



***In-Depth First Settler Profile:***  
***Nathaniel Browne (1654) /***  
***Eleanor (Watts) Browne***

**Name:** Nathaniel Browne

**Birth:** About 1625, based on the year he married (TAG vol. 22, no. 3, p. 159); “Curiously, with all the information we have on this immigrant and his family, we cannot state a place of origin, although it is likely that he was residing in Essex or London just before migration.” (*Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635*, vol. 1 A-B, p. 431)

**Emigration:** To Cambridge, Mass. under the charge of Rev. Mr. Thomas Hooker, probably arriving on the ship *Griffin* on September 4, 1633; to Hartford, Conn. in 1636 (*Genealogical Gleanings in England* vol. 2, p. 873-874); to Springfield, Mass. about 1648 (SAV); returned to England briefly about 1652 (MAN vol. 1, p. 160); removed to Middletown, Conn. in 1654. (FFS)

**Death:** Before August 26, 1658, when inventory of his estate taken. (MAN vol. 1, p. 101)

**Occupation & Public Service:** His name was listed as “Mr. Nathaniel Browne” in the records (MLR vol. 1, p. 2); such a sign of respect was reserved for ministers of the gospel and landed gentry. He was also listed as “Nathaniel Brown of Hartford, Connecticut, gent.” (TAG vol. 60, no. 2, p. 91) On March 20, 1653/4, inventory of estate of Richard Watts of Hartford taken by Richard Butler, Nathaniel Browne and James Ensign. (MAN vol. 1, p. 160)

**Marriage:** m. Eleanor Watts, December 23, 1647, Hartford, Conn. (b. about 1625, England; d. September 28, 1703, Middletown, Conn., MLR vol. 1, p. 28) She was the daughter of Richard Watts of Hartford, Conn. Widow Eleanor Browne married Jasper Clements (who died in 1677) and later married Nathaniel Willett. (*Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut* by Lucius Barnes Barbour, 1982.)

**Parents:** Percy Browne, b. ca. 1602, son of Sir William and Mary (Savage) Browne; m. Ann Rich, b. ca. 1603, daughter of Richard and Ann (Machell) Rich. [**Compiler’s note:** Percy Browne has not been proven to be the father of Nathaniel Browne, although he was accepted as such by Donald Lines Jacobus (who also provided a “Descent of Nathaniel Browne from Charlemagne”) in his article (TAG vol. 22, no. 3, p. 158; vol. 23, no. 2, p. 107-108; vol. 60, no. 2, p. 91); Percy Browne was naturalized by an Act of Parliament in 1622 since he was born “out of the realm” while his father was serving as Lieutenant Governor of the Town of Vlissingen (Flushing) in the Netherlands. (*Journal of the House of Lords: vol. 3: 1620-1628* (1802), p. 203-204).]

**Children:** (BCVR; SAV; MLR vol. 1, p. 28) [**Compiler’s note:** Highly probable that only the months and years of the

children’s births were originally recorded; otherwise, five of the six children were born on the 15th day of the month.]

(1) Nathaniel Browne, b. March 15, 1648/9, Springfield, Mass.; d. June 9, 1649, Springfield Mass. [**Compiler’s note:** “Nathaniell Browne, the [S]one of Nathan[worn] Browne born 1st mon: 15 day 1648/1649.” (*Vital Records of Springfield, Massachusetts to 1850*, p. 12)]

(2) Hannah Browne, b. April 15, 1651, Hartford, Conn.; d. between 1697 and April 1712, Middletown, Conn.; m. Isaac Lane, November 5, 1669, Middletown, Conn. (17 children) [**Compiler’s note:** Her birth was recorded in Middletown, but she was probably born in Hartford; there were two sets of twins among her 17 children; she was mentioned in a 1697 land deed but not in the 1712 distribution of her husband’s estate. (MAN vol. 2, p. 250-251)]

(3) Nathaniel Browne, b. July 15, 1654, Middletown, Conn.; d. May 9, 1712, Middletown, Conn.; m. Martha Hughes, July 2, 1677, Middletown, Conn. (4 children)

(4) Thomas Browne, b. “the last of October 1655,” Middletown, Conn. (died young)

(5) John Browne, b. April 15, 1657, Middletown, Conn.; d. November 1719, Middletown, Conn.; m. Anna Porter, April 1, 1685, Middletown, Conn. (8 children) [**Compiler’s note:** Inventory of his estate taken on November 23, 1719. (MAN vol. 2, p. 362-363)]

(6) Benoni Browne, b. March 15, 1658/9 (posthumously), Middletown, Conn.; d. May 8, 1688, Hartford, Conn. (unmarried) [**Compiler’s note:** The name Benoni means “son of my sorrow;” perhaps due to Nathaniel Browne’s death the year before; date of Benoni’s death found in his probate records; his stepfather Nathaniel Willett and his brother-in-law Isaac Lane presented the inventory for his estate. (MAN vol. 1, p. 413)]

**Residence/Property:** His houselot was located on the west side of Main Street between Spring and Washington Streets. Lands of Mr. Nathaniel Browne recorded on May 9, 1656, land in bogie meadow which he bought from William Smith containing two acres; “upland where on his house standeth (bought of John Wilcocke)” containing five acres bounded on highway east, his own upland west, Mr. Stowe’s land south, William Marcums land north; upland containing six acres bounded on his own land east; land in long meadow containing four acres; meadow at Wongonke containing five acres; wet meadow containing two acres; these other four parcels of land were also bought from John Wilcocke by Mr. Browne (MLR vol. 1, p. 2); on December 4, 1667, Thomas Watts recorded the same land in his own name which he “bought of Nathaniell Browne” at an unrecorded date. (vol. 1, p. 53)

**Will:** Vol. 1, p. 101 (MAN). (Estate inventory, taken August 26, 1658: 96-02-04, i.e., 96 pounds.)

**Burial Location:** Unknown



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**Notes:**

**(CAF):** Nathaniel Brown is listed among the earlier settlers of Middletown, “in 1654, and probably earlier.” (p. 40); “Nathaniel Brown was from Hartford. He had five children born to him in Middletown, from 1661 to 1669, and it is probable that he died in the last mentioned year. His son, Nathaniel Brown, 2d, lived in this place after him.” (p. 144)

**[Compiler’s note:** Dr. Field is incorrect by a decade; Nathaniel Browne’s children were born from 1651 to 1659.]

**(SAV):** “BROWNE, NATHANIEL, Hartford 1647; m. 23 Dec. 1647, Eleanor Watts, d. of Richard, rem. to Middletown, 1654, thence to Springfield, had Nathaniel, b. 9 June 1649; Thomas, 31 Oct. 1655, both d. young; was mort. wound. 5 Oct. 1675; left Hannah, the eldest, b. 15 Apr. 1651, wh. m. 5 Nov. 1669, Isaac Lane; Nathaniel, again, 15 July 1654; John, 15 Apr. 1657, and Benoni, 15 Mar. 1659.” **[Compiler’s note:** According to George Madison Bodge in *Soldiers in King Philip’s War*, a man named Nathaniel Browne was killed on October 5, 1675, during an Indian attack on the town of Springfield, Mass. The man who lived in Middletown, Conn., however, had been dead for 15 years.]

**(FFS):** “Nathaniel Brown was a resident of Hartford in 1647. December 23 of that year he married Eleanor, daughter of Richard Watts of that town. About 1654 Brown removed to this town and resided on the west side of Main Street, north of Washington. He died before January 1659/60. His widow married Jasper Clements and died in September, 1703. Brown left five children.”

**(Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635, vol. 1 A-B, by Robert Charles Anderson, NEHGS, 1999):**

“Nathaniel Brown was apparently still in England on 28 November 1632 when his aunt, Dame Elizabeth Morgan, bequeathed to ‘Nathaniel Browne, her sister’s son, ... the benefit of two hundred pounds for and towards his maintenance and bringing up until he be of the age of eight and twenty years.’ [Waters 871, citing PCC 42 Russell]. On 2 December 1635, Sir Nathaniel Rich bequeathed to ‘Nathaniel Browne, now in New England and with Mr. Hooker, the two hundred pounds which by my sister Morgan’s will was bequeathed unto him and fifty pounds more, as my own gift.’ [Waters 872, citing PCC 123 Pile]. Although it is certainly possible that Nathaniel Brown came to New England in 1633 with Rev. Thomas Hooker, we only know, from this latter will, that he was certainly here by 1635.” (p. 430-431)

**(TAG):** “Nathaniel Browne, b. ca. 1625, d. at Middletown, Conn. (before 26 Aug.), 1658; m. at Hartford, Conn., 23 Dec. 1647, Eleanor Watts, b. ca. 1627, d. at Middletown, 28 Sept. 1703. Since Nathaniel Browne came over in boyhood with Hooker, the Hartford minister, as mentioned in the will of his uncle, Sir Nathaniel Rich, we find no record of him in this

country until his marriage at Hartford, on 23 Dec. 1647, to Eleanor Watts. [Conn. Hist. Soc. Coll. 14:607.] He seems never to have owned land there, and shortly after marriage settled in Springfield, Mass., where the birth of a son Nathaniel occurred on ‘the first [mon:] in 1648/9.’ This child died young. The rest of his children were recorded in Middletown and presumably were born there. Nathaniel made one voyage to England, possibly to collect legacies there. The will of his father-in-law, Richard Watts, 20 Oct. 1653, says, ‘to my Daughter Browne the whole Charge of her board & the board of her child, her husband & servant, ffrom the Time that her husband went ffrom her toward England, Toe the Day of my Death.’ Nathaniel was evidently back from England when this was written, and probably was stopping with his father-in-law at the time. This suggests that his actual settlement in Middletown may not have occurred until around that time. He was made a freeman 18 May 1654 as a resident of Middletown ... There are indications that Nathaniel had been improvident, in particular, several suits against him for debt, some of them for considerable amounts. (Conn. Hist. Soc. Coll., vol. 22.)” (vol. 22, no. 3, p. 159-162)

**(TAG):** “The descendant in whom Jacobus was particularly interested was Nathaniel Browne (ca. 1625-1658) of Hartford and Middletown, Conn. Jacobus showed that Nathaniel’s father was Percy Browne, a son of Sir William Browne of Snelston, co. Derby, and that Nathaniel’s mother was a daughter of Richard and Ann (Machell) Rich; he was, however, unable to find her first name and called her simply ‘\_\_\_ Rich.’” The solution to the problem was found in the book by Peter Wilson Coldham, entitled *Lord Mayor’s Court of London*, p. 9: “Grant of said share by Samuel Brown of London, stationer, and Nathaniel Brown of Hartford, Connecticut, gent., both sons of Ann Brown, deceased, who was the sister of Sir Nathaniel Rich.” (vol. 60, no. 2, p. 91)

**(TAG):** “At a Particular Court in Hartford, 21 Aug. 1646, John Ranolds (Reynolds) was fined and ordered whipped ‘for harboring the Rouges that brake pryson’ and Richard Watts went surety for the £5 fine; at the same Court, ‘Elnor Watts for the like misdemeanor wth Jo: Ranolds is ffyned £5 and whipped in her Mrs howse.’ We don’t know the story back of this or why Eleanor Watts aided in harboring the jail breakers. [Conn. Hist. Soc. Coll. 22:42.] This was the year before her marriage.” (vol. 22, no. 3, p. 159)

**(Hartford, Connecticut Land Records 1639-1688 and Births, Marriages and Deaths 1644-1730 edited by Albert C. Bates):** “Nathaniell Broune was maryed vnto Ellner Wates Defem the twenty & Three one Thoufand Six hundredth forty & Seuen.” (p. 607)

**(Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776):** On May 18, 1654, the names of Middletown men who were made free included William Harris, George Graves, Samuel Stocking, John Savidge, Samuel Hall, Nathaniel Brown, and George Hubbard. (vol. 1, p. 256-257)



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**(Genealogical Gleanings in England, vol. 2, by Henry F. Waters):** Will of Dame Elizabeth Morgan dated November 28, 1632, “To Nathaniel Browne, her sister’s son, she giveth the benefit of two hundred pounds for and towards his maintenance and bringing up until he be of the age of eight and twenty years ... in the presence of my Lady Wroth and my self, John Machell.” (p. 871) Will of Sir Nathaniel Rich dated December 2, 1635, “I give to Nathaniel Browne, now in New England with Mr. Hooker, the two hundred pounds which by my sister Morgan’s will was bequeathed unto him and fifty pounds more, as my own gift; which two hundred and fifty pounds I would have Mr. Hooker employ during the minority of the said Nathaniel Browne for and towards his education, paying himself for his charges.” (p. 872) “In 1882 the late G. D. Scull, Esq., then residing at Oxford, England, prepared a book entitled ‘Sir William Browne, knight, 1556-1610; and Sir Nathaniel Rich, knight, 1636,’ which he presented to the New-England Historic Genealogical Society. The book, which still remains in manuscript, is before me. Sir Nathaniel Rich was prominent on the patriot side, and was active in American colonial enterprises ... The Nathaniel Browne mentioned in Sir Nathaniel Rich’s will as ‘now in New England with Mr. Hooker,’ is also named in the preceding will of his aunt Lady Morgan. Miss Mary K. Talcott states that he married Dec. 23, 1647, Eleanor, daughter of Richard Watts. In 1654 he removed from Hartford to Middletown, Conn., where he died in 1658. He had sons Thomas died young, Nathaniel of Middletown, John of Middletown, and Benoni. The pedigree at the head of this note is from Mr. Scull’s book.” (p. 874) [**Compiler’s note:** Although the pedigree shows that Nathaniel Brown was the son of Percy Brown, no documentary proof is provided. The pedigree also incorrectly stated that Nathaniel had 10 sons.]

**(One Thousand Years of Hubbard History, by Edward Warren Day, 1895):** “The other daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Watts was Eleanor, who married Dec 23, 1647, (1) Nathaniel Brown, son of Percy Brown of Snelston, Derbyshire, Eng., and nephew of Lady Elizabeth Morgan and Sir John Morgan, Kt., of Chillworth, Surrey, Eng. He came over under the charge of Rev. Thomas Hooker. Eleanor (Watts) Brown then married (2) Jasper Clements of Middletown, b. in England in 1614, d in Middletown in 1678, leaving a handsome bequest for the support of schools. She then married (3) Nathaniel Willett of Hartford and died Sept 28, 1703, leaving Thomas, Nathaniel, John, and Benoni.” (p. 270) [**Compiler’s note:** Elizabeth Watts was not the mother of Eleanor (Watts) Browne, who was identified as daughter-in-law of Widow Watts in Winthrop’s Medical Journal; see below.]

**(SAV):** “WATTS, RICHARD, Hartford, one of the first sett. tho. not orig. purch. liv. on the S. side of the riv. bef. 1640; was f. of William and Thomas. He had also ds. Elizabeth wh. m. George Hubbard of Middletown; and Eleanor, wh. m. 23 Dec.

1647, Nathaniel Brown. His wid. Elizabeth d. in H. 1666, was sec. w. made her will in Feb. of that yr. and her h. had been d. some nine yrs. or more.”

**(MAN):** Will of Richard Watts of Hartford dated October 20, 1653, “It is my will that it be Equally Divided amongst the Children of my Daughter Hubbard & the child of my Daughter Browne ... to my Daughter Browne the whole Charge of her board & the board of her child, her husband & servant, ffrom the Time that her husband went ffrom her toward England Toe the Day of my Death” (vol. 1, p. 160); “Hana, the Daughter of his Daughter Browne, should have a duble portion off the estate” (vol. 1, p. 161); will of Elizabeth Watts of Hartford dated February 28, 1665/6, “Whereas my Husband Richard Watts, Decd” willed that his estate “should be diuided to the Children off his daughter Hubbard then born, and to Hannah Browne ... to my daughter Browne ... to my daughter Hubbard ... to my cousin Hannah Browne ... to my cousin Nathaniel Browne.” (vol. 1, p. 247-248)

**(Moore and Allied Families by L. Effingham DeForest, 1938):** “An action of slander, with damages of twenty pounds, was brought against Thomas Deman by Browne before the Particular Court on September 6, 1655 ... On June 5, 1656, Samuel Marshall, as attorney for ‘Mr. Ball of London’ sued Nathaniel Browne for a debt of sixty pounds. The Court found for the defendant and Marshall asked for a review of the case, and received a verdict of thirty-seven pounds, ten shillings, and costs. At the same session the attorney, as representative of Mr. Thomas Leacock of London, sued Browne for eighteen pounds, and received a verdict of four pounds, four shillings and costs. A third verdict was rendered against Browne for seven pounds, four shillings and costs, in an action of debt brought by Marshall for Dorothy Watson of London.” (p. 157) [**Compiler’s note:** The lawsuits explain why Nathaniel Browne sold his land to his brother-in-law Thomas Watts before his death.]

**(MLR):** On August 5, [no year], “The Whole Land of Master Nath: Browne of Middletowne, with all ye buildinges thereon, and all ye appertinances there unto, belonging, to Thomas Watts of Hartford, for thirty sixe shillings” (vol. 1, p. 372); on June 4, 1669, land of Elenor Clements the wife of Jasper Clements of Middletown recorded, “Land wharon hir hous standeth containing about fiue acres ... buting on mr Stow South and Thomas watts North the high way East & mr stows Land West;” meadow land in the Long meadow containing four acres; swamp in the long meadow swamp which was formerly mr Nath Browns; half the woodland that was laid out to thomas Watts which was formerly mr nathanill Browns on the west side of the Great River; half the bogie meadow which was formerly mr Nathanill browns; ‘These Records ware made after their agreement with Thomas Watts to whom the Wholl Lands Ware mortgaged Which war then Layd out and thus recorded with Thomas Watts consent;’ on January 21, 1679, upland lying on the east side of the Great River giuen to her



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Husband browne containing thirty acres; on April 15, 1685, Isaac Lane enters caution against all the records above written which are recorded to his mother in Law Elenor Willet Sometime the wife of Mr Nathanill Browne.” (vol. 1, p. 72)]

**(Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776):** At a Court of Election held at Hartford on May 17, 1660, “This Court haueing intelligence yt Jasper Clemens being in a probable way to enter into the estate of marriage, and confessing that he had a wife in England, and noth: doth appeare to evidence that she is dead, It is therfore ordered, that the said Jasper and Ellin Browne shalbe forthwith separated, vntil such evidence be procured that may clearly demonstrate that the couent of marriage be dissolued twixt ye said Clemens and his former wife. And the Townsmen of MiddleTowne are required to put this order forthwith in execution.” (vol. 1, p. 351-352)

**(HCCM):** At a Court held at Hartford on December 3, 1663, “This Court haueing considered the Complaynt made against Jasper Clemens & Helena Browne, for there unlawfull Joyneing themselues together doe Judg there so Joyneing themselues together Null, & for there misdemeanor therein fine them forty shilling to the publique Treasurye.” (p. 14) **[Compiler’s note:** Helena Browne is Eleanor (Watts) Browne, widow of Nathaniel Browne.]

**(MAN):** Will of Jasper Clements of Middletown dated October 13, 1677, age about 64 years, “I give to Eleanor my wife ... to Nathaniel Brown 17 acres of Swamp in Long Meadow Swamp, & 15 acres of Upland near the south End of the Town. My two great Lotts on the West side of the Great River I give to Nathaniel Brown & John Brown & Benoni Brown, to be divided equally amongst them ... to Hanna Lane, the younger, 2 Sheep. I give to my wife all my Household Goods of all sorts, only my Will is that after her decease my great Kettle & my Great Chest shall be my cousin Hanna Lane’s. And moreover, I give to my wife all other of my Estate which is not herein mentioned, making her soale Executrix. I freely give to the Benefit of the Schools in Middletown all my Divisions of Land on the East side of the Great River.” (vol. 1, p. 291)

**(MAN):** Will of Capt. Thomas Watts of Hartford dated August 6, 1683, “to my brother Brown’s Children, to Nathaniel, to John, to Benony Brown, to Hannah Lane (the wife of Isaac Lane), I give and bequeath to these four Children of my Brother Brown all my Lands Lying in the bounds of Middletown and £38 more, to be paid out of my other Estate.” (vol. 1, p. 378); will of Elizabeth Watts, widow of Capt. Thomas Watts who died February 25, 1684/5, “to my Cousen Benony Browne my husband’s Cloake and raper that was my brother Brown’s ... to my Sister Willett a pece of new Sarg bought for a peety Coatt ... to my cousin Lanes daughter

Beety a yard of new holan” (vol. 1, p. 377) **[Compiler’s note:** Eleanor (Watts) Browne had married her third husband by this date and was referred to as “Sister Willett”]; Nathaniel Willett of Hartford who died January 4, 1697/8; will dated July 13, 1697; “to my wife the Use of a third part of all my Lands during her natural life. And if she sees fit to live in Hartford, I give her the Use of my House, Barn & Homelott.” (vol. 1, p. 596-597)

**(MLR):** Land of Nathaniel Browne [Junior] recorded, on April 29, 1685, upland given to him by his father-in-law Jasper Clements; on December 27, 1687, land given by his uncle Captn Watts which is the third of Capt Watts right in the homestead which was formerly Mr. Nathaniel Browns [Senior]; on March 17, 1687/8, land bought of his brother Isaac Lane (vol. 1, p. 142); on November 8, 1703, agreement between Nathaniel and John Browne respecting the division of their father Browne's estate (vol. 2, p. 121); on April 28, 1704, Nathaniel Brown of Middletown sold land “it being the just and equall two thirds of that lotment which was layd out for Mr Nathaniell Brown father to ye above Nathaniel.” (vol. 2, p. 132)

**(MLR):** On April 25, 1689, “Nathanill Browne & martha his wife and John Browne & anna his wife & Isaac Lane & hanna his wife all Dwelling in middletowne ... that we Nathanill Browne mason & John Browne taylor & Isaac Lane mason” (vol. 1, p. 141); on April 9, 1697, Isaac Lane and Hannah his wife of Middletown sell to Nathaniel Browne “the Just Third part of alotment of Land in wongog layed out to Mr Nathaniell Brown deceased & which was Lately in ye possession of Capt Thoms watts deceased & conueyed to ye sd Isack Lane & wife Hannah by ye Last will & testament of the sd deseased Capt Thomas Watts” (vol. 1, p. 136); on February 22, 1703/4, land recorded to Isaac Lane included boggie meadow “had by agrement with his brother Nathanll Brown and John Brown out of that Lot that was there father Nathaniell Browns deceased” (vol. 1, p. 61); on December 1, 1704, John Browne of Middletown sold land “it being the just third part of that lottment of land wch was layd out there for Mr. Nathaniell Brown father to said John Brown.” (vol. 2, p. 145)

**(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870 (available at Godfrey Memorial Library, Middletown, Conn.):** On December 30, 1668, “wife of goodman Clements” admitted as member in full communion (p. 4); on January 10, 1668/9, “The children of our sister Clements namely Nathaniel, Thomas, John, Bennoni, Hannah” baptized (p. 5) **[Compiler’s note:** The children of Nathaniel Browne were baptized after his death]; on April 2, 1671, “Hannah Lane daughter of our sister Hannah & Isaack hir husband” baptized (p. 12); on November 7, 1680, “Martha (wife of Nathll) Brown dismist from ye ch of Christ at Guilford (hir dismission red ye Lords day before) was then received” (p. 30); on July 3, 1681, “Elnor (daughter of Nathaniel) Brown (&



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Martha his wife) was baptised” (p. 31); on November 25, 1688, “Hannah (daughter of Jno & Anna) Brown (ye father then owning the covenant)” baptized (p. 37); on January 7, 1693/4, Nathaniel Brown admitted to full communion (p. 44); on June 2, 1695, “Hannah ye wife of Isaack lane” admitted to full communion (p. 46); on September 1, 1696, Nathaniel son of John and Anna Brown baptized (p. 47); on August 21, 1698, Thomas son of John and Anna Brown baptized (p. 51); on October 23, 1698, “Elnor Brown ye daughter of Nathll Brown was admitted to full communion” (p. 52); on August 11, 1700, Martha daughter of John and Anna Brown baptized (p. 54); on February 8, 1701/2, Abigail daughter of John and Anna Brown baptized (p. 57); on December 5, 1703, Mary Brown daughter of Nathaniel Brown admitted to full communion. (p. 60)

**(Winthrop’s Medical Journal; available at Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.; extract available at <http://www.pamsgenealogy.net/Winthrop.htm>):** Treated by Governor John Winthrop Jr. in Middletown on January 11,

1658/9, Hanna Browne, about 8 or 9 y.; Nathaniel Browne 5 y.; Tho. Browne, about 2 y.; Joh. Browne, about 1 y.; children of Ann? Browne daughter in law of Wid. Watts. (p. 390)  
[**Compiler’s note:** Elizabeth Watts was the stepmother of Eleanor (Watts) Browne.]

**For further reading:**

*Moore and Allied Families: The Ancestry of William Henry Moore*, by L. Effingham DeForest (New York, N.Y.: DeForest Publishing, 1938).

“The House of Rich: III. The Nathaniel Browne Family.” by Donald Lines Jacobus, *The American Genealogist*, Vol. 22, No. 3 (Jan. 1946), pp. 157-165; Vol. 22, No. 4 (April 1946), pp. 240-248; Vol. 23, No. 2 (Oct. 1946), p. 101-109. (“The male line became extinct with a great-grandson of the same name who died about 1752. There are, however, numerous descendants in female lines.”)

“Ann Rich, Mother of Nathaniel Browne of Middletown, Conn.” by David L. Greene. *The American Genealogist*, Vol. 60, No. 2 (April 1984), p. 91.

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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)