



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
William Blumfield (1650) /
Isabel (Pearce)(Sackett) Blumfield

Name: William Blumfield (Blomfield, Bloomfield)

Birth: c. 1604, England, location unknown.(SAV)

Emigration: From Ipswich, County Suffolk, England to Cambridge, Mass. in 1634. To Hartford in 1639, to New London in 1648, to Middletown before March 1652, to Springfield in 1656, to Newton, L.I., N.Y. in 1662.(FFS)

Death: After February 24, 1663/4, Newtown, L.I., N.Y. (Sacketts of America/Weygant)

Occupation & Public Service: Fought in Pequot Indian War with Capt. Mason in 1637.

Marriage: m.(1) Susan, b. 1609 (SAV); or Sarah; m. in England before 1633; d. c. 1635; m.(2) Isabel (Pearce)(Sackett) about 1636 in Hartford, Conn. (b. Aug. 6, 1627 in St. John, Isle of Thant, Kent, England; d. c. 1663, Newton, L.I., N.Y.) (Sacketts of America/Weygant).

Parents: Unknown

Children (SAV; Sacketts of America/Weygant, 1907):

(1) Sarah Blumfield, b. 1633 in England (SAV); d. unknown; m.(1) Simon Sackett, Jr., about 1652, Springfield, Mass.; m.(2) Lambert Woodward, Newtown, L.I., N.Y. (3 children) (Sacketts of America/Weygant, 1907)

(3) Daniel Bloomfield, b. about 1638, Hartford, Conn.; d. before September 23, 1703, Newtown, L.I., N.Y.

(4) John Bloomfield, b. before August 24, 1645, Hartford, Conn. (SAV)

(5) Samuel Bloomfield, b. before July 12, 1647, Hartford, Conn. (SAV)

Residence/Property: "... resided on the north side of the riveret. He sold his land here to Nathaniel Dickinson, and in 1660 resided in New London, removing a few years later to Newtown, L.I., N.Y." (FFS)

Will: Unknown

Burial Location: Unknown, Newtown, L.I., N.Y.

Notes:

(SAV): "BLOMFIELD or BLUMFIELD, WILLIAM, Hartford 1639, had liv. in some part of Mass. perhaps Newbury, after arr. at Boston in the Elizabeth, 1634, from Ipswich, Co. Suffk. aged 30, with w. Susan, 25, and ch. Sarah, 1; was adm. freem. of Mass. 2 Sept. 1635, prob. had other ch. beside John, bapt. 24 Aug. 1645; and Samuel, 12 July 1647; bef. rem. 1650 to New London; thence in 1663 to Newtown, L. I. Sarah m. Simon Sacket of Springfield, and to her only

ch. Joseph with his mo. the gr.f. B. gave his New London est. after she had m. Woodward. Hardly is the report of this gent. utter. with adequate distinctness by the Conn. historians. Porter makes his rem. "perhaps to N. J." mistak. him prob. for Thomas; and Hinman, 117, says only, that he was gone from H. 1663, down the Conn. riv. This name, in the third generat. had bec. Bloomfield. A gov. of N. J. in our day, was Joseph, a descend. of Thomas."

(CAF): "William Bloomfield was from Hartford, and it is said he returned thither: if he did, he afterwards removed to Long Island." (Field, pg. 144)

(Memorial History of Hartford County): "William Blumfield probably came in the Elizabeth from Ipswich, in Suffolk, in 1634, aged 30, with wife Sarah, aged 25, and daughter Sarah, aged 1. Freeman, Mass. Sept. 1, 1635. He fought in the Pequot War, 1637. An original proprietor at Hartford, and his house-lot in 1639-40 was on a portion of what is now Bushnell Park. In 1641 he was given "the ground whereon the pound standeth, and to made up of ground around it of fower acres" over and above his share in the division. (In the map of 1640 the pound is on Centinel Hill.) He was freed from training March 11, 1657-58. He removed probably about 1650 to New London and in 1663 to Newtown, L.I., N.Y."

(The Sacketts Of America, by Charles H. Weygant, Newburgh, N.Y., 1907, pg. 15): "William Bloomfield, 1604-1664, the father of Sarah Bloomfield Sackett, was born in England. In 1634 he sailed for New England in the ship Elisabeth, which left Yarmouth in the month of April and reached Boston the following June. He brought with him his wife Sarah, aged 25, and their only child, an infant daughter, named for her mother, aged about one year. The Bloomfields on disembarking at Boston seem to have proceeded immediately to the comfortable home of Simon Sackett, at Newtown. The two families doubtless had been neighbors and friends in England, and they were destined to become more closely united in the New World. Sarah, wife of William Bloomfield, probably died soon after their arrival at Newtown (now Cambridge, Mass.). The records show conclusively that William Bloomfield did not remain for any considerable length of time in Newtown after Mr. Hooker and his congregation removed to Hartford. Paige, in his *History of Cambridge*, states that William Bloomfield was there in 1635, and removed to Hartford, Conn. Hartley's *Hartford in the Olden Time* records the fact that William Bloomfield, as a citizen of that town, participated, in 1637, with Captain Mason and his ally, the Indian Chief Uncus, in their short and decisive campaign of extermination against the Pequots. The Newtown, Mass., records show that in 1638 William Bloomfield transferred to Robert Stedman the house and lot "on the north side of Winthrop Street, between Dunster and Brighton Streets," which property, according to Paige's *Map of Cambridge in 1635*, was the Sackett Homestead. Porter's *Map of Hartford in 1640*, shows the dwelling of



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William Bloomfield in the centre of a spacious corner lot near "Little River" on road from "Mill to Country." The historical catalogue of First Church of Hartford records the fact that William Bloomfield and family remained there until 1648, when they removed to New London. It is not known how long they remained at New London, but in 1656 they were at Springfield, Mass., and shortly thereafter at Middleberg, Long Island, where for the remainder of his life. William Bloomfield was recognized as a leading citizen. In 1663, when the English towns of New Netherland rebelled

against Dutch authority, the civil affairs of Middleberg were by the choice of the inhabitants placed in charge of William Bloomfield and five other 'trusted citizens.'"

(GMB): Anderson's Great Migration Begins, in the sketch of Simon Sackett (1602-1635) of Cambridge, Mass., reports that Sackett's widow, Isabel (Pearce) Sackett, married William Bloomfield of Cambridge and Hartford. William Bloomfield is referred to as "... my deceased Husband william bloomfield ..." in Isabel's will dated April 1, 1682.

For further reading:

The Sacketts of America, by Charles H. Weygant, Newburgh, N.Y., 1907.

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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)

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