



***In-Depth First Settler Profile:***  
***Obadiah Allyn (1670) /***  
***Elizabeth (Sanford) Allyn***

**Name:** Obadiah Allyn (Deacon)

**Birth:** Abt. 1644, Windsor, Conn. (*Hale, House, and Related Families*/Jacobus, 1952)

**Emigration:** Born in Colony of Connecticut

**Death:** April 7, 1712, Middletown, Conn. (BCVR)

**Occupation & Public Service:** Yeoman (MLR vol. 1, p. 127); on February 5, 1688/9, "Obadiah Allyn & Martha Allyn accepted of their being Executors according to the Will" of Thomas Allen (MAN vol. 1, p. 398-399); will of Martha Allyn dated April 30, 1690, "request my son John Tilleson & my Cousin Obadiah Allyn to take Care of my Children and that they may be Overseers of my Estate." (MAN vol. 1, p. 396); chosen deacon of the church on May 31, 1704 (*Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Conn.* p. 60)

**Marriage:** m.(1) Elizabeth Sanford, October 21, 1669, Milford, Conn. (bp. August 27, 1648, Milford, Conn.; d. abt. 1706, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Sanford of Milford, Conn. (SAV) [**Compiler's note:** "Obadiah Allyn of Mattabeseak m. Elizabeth Samford d. Thomas of Milford Oct. 21, 1669 by John Clarke, Commissioner" (Milford Vital Records)]; m.(2) Mary (Savage) Wetmore, abt. 1707, Middletown, Conn. (b. June 25, 1663, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 20, 1723, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of John Savage and Elizabeth (Dubbin) Savage of Middletown, Conn. (*SMFSD In-Depth First Settler Profile: John Savage*). [**Compiler's note:** On November 7, 1709, Mary the Relict [of John Wetmore], now wife of Obadiah Allyn (MAN vol. 1, p. 594-595); "Mary Allyn, last wife of Dea. Obadiah, formerly the wife of John Wetmore, died Oct 20, 1723" (BCVR).]

**Parents:** Samuel Allen (abt. 1608-1648) and Ann (unknown surname), married unknown. "Samuel Allen's lands at Windsor were entered 27 Jan. 1640/1, and included a house lot of over six acres. He served on a jury, 5 Mar. 1644/5. The inventory of his estate was taken at Windsor, 8 Sept. 1648." (*Hale, House and Related Families*/Jacobus, 1952, p. 448)

**Children:** (BCVR; MLR vol. 1, p. 15; *Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Conn.*)

(1) Obadiah Allyn, b. September 20, 1670, Middletown, Conn.; d. September 1702, Middletown, Conn.; m. Dorcas Wright, November 29, 1699, Middletown, Conn. (2 children)

[**Compiler's note:** Inventory of estate of Obadiah Allyn Jr. taken on February 23, 1702/3 (MAN vol. 2, p. 11).]

(2) Thomas Allyn, b. September 20, 1672, Middletown, Conn.; d. November 8, 1672, Middletown, Conn.

(3) Deacon Thomas Allyn, b. September 27, 1673, Middletown, Conn.; d. December 3, 1733, Middletown, Conn.; m. Hannah Leek, May 4, 1698, Middletown, Conn. (4 children) [**Compiler's note:** On August 7, 1733, "John Allyn, a minor, eldest son of John Allyn, late of Middletown decd., chose his uncle Deacon Thomas Allyn, to be his guardian." (MAN vol. 2, p. 458) "Here lyeth the Body of Deacon Thomas Alling, who deceased Dec. ye 3d, 1733, in ye 61 year of his age." (NEHGS vol. 11, p. 80).]

(4) Mary Allyn, b. September 15, 1675, Middletown, Conn.; d. July 24, 1737, Middletown, Conn.; m. Beriah Wetmore, November 11, 1714, Middletown, Conn. (one child) [**Compiler's note:** "Mary Wetmore, wife of Beriah, died July 24, 1737, age 61 yrs." (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions, Middletown, Connecticut; McDonough Cemetery, no. 711-19, p. 634*).]

(5) Anna Allyn, b. September 12, 1677, Middletown, Conn.; d. December 26, 1751, Middletown, Conn.; m.(1) John Lane, October 1712, Middletown, Conn. (2 children); m.(2) Lt. Nathaniel Bacon, January 31, 1722/3, Middletown, Conn. (no children) [**Compiler's note:** On November 12, 1704, Anna Allyn admitted to full communion (*Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut*, p. 62); date for her second marriage in BCVR (1739/40) is incorrect; see MLR vol. 1, p. 16; she is referred to in John Lane's probate records as Anna Lane (alias Bacon) on March 5, 1722/3 (MAN vol. 2, p. 410); "Anna Bacon, widow of John Lane & wife of Lieut. Nathaniel, died Dec. 20, 1751, age 75 yrs." (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions, Middletown, Connecticut; Washington Street Cemetery, no. 711-12, p. 588*).]

(6) Thankful Allyn, b. September 8, 1679, Middletown, Conn. (not mentioned in father's 1707 will; died young)

(7) Sarah Allyn, b. abt. 1681, Middletown, Conn. (not mentioned in father's 1707 will; died young)

(8) Samuel Allyn, b. March 15, 1683/4, Middletown, Conn.; d. September 4, 1759, Middletown, Conn.; m.(1) Mary Andrews, June 23, 1714, Milford, Conn. (4 children) (*Hale, House, and Related Families*, by Donald Lines Jacobus); m.(2) Margaret Wetmore, February 25, 1724/5, Middletown, Conn. (3 children)

(9) John Allyn, b. September 27, 1686, Middletown, Conn.; d. November 22, 1724, Middletown, Conn.; m. Mary How, April 23, 1713, Wallingford, Conn. (5 children) [**Compiler's note:** Although probate records give date of death in 1724, date of death is also given as "John Allin Senr Departed this Life Dec. 1st 1723" (MLR vol. 2, p. 25); inventory of estate taken January 14, 1724/5 (MAN vol. 2, p. 458)]

(10) Elizabeth Allyn, b. abt. 1688, Middletown, Conn. (not mentioned in father's 1707 will; died young)

**Residence/Property:** On March 23, 1674, land of Obadiah Allyn recorded, nine acres near the north end of town



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bounded east and north on highways south on Thomas Ranney and west on Samuel Egelston; one hundred twelve acres of boggie meadow quarter bought of William Cornwell Junior; on January 9, 1676, seventy five acres in the south quarter; ninety three acres westward from town; on March 6, 1677, three acres in the west field given him by his uncle Thomas Allyn; six acres of upland in the west field given him by his uncle Thomas Allyn; three acres of wet meadow given him by his uncle Thomas Allyn; on October 19, 1686, one acre "on Which his hous standeth" bounded north, east and west on highways and south on his other land bought of Nathaniel Collins (MLR vol. 1, p. 113); on October 15, 1688, bequeathed two hundred on the east side of the Great River by his uncle Thomas Allen. (MAN vol. 1, p. 398-399)

**Will:** Vol. 2, p. 148-149 (MAN). Will dated March 14, 1706/7, to my dear wife, the long meadow lot; to my son Thomas Allin, the boggy meadow quarter upon which he now lives; to my grandson Obadiah Allin, son of Obadiah deceased, one hundred acres in the long lots; my two sons Samuel and John, one hundred acres on the east side of the Great River and the second part of the first division; daughters Mary and Anna; "The consideration that moves me to this is because said sons Samuel and John and my two daughters have been very dutiful and helpful to their deceased mother and me in our many long and tedious sicknesses and are very probable to be still helpful to me in my old age. Also I do further add that if my said dear wife shall have any child or children by me, that then she shall have the remainder to my long lot on the east side of the Great river, which I judge about 130 acres of land." (Estate inventory taken April 28, 1712, 343-12-01, i.e., 343 pounds); will proven on May 5, 1712.

**Burial Location:** Unknown

**Notes:**

**(CAF):** "Obadiah Allen was recommended by the elders of the church in Windsor, which renders it probable that he at least resided in that town for a time. This name is not always spelt with an e, Allen; in a town record book it has been spelt, Allyn and Allyn; on the old church records it is Allin."

**(SAV):** "ALLYN, OBADIAH, Middletown, propound. for freem. Oct. 1672, adm. next yr. m. 28 Oct. 1669, Elizabeth d. of Thomas Sanford of Milford, had Obadiah, b. 20 Sept. 1670; Thomas, 20 Sept. 1672, d. in few wks. Thomas, again, 27 Sept. 1673; Mary, 15 Sept. 1684; Ann, 12 Sept. 1677; Thankful, 8 Sept. 1679; Samuel, 15 Mar. 1684; and John, 27 Sept. 1686; was deac. and d. 7 Apr. 1712. Prob. he was neph. of the first Thomas, and the descend. have generally chang. the spell. to Allen." [**Compiler's note:** Mary was born in 1675.]

**(SAV):** "ALLYN, SAMUEL, Windsor 1636, was not, prob. br. of that Matthew, wh. wrote his name Allyn, as sometimes suppos. tho. he spell. the same way, had Samuel, Nehemiah,

John, and Rebecca, beside two others. He was bur. 28 Apr. 1648, and his wid. m. William Hulbert, and with her Ch. rem. to Northampton."

**(SAV):** "ALLYN, THOMAS, Wethersfield 1636, not migrat. from Watertown, for Bond has not nam. him, was br. of Matthew, with wh. he had extraord. controvers. in the law, as is fairly infer. from Trumbull's Col. Rec. I. 211, was made freem. 1652, rep. 1656; and soon after d. as might be conclud. from not seeing his name as rep. in any yr. subseq. nor in the list of freem. for that town 1669; yet he may have rem. to Middletown, as no list of that sort is found from that place in Trumbull, and one of the name there was deac. wh. d. 16 Oct. 1688, having had no ch. but leav. wid. Martha, perhaps, wh. had been wid. of Roger Jepson, and d. 1690. She calls, in her will, Obadiah A. of M. cousin. Y. not e is seen in his last syl. tho. in his bapt. rec. Apr. 1604 (if he were s. of Samuel of Chelmsford Co. Essex), the spell. is the other way."

[**Compiler's note:** Matthew Allyn of Hartford was the brother of Thomas Allyn of Barnstable, Mass. and not the brother of Thomas Allyn of Middletown, Conn. (*Hale, House and Related Families/Jacobus, 1952*)]

**(SAV):** "For the deficiencies of this article, and the difficulty of determin. betw. Allyn, and Allen, and Allyne, or Alleyne, I must confess, that, after long research, satisfact. is unattain. in sev. cases, so many individ. have, perhaps capricious. at various times, writ. their fam. names in differ. ways."

**(Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776):** On October 11, 1672, "Obadiah Allyn was propounded for a freeman." (vol. 2, p. 184)

**(HMC):** The names of the proprietors of Middletown with their estates, taken March 22th 1670 included Obediah Allyn with a value of £30. The list of the estates of the inhabitants of Middletown taken in 1673 included Obediah Alyne with a value of £39.

**(HCCM):** On March 4, 1674/5, "Obadiah Allyn Plntf: Contra Wm. Harris James Tapping Alexand Bowe & Daniel Hubbard Defnts in an action of the Case for neglect of Setting up & Maintayning thaire fence belonging to the long meadow & fields in Midleton according to order where by the Sayd Allyn is damnified wth damage to the value of Twelue pownds. In this action the Jury find for the plntf one pownd seutteen & Six pence & Cost of Court leauing the consideration of his Tending the corn to the Judgment of the Bench. The Court Judgeth that he is worthy to receiue for his secureing the corn Three pownds & for witnesses [‘th’ crossed out] foureteen shillings they being seven, & Court & Jury 12s & secretry 3s." (p. 190)

**(MLR):** On April 5, 1681, Obadiah Allyn conveyed to William Cornwell nine acres lying at the north end of town as well as "all the Lands in the East Sid the Great Riuer Laid to the Said Obediah allin by his list in the yeare 1674" containing one hundred thirty six acres. (vol. 1, p. 100)



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**(Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776):** On May 14, 1685, "Upon the request of Mrs. Mary Collins, this Court doth empower her to confirm to Obadiah Allyn by a deed of sale, two acres of land that he bought and payd for to Mr. Collins." (vol. 3, p. 171)

**(MAN):** Will of Thomas Allyn of Middletown dated October 15, 1688, "to my beloved wife Martha Allyn ... to Obadiah Alline Junior, my Lott at wongoge ... to my Kinsman Obadiah Alline Senior my Lott on the east sid the great river, Cont. two hundred acres ... to these sons of my kinsman Obadiah Alline Senior (Thomas Alline, Samuel Alline, & John Alline) my division of land at Coking Choaged ... My will is that these lands which I have given to the son of my Kinsman Obadiah Alline that thier father shall have the improvement of them until they come to the age of twenty one years; and if one dy before he Come of age, then the Lands to be equally divided to the survivinge brothers; and if they all dye before they come of age, then the Lands to return to their father Obadiah Alline senior, my Kinsman, & his aeres forever ... I give also to my Kinsman Obadiah Alline Senior all Land and meadow which I have given to my wife during her natural life, that is to say, six acres of Meadow & Swamp & two acres of plow land ... after the decease of my wife." (vol. 1, p. 398-399)

**(Records of the Particular Court of the Colony of Connecticut, 1687-1688):** On February 5, 1688/9, "The Last will and testamt of Deac. Thomas Allyn of Midleton was Exhibited in Court, & was proved & Excepted, Obadiah Allyn & Martha Allyn accepted of yr being Executors according to ye will/ together with ye Inventory of ye Estate of ye Deceased was presented and oath made by the Releit that she made a true prsentmt of ye Estate of ye Deceased to ye apprizrs what at present is known, and if more Come to knowledg, she will Cause it to be added to ye Inventory, the Court ordr it to be Recorded." (p. 29)

**(MAN):** Will of Martha Allyn of Middletown dated April 30, 1690, "To my cousin Obadiah Allyn, a pot which was Obadiah Allyn's Mother's." (vol. 1, p. 396)

**(MLR):** On January 12, 1694/5, Samuel and Phebe Hall quitclaimed to Obadiah Allyn Senior, yeoman, twenty seven acre in the new field bounded east on boggy meadow north on Isaac Lane and south on a highway (vol. 1, p. 127); on January 12, 1694/5, Obadiah Allyn with Elizabeth his wife quitclaimed to Samuel Hall twenty seven acres lying southwest from town bounded north on Deacon John Hall south on John Kirby east on Isaac Lane and west on commons (vol. 1, p. 128).

**(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870):** On May 23, 1669, Obadiah Allen was received to membership, recommended to us by ye elders of the church of xt at Windsor (p. 7); on September 14, 1673, Thomas Allin son of our Brother Obadiah Allin baptized (p.

19); on September 12, 1675, Mary Allen daughter of Obadiah Allen baptized (p. 23); on August 27, 1676, "Obadiah Allen his relation read in ye face of ye assembly was accepted to full communion with ye church" (p. 24); on September 16, 1677, Anna daughter of our Brother Obadiah Allen baptized (p. 25); on October 12, 1679, Thankful Allen baptized (p. 29); on December 25, 1681, Sarah daughter of Obadiah Allen baptized (p. 32); on March 16, 1683/4, Samuel (son of Obadiah) Allen baptized (p. 35); on November 11, 1688, Elizabeth (daughter of Obadiah and Elizabeth) Allyn baptized (p. 37); on October 6, 1689, John son of Obadiah & Eliz: Allyn baptized (p. 38); on March 16, 1689/90, Elizabeth wife of our brother Obadiah Allen was admitted to full communion (p. 39); on April 30, 1693, Obadiah Allyn Junr admitted to full communion (p. 43); on May 1, 1695, Obadiah Allyn and Mr. Southmayd were propounded for choice of Deacon (p. 46); on October 6, 1700, Mary Allyn daughter of Obadiah Allyn admitted to full communion (p. 55); on December 27, 1702, Thomas Allyn admitted to full communion (p. 59); on May 31, 1704, our brother Obadiah Allyn chosen to the office of deacon in this church (p. 60); on November 12, 1704, Anna Allyn admitted to full communion (p. 62); on December 21, 1712, John Allyn admitted to full communion (p. 76).

**(MLR):** On April 9, 1702, Obadiah Allyn Senior acknowledged that he received of John Tillison twelve pounds "which was due to him by the Agreement betwixt the sayd Obadiah Allin and his aunt Allin concerning the reversion of the moveable Estate and this twelve pounds was over and aboue the thirty pounds which was due according to his unklos will which was also payd." (vol. 2, p. 91)

**(MLR):** On March 1, 1702/3, Obadiah Allin, husbandman, "for the loue and affection that he had for his son Obadia Allan, deceased, and for the accomplishment of his promise to him in his lifetime" conveyed to his "grandson Obadiah Allan son of sd Obadia deceast" fourteen acres of land lying in the boggy meadow quarter (vol. 3, p. 532); on February 10, 1709/10, Deacon Obadiah Allin "in consideration of the loue favour and affection that he hath for and doth bear unto his son Samuel Allin" conveyed "the homestead of the aforesaid Obadia Allin it being three acres" bounded earth, north and west upon the highway and south on land belonging to the heirs of Mr. Nathaniel Collins deceased as well as six acres in the Sowheags field (vol. 2, p. 327).

**(MLR):** On April 29, 1712, Thomas Allen, Samuel Allen, John Allen, Mary and Anna Allen "being all the Children of Deacon Allen Late of Middetown ... do agree to put 50 shillings into the Executors hands to be paid to our nephew Dorcas Allen at her Marriage ... to take the Long Meadow Lot as it was prised and doth Engage to fulfill the covenant or agreement made between our honored ffather and mother before marriage ... and also we do all agree that our brother Thomas shall have a cow on these considerations: in consideration of a Bible of his worn out in the familys use & that he assist us in settling the Estate both now and after the



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will is proved;" on May 29, 1712, John Allen, Mary Allen, and Anna Allen "have reserved our portion of our brother Thomas Allen and Samuel Allen Executors of our Honoured fathers will and that we are fully satisfied and do acquit our sd brethren" (vol. 3, p. 186); on June 10, 1713, Samuel Allin conveyed eight acres lying north of the ferry river to Nathaniel Stow who agreed to pay thirty shillings a year to the widow of Deacon Obadiah Allin during her natural life (vol. 3, p. 83); on March 2, 1713/4, John Allin conveyed to his brother

Samuel Allin which descends from "Deacon Obadiah Allin deceased father to the above sd Allins." (vol. 3, p. 143); on February 15, 1722/3, Samuel Allen and John Allen conveyed to Thomas Allen all their right and title in land "on the East side of Conecticut River, within the last Division of Land there it being the 89th Lott which was drawn for on the account of our Honrd Uncle Deacon Thomas Allen Decd." (vol. 3, p. 392)

**For further reading:**

*Hale, House, and Related Families*, by Donald Lines Jacobus (Baltimore, Md.: Clearfield Publishing Co., 1952.)

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***Abbreviation code used in SMFSD***  
***biographical sketches and in-depth profiles:***

**(MVR)** Middletown Vital Records (originals at Middletown City Hall, Middletown, Conn.; also available on microfilm at Russell Library, Middletown, Conn.)

**(BCVR)** *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records* (original index at Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Conn.; printed index available from Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, Md.; digitized index available on CD-Rom as part of *The Ricker Compilation of Vital Records of Early Connecticut*, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, Md.)

**(MLR)** *Middletown Land Records* (originals at Middletown City Hall, Middletown, Conn.; also available on microfilm at Russell Library, Middletown, Conn.)

**(MAN)** *Digest of Connecticut Probate Records*, Hartford District (Manwaring, Charles William. *A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records*. Originally published 1904-1906; reprinted 1995. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1995.)

**(CBRMC)** *Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County, Connecticut, Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens, and Many of the Early Settled Families*. Chicago, Ill.: J.H. Beers & Co., 1903.

**(MUH)** *Middletown Upper Houses* (Adams, Charles C. *Middletown Upper Houses, A History of the North Society of Middletown, Connecticut from 1650 to 1800 with Genealogical and Biographical Chapters on Early Families*. New York, N.Y.: The Grafton Press, 1908.)

**(FFS)** Frank Farnsworth Starr ("The Settlers of Mattabesec 1650-1660," *Middletown Penny Press*, Oct. 11, 1900; also published in the *Middletown Tribune* 250th Anniversary supplement.)

**(CAF)** *Centennial Address of Rev. David Field*. (Field, David D. *Centennial Address: With Historical Sketches of Cromwell, Portland, Chatham, Middle Haddam, Middletown, and its Parishes*. Middletown, Conn.: W.B. Casey, 1853.)

**(GMB)** *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633* (Anderson, Robert Charles, FASG. *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633, Vol. I-III*. Boston, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1996.)

**(SAV)** *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England* (Savage, James. *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, Showing Three Generations of Those Who Came Before May, 1692, on the Basis of Farmer's Register*. Boston, Mass.: Little, Brown & Co., 1860-1862.)

**(GFHC)** *Genealogical & Family History of the State of Connecticut* (Cutter, William Richard. *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut: A Record of the Achievements of Her People in the Making of a Commonwealth and the Founding of a Nation*. New York, N.Y.: Lewis Publishing Co., 1911.)

**(HMC)** *The History of Middlesex County* (Henry Whittemore, ed. *The History of Middlesex County 1635-1885*. New York, N.Y.: J.H. Beers & Co., 1884)

**(RPCC)** *Records of the Particular Court of Connecticut, 1639-1663* (Adams, Arthur W., ed. *Records of the Particular Court of Connecticut 1639-1663*. Hartford, Conn.: Connecticut Historical Society, 1928.)

**(HCCM)** *Hartford County Court Minutes, 1663-1687* (Ullmann, Helen Schatvet, CG, FASG., ed. *Hartford County, Conn., County Court Minutes, Vol. 3 & 4, 1663-1687, 1697*. Boston, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2005.)

**(NEHGSR)** *NEHGS Register (New England Historical and Genealogical Register)*. Boston, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1847-2007.) (Online database available at [NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://NewEnglandAncestors.org))

**(TAG)** *The American Genealogist* (articles by Donald Lines Jacobus, ed., 1922-1971) (*The American Genealogist*. New Haven, Conn.: D.L. Jacobus, 1922-1971)