



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
John Boarn (1677) /
Hannah (Bacon) Boarn

Name: John Boarn (also spelled Boarne, Borne, Bourn, and Bourne)

Birth: Unknown

Emigration: Unknown

Death: Lost at sea, December 23, 1704 (BCVR, MAN vol. 2, p. 25-26)

Occupation & Public Service: Cooper (MLR vol. 2, p. 301)

Marriage: m. Hannah Bacon, October 1677, Middletown, Conn. (b. April 14, 1655, Middletown, Conn.; d. aft. 1708, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of Nathaniel Bacon and Ann (Miller) Bacon of Middletown, Conn. (*SMFSD In-Depth First Settler Profile: Nathaniel Bacon*) [**Compiler's note:** Her death may have occurred after 1734. On November 24, 1734, "The widow Hannah Boarn was baptised & recd to full communion." (*Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870*, p. 110)]

Parents: Father's name prob. John Boarn (BCVR, "John son of John.")

Children: (BCVR)

(1) Ann Boarn, b. February 3, 1679/80, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m. David Foster, abt. 1705, Middletown, Conn. (9 children) [**Compiler's note:** Their first child was born in October 1706; "Ann Born one of the daughters of sd John Born now wife to David Foster." (MLR vol. 2, p. 242); on June 25, 1725, David Foster and Ann his wife (MLR vol. 5, p. 57-58).]

(2) John Boarn, b. January 1, 1681/2, Middletown, Conn. (died young) [**Compiler's note:** Errata notes that "John Boarn" should read "Thomas Boarn" in father's 1707 probate record. (MAN vol. 3, p. 00L)]

(3) Thomas Boarn, b. January 23, 1684/5, Middletown, Conn.; d. 1711, Middletown, Conn. (unmarried). [**Compiler's note:** Administration to estate of Thomas Boarne granted to David Foster, brother-in-law on February 4, 1711/2. (MAN vol. 2, p. 159)]

(4) Joseph Boarn, b. February 17, 1686/7, Middletown, Conn.; d. March 3, 1713/4, Middletown, Conn.; m. Elizabeth Martin, December 2, 1710, Middletown, Conn. (2 children) [**Compiler's note:** On May 3, 1714, letters of administration granted to Elizabeth Bourne, widow of decd; on June 7, 1725, Joseph Driggs, in right of his wife Elizabeth decd., as she was Adms. on the estate of Joseph Boarne. (MAN vol. 2, p. 159)]

(5) Nathan/Nathaniel Boarn, b. February 1, 1689, Middletown, Conn.; d. 1708, Middletown, Conn. (unmarried). [**Compiler's note:** Listed in his father's 1707 probate record but not in 1708

distribution of the estate (MAN vol. 2, p. 25-26); on January 6, 1712/3, letters of administration on the estate of Nathaniel Boarne, late of Middletown, decd., granted to Joseph Boarne, brother of sd. decd. (MAN vol. 2, p. 160)]

(6) Frances Boarn, b. February 16, 1692, Middletown, Conn.; d. April 1776, Waterbury, Conn. (*Town and City of Waterbury, Connecticut*, by Joseph Anderson, 1896); m.(1) Richard Anthony, March 8, 1725/6, Middletown, Conn.; m.(2) Benjamin Wetmore, April 4, 1758, Waterbury, Conn. [**Compiler's note:** On May 2, 1728, Hannah Boarn to "my well beloved son in law Richard Anthony and my Daughter Frances now his wife." (MLR vol. 5, p. 214); will of Abigail Bacon dated April 10, 1745, "I give the whole of my estate, real and personal, unto Frances, wife of Richard Anthony." (MAN vol. 3, p. 491); "Francis Anthony, wid. of Richard, of Middletown, m. Benjamin Wetmore of Waterbury." (Waterbury Vital Records)]

Residence/Property: On March 7, 1677/8, "Samuel Hall to John Bourne in consideration of thirteen pounds sold three acres lying on the west side of the Great River bounded east and south on the highway west on land the said Bourn bought of William Harris and north on Samuel []" (MLR vol. 2, p. 301); on February 5, 1688/9, "William and Lydia Harris of Wethersfield quitclaim to John Bourne, cooper, for fourteen pounds land lying in Middletown on the west side of the Great River containing four acres bounded south and west on highways east on said Bourne's land and north on Samuel Hall." (MLR vol. 2, p. 299)

Will: Vol. 2, p. 25-26 (MAN). (Estate inventory taken October 27, 1707: 99-18-01, i.e., 99 pounds) "There is also given to Hannah Boarn, widow of the said decd., by her Father Bacon, 2 acres of land in Longmeadow with some swamp adjoining to it, for her to hold and enjoy during her life, which she will not yet have inventoried or distributed to her children. The children now living are John [should read Thomas] Boarn, eldest son, Joseph and Nathaniel Boarn, Ann Boarn, alias Foster, and Frances Boarn." On February 2, 1707/8, "Hannah Bourn, of Middletown, exhibited in this Court evidences to prove that her husband, John Bourn, late of Middletown, is dead, and that in all probability was lost at sea several years ago;" on August 5, 1708, "Dist. of the estate John Boarn as followeth: To the widow, to Thomas, to Joseph, to Ann, to Frances."

Burial Location: Lost at sea

Notes:

(HCCM): On June 10, 1676, "Major Rob: Treat, Mr. Samll: Willys, Captn John Allyn, John Borne for affronting the Constable in the Execution of his office is fined Ten shillings, & to pay Costs to Samll Bissell for bringing him down to Hartford, & to return the Gunn he brought from the war to the Towne to be kept by them till he return to them their Gunn which was put into his hands & by him left as he sayth at New London." (p. 202)



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(HCCM): On April 10, 1678, “Hanna the daughter of Nathaniel Bacon being by her own confession convicted of committing fornication with Georg Phillips Ship carpenter late of Midleton the court haue heard & Considered the case with the agrauateing circumstances thereof he being a married man, & she denying herselfe to be with child, when she was examined about the same the court doe adjudge her to pay a fine of Six pownds, & that she be secured til she giues the Marshall Good security for the payments thereof upon demand.” (p. 237); on September 5, 1678, Nath: Bacon plntf Contra the estate of Georg Phillips Defnt in an action of the case for wronge done to his daughter to the value of one Hundred pownds on attachmt the plantf with drawes this action.” (p. 239)

(HMC): “At a towne meeting November 18, 1679 ... it was voated be willing that a belle which is purchased by parte of the inhabitance of the towne ... that if they be willing that the sayd belle shall be hanged up in the meeting house,” included John Borne for the amount of twelve shillings.”

(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870): On March 21, 1731, David Foster Junr made profession of his faith consented to the covenant and was baptized (p. 103); on November 24, 1734, “The widdow Hannah Boarn was baptised & recd to full communion” (p. 110); on November 9, 1735, “Ann the wife of David Foster was baptised and admitted to full communion & Silas Sarah & Phebe her children were baptised the two eldest

consenting to their parents covt.” (p. 112) [**Compiler’s note:** John Boarn was not a member of the Church of Christ.]

(MLR): On November 2, 1708, Thomas Born to Ephraim Adkins “part of his father John Born his hom Lott lying in the town plot ... doth fall to him by the Distribution of his fathers estate” bounded south on a highway west on the commons north on Samuel Roberts homelot and east on the rest of his fathers hom lott to witt that part of it which is distributed to Ann Born one of the daughters of sd John Born now wife to David Foster.” (vol. 2, p. 242)

(MLR): On February 24, 1713, Frances Borne to Daniel Hall, one acre on the west side of the great river southward from the town plot bounded on north and east on said Daniel Hall’s land west on highway or common land and upon a part of the same lot south (vol. 3, p. 50); on April 16, 1713, David Foster, Ann Foster, and Joseph Borne to Daniel Hall, two acres on the west side of the great river southward from town bounded north and east on sd Daniel Halls land south on Benjamin Hand and west on highway or common land. (vol. 3, p. 51)

(MLR): On December 28, 1713, Joseph Born, David Foster and Ann his wife conveyed three acres of land to Solomon Adkins “being the east most part of John Boarns hom lott late of Midletown decaed ... sett apart by distribution of sd estate to the widow for her thirds during her natterall life: mother to the sd Joseph Born & to Ann wife of David ffoster aforesd” (vol. 3, p. 120); on January 8, 1713/4, Hannah Bourn, widow, to her brother Nathaniel Bacon, two acres in the long meadow bounded north on land laid out to Nathaniel Bacon father to the above saids deceased and by his last will and testament conveyed to the sd Hannah his daughter (vol. 3, p. 80).

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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)