>THOMAS HOOKER</p> <p>ORIGIN: Rotterdam.</p> <p>MIGRATION: 1633 in the <i>Cogite</i> [W] 1:129.</p> <p>FIRST RESIDENCE: Cambridge.</p> <p>REMOVES: Hartford 1636.</p> <p>OCCUPATION: Minister.</p> <p>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: On 11 October 1633 Winthrop reported a "hat at Newtown, where Mr. Hooker was chosen pastor, and Mr. Stone teacher, in such a manner as before at Boston" [W] 1:137). When Hooker moved to Hartford the church went with him, and he remained pastor there until his death.</p> <p>FREEMAN: 14 May 1634 [MBCR 1:369].</p> <p>EDUCATION: Matriculated at Cambridge from Queen's College 1604, migrated to Emmanuel, B.A., 1607-8; M.A., 1611 [Venn 2:403; Morton 383-85]. His necessary included "books in his study" valued at £300.</p> <p>OFFICES: Ashbur, 7 May 1640 [BPCC 1:1].</p> <p>ESTATE: Granted one acre for a covenant at Cambridge 4 November 1633 [CATR 6]. Granted five acres of land and another three acres of land, 3 January 1633 [CATR 7]. Granted five acres of meadow-ground in the mead next Winthrop's west and "thirty acres of salt marsh on the south side Charles River," 2 April 1635 [CATR 12]. In the division of meadow land on 20 August 1635 granted a proportional share of zero [CATR 13]. Granted three acres, 8 February 1636 [CATR 17]. In the 8 February 1636 list of "houses" in the town, "Mr. Thomas Hooker" held four [CATR 18].</p> <p>In the Cambridge land inventory on 1 May 1635 Thomas Hooker held four parcels of land: "in the town one house with garden and backside about one rood"; "in Concord Row one cow house and yard about one acre"; "in Wigwam Neck about five acres"; and "in the Long Marsh about</p>	<p>983 <i>Thomas Hooker</i></p> <p>three acres" [CABOP 3-4]. On 3 May 1636 "Thomas Hooker of the New Towne" sold to Nicholas Danforth "about one acre of land being the lot of Edward Hopkins" [CABOP 38].</p> <p>There is no entry in the Hartford land inventory of 1640 for Thomas Hooker, but his name is mentioned frequently as an abutter in other entries [HARDF 36-66].</p> <p>In his will, dated 7 July 1647 and proved apparently in 1649, "Thomas Hooker of Hartford" bequeathed to "my son John Hooker my housing and lands in Hartford, aforesaid, both that which is on the west, and also that which is on the east side of the River, to be enjoyed by him and his heirs forever, after the death of my wife, Susanna Hooker, provided he be then at the age of one and twenty years, it being my will that my said dear wife shall enjoy and possess my said housing and lands during her natural life"; to "my son John my library of printed books and manuscript" provided he "deliver to my son Samuel books to the value of £50, or the cash equivalent, and if my son John do not go on to the profiting of his studies, or shall not give up himself to the service of the Lord in the work of the ministry, my will is that my son Samuel enjoy and possess the whole library and manuscripts, to his proper use forever; only, it is my will that whatever manuscripts shall be judged meet to be printed, and however I do not forbid my son John from seeking and taking a wife in England, yet I do forbid him from marrying and marrying till my son Samuel, in case the whole library come not to him, as is before expressed, the sum of seventy pounds"; to "my daughter Sarah Hooker" £10 at marriage or at age twenty-one; "she disposed and further education of her and the rest, I leave to my wife"; to "the two children of my daughter Joannah Shephard deceased, and the child of my daughter Mary Newton, to each of them ten pounds"; "my beloved wife Susanna Hooker" to be executrix and to receive the residue of the estate; "my beloved friends Mr. Edward Hopkins and Mr. William Goodwyn" to be overseers [Hartford PD Case #284; CCCR 1:498-501; Manning 1:161-6].</p> <p>The inventory of the estate of "Mr. Thomas Hooker," taken 21 April 1649, included £1160 10s, including £450 in real estate: "houses and lands within the bounds of Hartford on both sides the river" £450. There was also "an adventure in the <i>Estowes</i>," £50 [Hartford PD Case #284; CCCR 1:501-02].</p> <p>BIRTH: About 1586 based on matriculation at Cambridge; son of Thomas Hooker of Martfield, Thim, Leicestershire [IRSGM 5:122-24].</p> <p>DEATH: Hartford? July 1647 [MBCR 1:454-45]. Elsewhere wrote "This visitation of God was exceeding strange, it was sudden & general, as if the Lord had immediately sent forth an angel, and with a sword to kill, but with a rod to chastise, & he smote all good & bad,</p>
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old & young, or as if there were a general infection of the air, which went from north to south by degrees infecting all, was, such as were on the sea near our coasts were so infected & united. And this is remarkable, that though few died, yet some did, and generally those that died were of our choicest flowers, & most precious saints, among others that were then taken to sea was that worthy & honest light Mr. Hooker, who having a cold & presided twice on the Sabbath (Mr. Stone not being at home), and ministered both the sacrament the Lord's supper in the forenoon & baptism in the afternoon, he was so over spent, & his spirits sunk, that he never could recover them again [RCR: 160].

MARRIAGE: Amersham, Buckinghamshire, 9 April 1621 Susannah Carleton (Drake's Mary 413). She married (2) after 7 December 1624 and before January 1626/27 WILLIAM GOODWIN [NEIGR 15:25]. (As a Particular Court held on 7 December 1624 Walter Grey was outlawed in and was punished for "his gross abuse & evil in slandering Mr. William) Goodwin & Mrs. Hooker in charging them with the act of adultery" [RPCC 134-36].

CHILDREN:

- i. JOANNA, b. say 1622, m. by about 1628 as his second wife Rev. Thomas Shepard of Cambridge (Young's First Puritans 206-29). (Although Young misstates the date of Shepard's memoirs to indicate that the marriage took place in October 1627, Shepard himself says the marriage was in the "year after those wars in the country" meaning the Pequot War of 1627).
- ii. MARY, b. say 1624, m. by about 1646 Rev. Roger Newton (she had one child by the date of her father's will, 7 July 1647; see TAG 14:96-103).
- iii. ANNE, b. Great Burford, Essex, 5 January 1625/6; bur. Chelmsford, Essex, 23 May 1626.
- iv. SARAH, b. Chelmsford, Essex, 9 April 1628; bur. Chelmsford 20 August 1629.
- v. SARAH, b. say 1630, m. by 1646 Rev. John Wilson, son of JOHN WILSON [NEIGR 6:112; Shibley 1:65-66].
- vi. JOHN, b. say 1631; returned to England and married there. Savage was he became a parish priest.
- vii. SAMUEL, b. say 1633; Harvard 1655 [Shibley 1:348-52]. m. Plymouth 22 September 1658 Mary Willet [PCR 8:21], daughter of THOMAS WILLET.
- viii. Son, of Cambridge later in 1694 [WFR 3:177].

ASSOCIATIONS: One sister of Thomas Hooker, perhaps named Anne, married GEORGE ALCOCK and another sister, Dorothy, married John Chester, and had with him LEONARD CHESTER.

Thomas Hooker spent a few years in the household of Francis Drake of Egham, Surrey, and made such a great impression that in his will of 15 March 1634 Drake made a bequest to "Johnna Hooker, who now is in New England" the daughter of Thomas Hooker [PC: 43-Seger]. This Francis Drake was cousin of the JOHN DRAKE who made a brief appearance in New England in the early 1630s, and who also received a bequest in his will.

COMMENTS: At court 5 March 1646(5) Walter Grey was found guilty of "abusing to invade the affections of Mr. Hooker's maid" [RPCC 33]. On 1 June 1654 Samuel Allen was ordered to pay Mistress Hooker three loads of wood for the one he confined he stole from her [RPCC 127].

The last four children, according to the estimates made here, were born during a short span of time. Perhaps Samuel was born after the son who died in 1634.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE: Mather wrote a lengthy biographical sketch of Thomas Hooker (Magnalia 332-52). Brief accounts of the life of Thomas Hooker have been published in the Dictionary of National Biography and the Dictionary of American Biography. In 1977 Frank Shaf. Bena wrote a comprehensive, full-length biography of Hooker (Thomas Hooker, 1586-1697 (reprinted 1979)).

HOPKINS

"Mr. Hopkins" was granted a covenant lot (probably one acre) in Cambridge, 4 November 1628 [CATK 6].

COMMENTS: In 1624 a John Hopkins appeared in Cambridge [CATK 9], and then made the move to Hartford, where he died in 1654. He was never given the title of respect, did not hold land in Covenant Row at the time of the Cambridge land inventory in 1635 [CARP: 26, 49], and would not seem to be the recipient of this grant of land. Mr. Edward Hopkins who arrived in Boston in 1637 soon moved to Hartford where he served for many years as Governor and Deputy Governor. He may have made a brief appearance in Cambridge in 1628, and then returned to Hartford four years later, but this isolated record from 1628 may just in well be for some other "Mr. Hopkins" altogether.

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THE Great Migration Directory

Immigrants to New England, 1620-1640

A CONCISE COMPENDIUM

Robert Charles Anderson

Carpenter, William: Amersbury, Wiltshire; 1635 on *Lower, Solon, Providence* [Drake's Founders 56 (as "Thomas Carpenter"), NEIGR 19:54-6; 164-5; 206-97].

Carpenter, William: Weymouth, Hampshire; 1638 on *Bevis, Weymouth* [Drake's Founders 60, WP 4:232; MBCR 1:313, 377; ReTr 1:2; TAG 30:167-206; NEIGR 19:54-68]. (Some of these records are probably for William Carpenter, son of the immigrant, who soon moved to Rehoboth.)

Carr, Caleb: Unknown; 1635 on *Elizabeth & Ann, Newport* [GM 2:21-16].

Carr, George: Unknown; 1634; Ipswich, Salisbury [GM 2:2:17-22].

Carr, Richard: Unknown; 1635 on *Abigail*; Ipswich, Salisbury [GM 2:23-24].

Carr, Robert: Unknown; 1635 on *Elizabeth & Ann, Portsmouth, Newport* [GM 2:2:24-27].

Carrington, Edward: Unknown; 1633; Charleston, Malden [OMB 315-18].

Carrington, Thomas: Unknown; 1632 on *Lyon*; passenger list only [OMB 318].

Carrey, William: Unknown; 1637; Hingham, Barnstable [HOBOP 97; MBCR 1:266, 373; PCR 1:125, 137, 141, 8176, 193, 200; NEIGR 9:28, 206, 10-61; OMA 107].

Carter, Joseph: London; 1639; Newbury; returned permanently to England soon after 1640 [WP 4:114; ITR 73; EQC 1:386; NEIGR 15:37-76; Abundanting 75-76].

Carter, Joshua: Unknown; 1633; Dorchester, Windsor [OMB 318-20].

Carter, Martha: Unknown; 1635 on *Hopwell*; passenger list only (with Anne) [GM 2:2:27].

Carter, Robert: Unknown; 1639; Boston [BTR 1:41, 49, 51; Litchfield 22; MBCR 1:317; NEIGR 18:156; SPR 3:201; TAG 40:82-84; PMA 65].

Carter, Thomas: Unknown; 1620 on *Moyflower*; Plymouth [OMB 326; PMA 65].

Carter, Thomas: Unknown; 1635 on *Planter*; Ipswich, Salisbury [GM 2:27-30].

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An entry from *The Great Migration Directory*

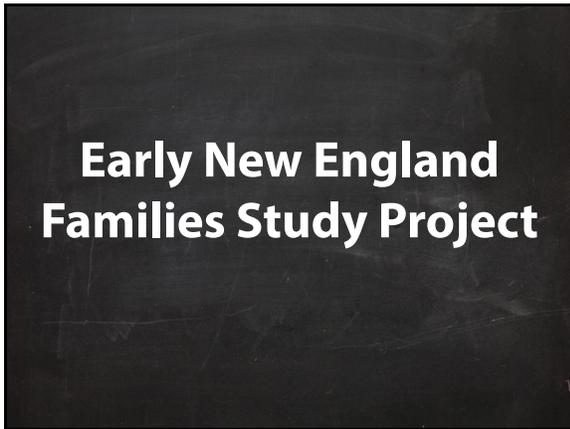
Name	English origin	Year of arrival in New England	New England residences
Norris, Edward	Horsley, Gloucestershire	1639	Boston, Salem

[BChR 24; WP 4:168; SchR 9; EPR 1:34; MBCR 1:377; WJ 1:197, 2:78; TAG 84:200-11]. (His daughter Mary preceded him to New England by 1635 [GM 2:5:266-67].)

Citations: *The Records of the First Church in Boston, 1630-1868; Winthrop Papers, 1498-1654; The Records of the First Church in Salem, Massachusetts, 1629-1736; The Probate Records of Essex County, Massachusetts, 1635-1681; Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, 1628-1686; John Winthrop, The History of New England from 1630 to 1649, James Savage, ed.; and The American Genealogist*

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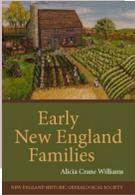
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Early New England Families

- Directed by Alicia Crane Williams
- Genealogical and biographical sketch for those who married in New England from 1641 to 1700 (uses Torrey as guide)
- Grouped by year of marriage
- Two published volumes
- ★ Searchable at AmericanAncestors.org
- New sketches posted online



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A screenshot of the AmericanAncestors.org website. The navigation bar includes "Search", "Events", "Membership", "Give", "Publications" (highlighted with a red arrow), "Expert Help", "Tools", "Signature Projects", and "Activities & Initiatives". Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for "Early New England Families", "Western MA Families in 1790", and "Early Vermont Settlers to 1794". The main content area features the title "Early New England Families Study Project" and a section for "Accounts of New England Families from 1641 to 1700". A map of New England is visible on the left side of this section. At the bottom of the screenshot, the URL "AmericanAncestors.org/publications/early-new-england-research" is displayed.

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Mayflower Families

- Project provides well-documented lineages of the ship's passengers
- ★ At AmericanAncestors.org
 - Index of all the 5th Generation descendants, their spouses, and children
 - Searchable database at AmericanAncestors.org



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24 THE GEORGE SOULE FAMILY

He m. Duxbury 25 May 1704 LYDIA DELANO, his first cousin, b. probably Duxbury ca. March 1680; d. there 2324 Nov. 1763 as 83y 8m; daughter of John and Mary (Went) Duxbury.

The will of Josiah Soule of Duxborough, yeoman, dated 5 Nov. 1762, proved 14 Feb. 1764, names wife Lydia Soule eldest son Jonathan Soule, son Abigail Soule and Jonathan Soule; my youngest son Nathaniel Soule, eldest daughter Mary Soule, youngest daughter Lydia Simmons, wife to Ishabud Simmons. The named Nathaniel Soule sole executor, with witnesses Nathaniel, Thaddeus and Jonathan Peterson.

Children of Josiah and Lydia (Delano) Soule, b. Duxbury:

- i JONATHAN² SOULE, b. 23 June 1705; d. Duxbury 4 April 1775 as 70y, unm. On 2 July 1768 Jonathan Soule of Duxbury, yeoman, deeded all lands to nephew Constant Simmons for taking care of him for the rest of his life.
- ii MARY SOULE, b. 5 Dec. 1706; d. Duxbury 3 Jan. 1781; unm. No PR.
- iii ABIGAIL SOULE, b. 24 Nov. 1708.
- iv MICHAEL SOULE, b. 12 April 1711.
- v NATHANIEL SOULE, b. 4 Nov. 1714.
- vi LYDIA SOULE, b. 2 Oct. 1719.

References: MD 11:107-8 (will); AMQ 46:57-9, VR DEXBURY pp. 161 (b. Abigail), 143 (b. Jonathan, Lydia), 164 (b. Mary, Michael, Nathaniel), 312 (m.), 422 (d. Josiah, Lydia, Jonathan, Mary); NEGRO 71:47; Plymouth Co. PR #1825 (Josiah Soule).

25 GENERATION III

The will of Josiah Soule of Duxborough, yeoman, dated 8 May 1767 and proved 20 Oct. 1767, names sons Ezekiel, Joseph and Nathan Soule; grandson Samuel Soule; daughter Zerviah wife of Ebenezer Samson; daughter Abigail wife of Peter Dreyer; granddaughter Lydia wife of Jobiah Simmons; grandson Samuel Soule, sole executor, with witnesses Joseph and Elizabeth Duxbury and Josiah Delano.

Children of Josiah and Joanna (Stedley) Soule, b. Duxbury:

96	i ZERUBBAH SOULE, b. 2 Nov. 1707
97	ii JOHN SOULE, b. 4 March 1709/9
98	iii EZZEHEL SOULE, b. 17 Feb. 1710
iv	JOSEPH SOULE, b. 30 May 1711; prob. d.y. (not named in will)
99	v ABIGAIL SOULE, b. 30 April 1716
vi	JOANNA SOULE, b. 18 April 1719; prob. d.y. (not named in will)
100	vii JOSEPH SOULE, b. 15 March 1722
101	viii NATHAN SOULE, b. 12 July 1725
102	ix SARAH SOULE, b. 25 July 1728

Reference: MD 9:188 (m.), 11:133-7 (will); VR DEXBURY pp. 160 (b. Joseph, Nathan, Sarah), 161 (b. Abigail), 162 (b. Ezekiel), 163 (b. John, Joanna, Joanna), 165 (b. Zerviah), 311 (m.), 422 (d. Josiah). York Co. ME R. 17:132 (Josiah Soule); Plymouth Co. PR #1825 (Josiah Soule); Plymouth Co. CR 14:251 (Henry Child's 3724 (Josiah Soule); 41:256-257 (Anna Samson); SAVAGE 1:263 (William Brooks); GREAT MIGRATION (1995) 1:407-15 (William Brooks).

23 NATHANIEL² SOULE (Nathaniel? George?) b. Dartmouth 12 Jan. 1681; d. there before 20 May 1766 (testator to apprentice his son).

He m.(1) Dartmouth (also no. Portsmouth NJ) 20 July 1708 MERIBAH GIFFORD, b. Sandwich 11 Oct. 1687; d. Dartmouth ca. 1732; daughter of Christopher and Deborah (Perry) Gifford.

He m.(2) Dartmouth 13 Feb. 1725 HANNAH MACCOMBER, b. Dartmouth 8 Nov. 1703; d. there after 3 June 1740 and before 17 July 1759; daughter of William and Elizabeth (Franklin) Macomber. The will of William Macomber of Dartmouth dated 17 July 1759 names daughter Hannah Soule, deceased, and grandson Weston Soule, son of daughter Hannah.

On 30 Jan. 17334 Nathaniel Soule of Dartmouth, yeoman, sold land in Dartmouth to Bethiah Macomber of Dartmouth, widow. Wife Hannah also signed. On 3 Sept. 1738 Nathaniel Soule of Dartmouth, yeoman, sold land in Dartmouth to Holden Ricker.

On 3 July 1744 Nathaniel Soule of Dartmouth, yeoman, deeded land in Dartmouth to son Jonathan Soule of Dartmouth. On 4 July 1761 Nathaniel Soule of

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Journals and Periodicals

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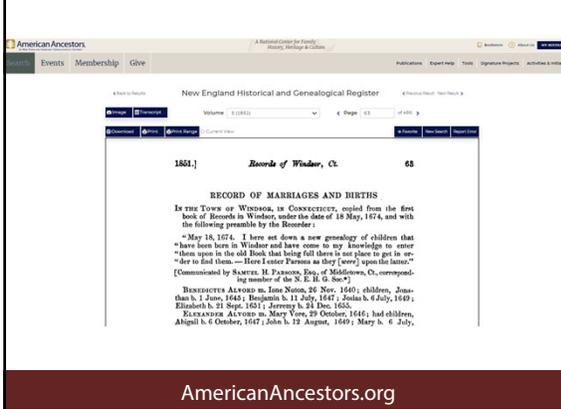
Journals and Periodicals

- ★ *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*
- ★ *The American Genealogist*
- ★ *Connecticut Nutmegger*
- ★ *Connecticut Ancestry*

... and many more

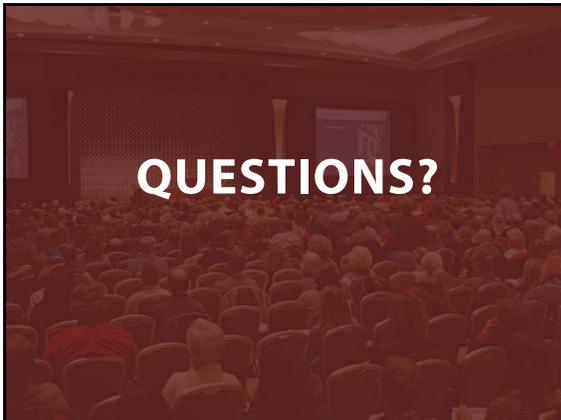


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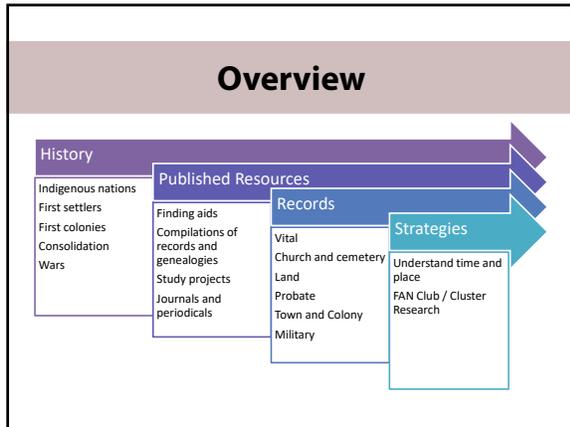
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QUESTIONS?

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Early Connecticut Records

- Vital and church records: birth, baptism, marriage, death, burial, gravestone
- Land records: grants and deeds
- Probate records: will, inventory, guardianship
- Town and Colony: meetings, actions, records, censuses
- Court: lawsuits, probate
- Military records: Colony, town militia

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But First, Jurisdictions

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Jurisdictions for Records			
	Vital Records	Land	Probate
Connecticut	Town → State	Town	Probate Districts
Maine	Town → State	County	County
Massachusetts	Town → State	County	County
New Hampshire	Town → State	County	County
Rhode Island	Town → State	Town	Town
Vermont	Town → State	Town	Probate Districts

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Overview of Colonial Government

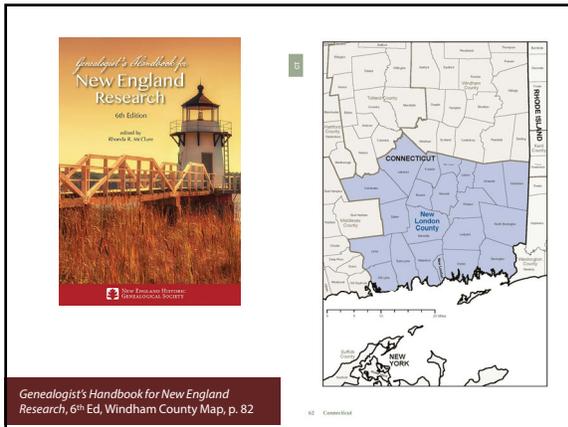
- Colony
 - Fundamental Orders of Connecticut 1639
 - Connecticut Charter – 1662
 - General Court of Connecticut
- Towns
 - Selectmen
 - Elected officers (Town Clerk)
 - Responsible for vital records, town grants of land, Overseers of the Poor
- Courts
 - 1666 - Hartford, Fairfield, New Haven, and New London for probate and other affairs

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Tip

Learn about the town!

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Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research, 6th Ed, Windham County Map, p. 82

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Town (Current Probate District)	Inc.	County	Parent Town(s)	Pre-2011 Probate District (Est.)	Parent Probate District	Notes	VRs	CRs
Newington (7)	1871	Hartford	Wethersfield	Newington (1975)	Hartford			
Newtown (45)	1711	Fairfield	Newtown	Newtown (1820)	Denbury	Daughter Town: Brookfield.	B, N, W	
Norfolk (24)	1758	Litchfield		Norfolk (1778)	Litchfield, Simsbury		B, W, W	
North Branford (35)	1831	New Haven	Branford	North Branford (1937)	Quilford & Wallingford	Alias: North Farms.	B, W	
North Canaan (24)	1858	Litchfield	Canaan	Canaan (1846)	Shaon			
North Haven (38)	1786	New Haven	New Haven	North Haven (1855)	New Haven	Alias: East Farms.	B, W	
North Stonington (30)	1807	New London	Stonington	North Stonington (1835)	Stonington	Alias: Milltown.	B, W	
Norwalk (53)	1651	Fairfield		Norwalk (1802)	Fairfield, Stamford	Daughter Towns: New Canaan, Newport, Wilton.	B, W	
Norwich (29)	1662	New London		Norwich (1748)	New London	Settled 1659. Daughter Towns: Bozrah, Franklin, Lebanon.	B, P, N, W	

Connecticut Town Pages with Chaplin, Windham County

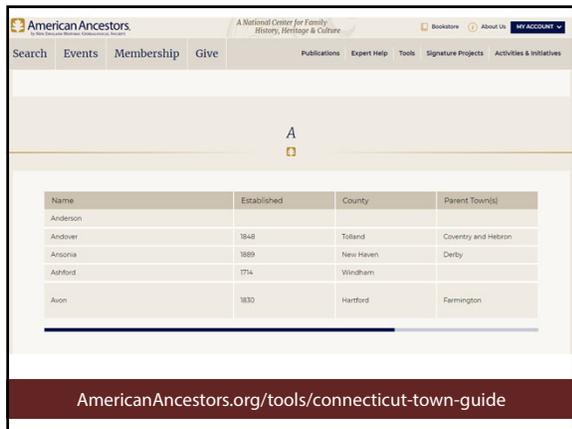
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Vital Records

- Kept by towns since earliest settlement of community
- Generally are well-kept, but not always complete
- Originals at Town Clerk's office or Connecticut State Library
- Barbour Collection provides easiest access to Connecticut Vital Records
- FamilySearch.org in process of digitizing original records

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Barbour Collection

- Compiled under the direction of Lucius Barnes Barbour
- Statewide alphabetical **slip index** – available FamilySearch.org
- **Bound volumes** by town – available AmericanAncestors.org, Ancestry.com (\$), FamilySearch.org



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Barbour Collection

Slip Index (FS)

Town Page (AA)

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Family Search Digitization

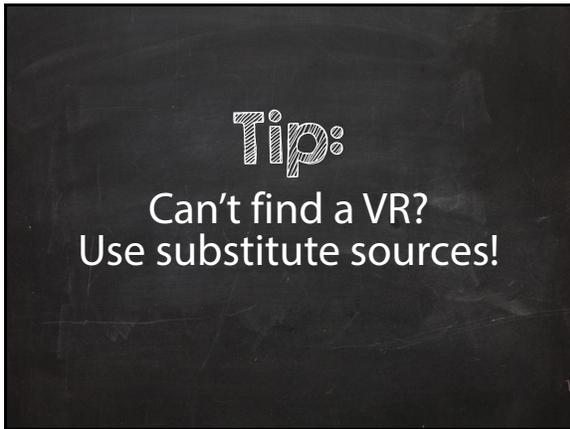
Windsor Town Clerk's Records

Allyn Births

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Suffield Records - FS

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Church Records

- Baptisms, deaths, and burials
- Admissions of church members
- Disciplinary records
- Letters of dismissal



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Connecticut Church Records

- Most complete holdings of church records are at the Connecticut State Library
 - Digital listing of their complete church record holdings online
- FamilySearch.org
 - "Index cards to vital records of Connecticut churches at the Connecticut State Library"
 - Index covers one quarter of all records held by Connecticut State Library
 - Check the FamilySearch.org catalog, by town, for digitized original record
 - "Connecticut, Church Records, 1660-1955"
 - "Connecticut, Marriages, 1630-1997"
 - "Connecticut, Births and Christenings, 1649-1906"
- "Connecticut, U.S., Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920"- Ancestry.com
- Congregational Church Archives
 - Simsbury (1697)
 - Lebanon (1697)

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ALLEN, Anna
d. Obadiah, bp. 7th mo. 16th day 1677

MIDDLETOWN
FIRST CHURCH RECORDS
Vol. 1 Page 12

"Index cards to vital records of Connecticut churches at the Connecticut State Library"

"Church records, 1668-1871"
Author: First Church of Christ (Middletown, Connecticut)

Middletown, CT First Church - Family Search

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17th-Century Connecticut Cemetery Records

- Hale Collection: Compilation of vital events from cemetery inscriptions and newspaper death notices
 - Title at FamilySearch: "Connecticut, Charles R. Hale Collection, vital records : COLLECTION RECORD, 1640-1955"
 - W. P. A. Project (Works Progress Administration) directed by Charles R. Hale
- FindAGrave.com

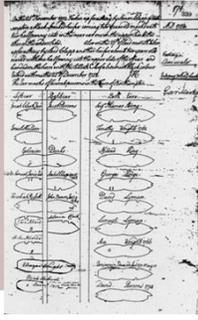
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Town and Colony

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Town Records

- Comprised of many different types of records: town meeting, selectmen's records, tax rolls, proprietors' records, cattle marks, warnings out, pauper records, etc.
- Ann Lainhart's *Digging for Genealogical Treasure in New England Town Records* (1996)



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Why are Town Records Important?

- They are one of the most underutilized resources from 17th to 19th century
- Offer clues to when an ancestor arrived in a town and often when they leave
- Learn about town offices your ancestor held and military service
- Valuable resource for female ancestors

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Index to Connecticut Town Records

112 AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION,
TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

Kind of records.	Volumes.	Years.	Missing.	Indexed.
Town proceedings.....	4	1654-1906	No.....	No.
Land records.....	139	1604-1906	No.....	Yes.
Vital statistics.....	12	1804-1905	No.....	Yes.
School society.....	2			

Early vital statistics have been copied by present town clerk.

TOWN OF MILFORD, COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN.

Kind of records.	Volumes.	Years.	Missing.	Indexed.
Town proceedings.....	6	1696-1906	No.....	No.
Land records.....	67	1620-1906	No.....	Vols. 1-50.
Vital statistics.....	7	1803-1906	Yes.....	No.
School society.....			In c o m p l e t e.	
Church (First Congregational).....				

* Very few entries from 1800 to 1847.

Index to Connecticut Town Records Annual report of the American Historical Association - 1906 v. 2

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Where are They Located?

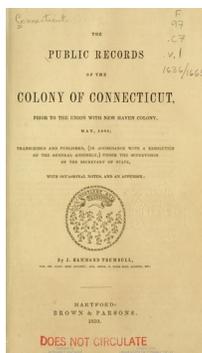
- Connecticut Archives index
 - “Towns and lands, 1629-1789”: 10 volumes
 - “Towns and lands, 1649-1820”: five volumes
 - Searchable by name
- Local town & city clerk’s offices, or historical societies have originals
- Some town records have been imaged on microfilm or digitally from the FHL Library – use Catalog > Place Search

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Colony Records

- Available for
 - Colony of Connecticut
 - Colony of New Haven
 - Colony of Saybrook – vital records only
- Includes:
 - Minutes of colonial officials
 - Earliest mention of male inhabitants of colony

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Colony Records – Hathi Trust

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Connecticut Land Deeds

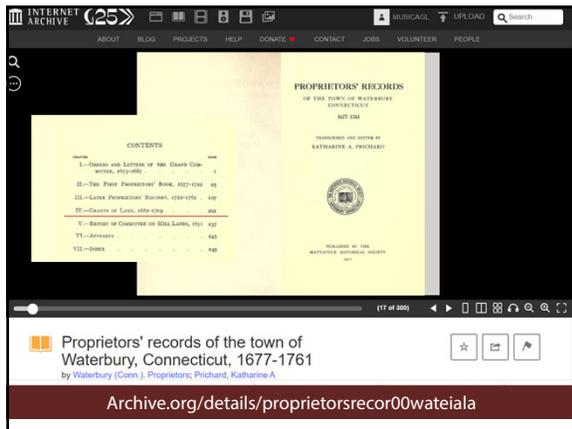
- Earliest land was granted by Connecticut General Court to town Proprietors
- Proprietors distributed land within town
- Records held by towns, digitized by FamilySearch.org
- No statewide or county index to deeds

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Where to Locate Proprietor Records

- Town Hall, Town clerk, tax office or assessor
- Libraries and Historical Societies
- Family History Library
- Published transcriptions
 - *Original distribution of the lands in Hartford among the settlers, 1639.*
 - *Proprietors' Records of the Town of Waterbury, 1677-1761*
 - Search HathiTrust.org or Archive.org for ancestor's town

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Other Published Sources

- Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut
 - Volume 1: 1636 – 1665
 - Volume 2: 1665 – 1678
 - Volume 3: 1678 - 1689
 - Volume 4: 1689 - 1706
 - HathiTrust.org or Archive.org
- Use Proprietor records to determine the earliest date of settlement for your family

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PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CONNECTICUT. 103

TOWN OF DERBY, COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN.

Kind of records.	Volumes.	Years.	Missing.	Indexed.
Town proceedings.....	4	1670-1900	No.....	No.
Land records.....	82	1670-1900	No.....	Gen. index.
Vital statistics.....	9	1812-1900	No.....	Yes.
Selectmen's.....	4			

* Prior to 1812 vital statistics were recorded in land and town records.
 Land records, vols. 1 and 2 have been copied by Daughters of Revolution.
 General index to vital statistics, 1812-1836 since then volume index.

TOWN OF DURHAM, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

Kind of records.	Volumes.	Years.	Missing.	Indexed.
Town proceedings.....	4	1730-1900	All prior	No.
Land records.....	23	1690-1900	Vol. 1-20.	Yes.
Vital statistics.....	2	1845-1900	Yes.....	Yes.
Meekins.....	2			
School records.....	1	1736-1862		
Proprietors.....				

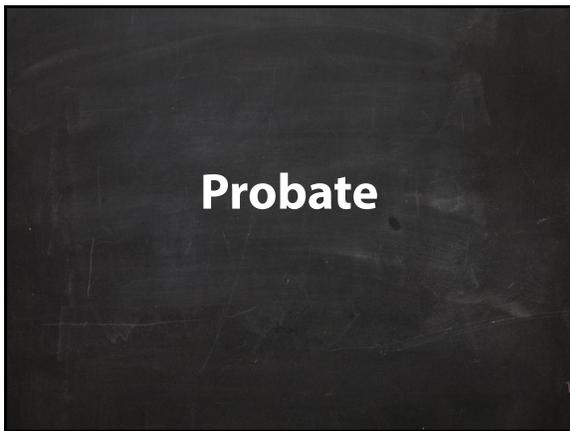
* According to *Powder's* history of Durham records existed back to 1662, but no trace can be obtained of these records.
 * Land records have index of grants: vols. 1-33 partial record of grants.
 * Early book of land and proprietors' records contains early vital statistics; some found in town records.
 * Vol. 1, land records, contains early proprietors' records; earlier proprietors' records are missing. (Powder.)
 Miscellaneous records: Joint stock corporations, 1 volume; narmarks and dog register, 1; electors, 1; Attachments, 17 entries; 4 accounts with families of volunteers, 1; account book of sheep masters of Durham (town book), 1.

Inventory of Connecticut Town Records

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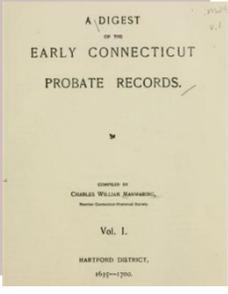
Connecticut Probate Records

- Proof of death (between date of will and probate)
- Family relationships, widow, legatees
 - Personal bequests
- Financial status, land ownership
- Be sure to confirm the accuracy and completeness of published records

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Where to Find 17th-Century Probate Records

- Charles Williams Manwaring, *A Digest of Early Connecticut Probate Records*. Volume 1 covers to 1700. Available at [Archive.org](https://archive.org)
- [AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org) (“Connecticut: Early Probate Records, 1635-1750”)



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Page 185-6.

Winthrop, *Gov. John*, Boston. Invt. in Hartford, 472-01-04. Taken 5 September, 1696, by John Allyn, Joseph Haynes, George Gardner. Will dated 3 April, 1696.

I John Winthrop, of the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, now resident of Boston, being sick in Body but through Mercy of perfect memory and Understanding, do make this my last Will & Testament: I Will & Bequeath unto my two sons Fitz John & Waitstill, to each of them an equal proportion out of my Estate, which is to be a double portion to each of them (that is, double to what I give to each of my daughters); the rest of my Estate to be equally divided to my 5 daughters, *vizt*: Elizabeth, Lucy, Margaret, Martha & Anne, only my Will is that in the Computation of my Estate, whereas I have already given to my daughters Elizabeth & Lucy good Farms which they are in possession of, that that may be considered by the Overseers of this my Will hereafter named, and proportionably accounted as part of their portions, abatement to be made out of the present Legacy to them given above accordingly. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Fitz John & Waitstill and my 5 daughters above named to be Executors & Executrices of this my last Will & Testament. And I doe request the persons hereafter named to accept the trouble to be overseers of this my Will and to settle all things accordingly, and doe declare that it is my Will that if any question, difficulty or differences arise in or about this my Will, it shall be determined by them or any three of them. The persons are: Of Connecticut, Capt. John Allyn, Mr. William Jones and Major Robert Treat. Of Boston: Mr. Humphrey Davie, Mr. James Allyn, and my brother Mr. John Richards.

In Witness that this is my last Will & Testament, I have hereunto set my Hands & Seal. Done in Boston this 3 day of April, 1696.

Witness: *Takem: Thatcher sen.* JOHN WINTHROP Ls.
John Blake.

Court Record, Page 154—25 July, 1695: Will proven.
(A Copy on File, & on Record at Hartford, Connecticut.)

Manwaring's Record for Winthrop

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Other Sources for Probate Records

- Connecticut State Library: books and loose papers – much available through [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
- [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
 - Index: “General index to probate records : all districts in Connecticut 1641-1948”
 - “Probate files collection, early to 1880”
 - Viewable at Family History Center or Affiliate
- [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) (\$) “Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999”

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Particular Court 1639-1663

- First court to hear probate cases
- Published in *Records of the Particular Court of Connecticut, 1639-1663* (Hartford, CT: Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society) vol. 22
- AmericanAncestors.org: “Connecticut: Records of the Particular Court of the Colony of CT, 1687-1688”

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Court of Particulars

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Jejoj: Bartlet being p'sented by ye Grand Jury ye 4th of yis Instant for being drunk, he was summoned before yis Court and appeared; was Convicted by testimony of being drunke it being the second time./ This Court Doe sentance him, that he shall find two sufficient suertyes to be bound in ye sum of ten pounds, wth Condition of good behavior, and for want of such suertyes, to be sent to ye gaol./

Attended at Day

Jere: Gillet and Jn^r Williams of Symsbury was p'sented by the grand Jury ye 1st June Instant for not going to meting was Summoned and appeared before yis p'sent Court, & ye Court hearing what they had to say for yemselves and they p'omising Reformation, ye Court so Cause to pase yis by

Nath Winchell of Winda' being p'sented by ye grand Jury in March Last, for neglecting ye publick ordinances on ye Sabath, and withdrawing in time of Exercise & making uproar in the Street/ was summoned and appeared before ye Court and being **Comitted** The

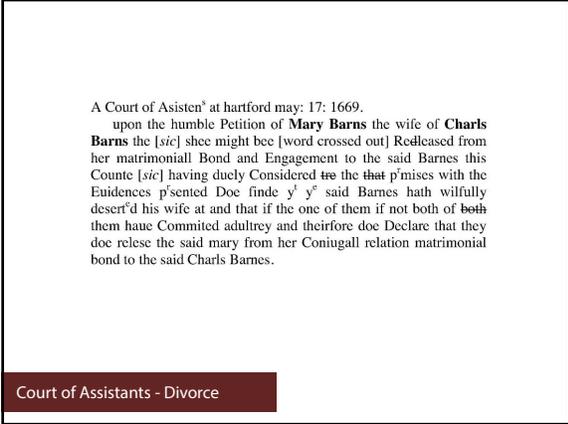
An Inventory of the Estate of Daniell Garet Deceased was exhibited in Court and oath made that there was a true p'sentm^t of the Estate to the Aprie^s so far as at p'sent is known and if more Come to knowledge she will Cause it to be added to the Inventory./ This Court grants administration on the Estate to the widow and desire and order Capt Caleb Standly and John Marsh ov'scers to assist the widow that the estate may be Improved for the best advantage that she may not be a Towne Charge./

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Court of Assistants

- Appeals court
- Also divorce, murder, witchcraft
- AmericanAncestors.org: “Minutes of the Court of Assistants, 1669-1711”

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Court of Assistants - Divorce

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Military Records

- Two major conflicts: Pequot War and King Philip's War
- Few details for 17th century muster rolls
 - Mostly Colony records, originals at State Archives
 - Town records – local militia
- Military history chapters appear in many published town histories

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Common Challenges

- Distinguishing between people of the same name in the same community
- Finding women's maiden names
- Determining parentage when multiple marriages are involved
- Ascertaining the origins of Connecticut settlers

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General Considerations and Suggestions

- You may not find one "smoking-gun" record; you may need to build a case with multiple records
- Essential Strategy: Research the ancestors associates and neighbors (Cluster Research or FAN Club Research)
- Some records may be less reliable than others; seek originals if you can
- May need to have, and exhaust, several working theories

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General Considerations and Suggestions

- Create a complete timeline with probate, land records, military, or any possible record
- While not culturally consistent, some families used naming patterns
 - Surnames as first names or less common first names can be clues of earlier kinships and origins
- Do not assume a woman's name at marriage is her maiden name; could be a first married name

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**Strategy for Sorting
Common Names**

- What makes each person unique?
 - Dates of vital events
 - Names of wife and children
 - Specific plot of land occupied
- Timeline valuable in common names situations

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**Strategy for Finding the
Maiden Name**

- Who were the neighbors?
- Who are the associates of the husband?
- If the family were early settlers, where did they migrate from?
 - Earliest settlers of Woodstock were from Roxbury, MA
 - Ebenezer Grosvenor of Roxbury arrived in Pomfret, the town south of Woodstock, in 1699 and married Ann ??? In 1707
 - Correlation of births in Roxbury, MA settlers of Woodstock narrowed possible candidates to Ann Massey/Marcy and Ann Lyon

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And keep in mind . . .

- Terms of kinship may have different meanings in 17th-century:
 - Nephew and nieces may be referred to as “cousins”
 - Sometimes “brother” or “sister” can be indications of brothers and sisters within a faith
 - “Father” and “Mother” could refer to in-laws
- Use of “Jr” and “Sr” typically mean younger versus older and don’t necessarily mean kinship

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Summary

- Don't rely on just one record set
- Don't reinvent the wheel - look at published sources in combination with originals
- Keep up with scholarly publications
- More and more records are being indexed and digitized everyday

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QUESTIONS?

Hire Research Services
research@nehgs.org

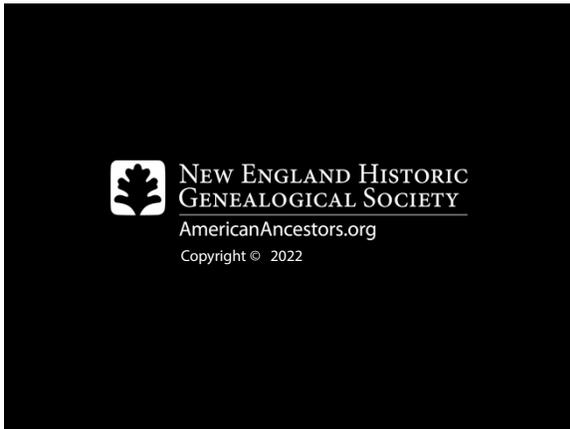
Chat with a Genealogist
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THANK YOU!

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