



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
Samuel Doolittle (1693) /
Mary (Cornwell) Doolittle

Name: Samuel Doolittle

Birth: July 7, 1665, New Haven, Conn. (SAV)

Emigration: Born in Colony of Colony (which merged with the Colony of New Haven in 1664); moved with his parents from New Haven to Wallingford, Conn. in 1670 (SAV); to Middletown after the birth of his second child (MUH).

Death: September 25, 1714, Middletown, Conn. (BCVR)

Occupation & Public Service: On December 26, 1707, inventory of estate of John Cornwall Senior taken by Samuel Doolittle and Zacheus Cande (MAN vol. 2, p. 47).

Marriage: m. Mary Cornwell, abt. 1688, Middletown, Conn. (b. November 20, 1666, Middletown, Conn.; d. November 16, 1742, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of John Cornwell and Martha (Peck) Cornwell (BCVR) [**Compiler's note:** Will of John Cornwall Senior, dated September 17, 1707, "to my son-in-law Samuel Doolittle" (MAN vol. 2, p. 47).]

Parents: Abraham Doolittle (1620-1690) and his second wife Abigail Moss (1642-1710), m. July 2, 1663, New Haven, Conn. Sergeant Abraham Doolittle died in Wallingford on August 11, 1690 at the age of 70. Abigail Moss, daughter of John Moss, was baptized in New Haven, Conn. on April 10, 1642; Abigail Doolittle died in Wallingford on November 15, 1710 in the 69th year of her age (*Families of Ancient New Haven*; Wallingford Vital Records).

Children: (Wallingford Vital Records; BCVR; MLR vol. 1, p. 2)

(1) Jonathan Doolittle, b. August 21, 1689, Wallingford, Conn.; d. 1749, Middletown, Conn.; m. Rebeckah Ranney, January 25, 1726/7, Middletown, Conn. (6 children) [**Compiler's note:** On March 22, 1727/8, Jonathan Doolittle and Rebeckah his wife, daughter of Thomas Ranney [Junior] (MLR vol. 6, p. 152); on January 15, 1749/50, inventory of his estate taken (MAN vol. 3, p. 542).]

(2) Samuel Doolittle, b. August 31, 1691, Wallingford, Conn.; d. July 17, 1736, Palmer, Mass.; m. Jane Wheeler, July 1, 1714, Wallingford, Conn. (8 children) (*Doolittle Family in America*/Doolittle, 1901) [**Compiler's note:** Marriage date given as June 1, 1714 (*Families of Ancient New Haven*), July 1, 1714 (Wallingford Vital Records), and August 1, 1714 (*Doolittle Family in America*/Doolittle, 1901); on December 8, 1716, referred to as Samuel Doolittle of Wallingford, son of Samuel Doolittle of Middletown (MLR vol. 4, p. 12).]

(3) Mary Doolittle, b. November 24, 1693, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m. Solomon Goffe, January 6, 1717/8, Middletown, Conn. (2+ children) [**Compiler's note:** Marriage date given as "Jan. [], 1713" (Wallingford Vital Records), "Jan. 16, 1715" (*Doolittle Family in America*/Doolittle, 1901) and "Jan. 6, 1717/8"

(BCVR); however, on February 1, 1712/3, she was referred to in the Middletown church records as Mary Doolittle, daughter of Samuel Doolittle, and their first child (Zebulon) was born on October 1, 1718 (Wallingford Vital Records).]

(4) Abraham Doolittle, b. September 21, 1695, Middletown, Conn.; d. July 15, 1733, Middletown, Conn.; m. Martha Cornwell, January 6, 1725/6, Middletown, Conn. (6 children) [**Compiler's note:** BCVR mistakenly listed his name as Ephraim; see land records (MLR vol. 1, p. 2); on August 27, 1733, inventory of his estate taken; on March 1, 1743, "Martha Doolittle, alias Martha Marks," administrator of his estate (MAN vol. 3, p. 40).]

(5) Abigail Doolittle, b. April 10, 1697, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m. William Marks, April 15, 1723, Middletown, Conn. (5 children) [**Compiler's note:** Marriage date given in BCVR as April 15, 1723 under the entry for "Marks" and as April 15, 1728 under the entry for "Doolittle;" however, their first child was born December 27, 1725 (BCVR); marriage date given as April 15, 1725 in *Doolittle Family in America*.]

(6) Martha Doolittle, b. April 6, 1699, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m. Daniel Hall, April 20, 1721, Wallingford, Conn. (Wallingford Vital Records) (9 children) [**Compiler's note:** Birth date given as April 6, 1698 in *Doolittle Family in America*, April 6, 1699 in BCVR and "April 6, 169[]" in land records (MLR vol. 1, p. 2); on January 3, 1722/3, referred to as Martha Doolittle of Wallingford, daughter of Samuel Doolittle of Middletown, deceased, now the wife of Daniel Hall of Wallingford (MLR vol. 3, p. 164).]

(7) Hannah Doolittle, b. Oct 29, 1700, Middletown, Conn.; d. September 10, 1738, Middletown, Conn.; m. Stephen Turner, January 16, 1722/3, Middletown, Conn. (8 children) [**Compiler's note:** "[]nah dau. of Samuel & Mary Doolittle" (MLR vol. 1, p. 2); on January 3, 1722/3, referred to as Hannah Doolittle, daughter of Samuel Doolittle, deceased (MLR vol. 4, p. 117).]

(8) Thankful Doolittle, b. June 3, 1702, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 25, 1750, Middletown, Conn.; m. Josiah Bacon, March 3, 1725/6, Middletown, Conn. (5 children) [**Compiler's note:** BCVR mistakenly listed her name as Ruth; however, land records give her name as "[]kfull dau Samuel & Mary Doolittle" (MLR vol. 1, p. 2); BCVR listed the name of Josiah Bacon's wife as Thankful Doonell; "Thankful Bacon, wife of Josiah, died Oct. 25, 1750, age 48 yrs." (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions*, Middletown, Conn.; Washington Street Cemetery, no 711-12, p. 589).]

(9) Joseph Doolittle, b. June 20, 1704, Middletown, Conn.; d. August 6, 1771, Middletown, Conn.; m. Mary Strickland, May 24, 1739, Middletown, Conn. (8 children) [**Compiler's note:** The last three children of Samuel Doolittle waited until their third decade to marry.]

(10) Nathaniel Doolittle, b. January 15, 1706/7, Middletown, Conn.; d. May 21, 1752, Middletown, Conn.; m. Hannah



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Foster, June 10, 1740, Middletown, Conn. (6 children)

(11) Esther Doolittle, b. July 16, 1709, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m. Stephen Wright, January 30, 1745/6, Middletown, Conn. (2 children) [**Compiler's note:** On August 27, 1741, Esther Doolittle admitted to full communion (*Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Conn.*); "Stephen Wright m. Esther Doolittle, Jan. 30, 1745/46, by Rev. William Russel of Middletown" (Wethersfield Vital Records).]

Residence/Property: On September 1, 1693, John Cornell and Martha his wife conveyed to their son-in-law Samuel Doolittle eighty two acres in the boggy meadow quarter bounded south & west on highways east on a landing place and the Little River and north on said Cornell; witnessed by John Hamlin and Daniel Doolittle (MLR vol. 1, p. 143); on June 5, 1696, Mary Hall widow of Deacon John Hall, deceased, with the consent of her son Ebenezer Hubbard conveyed to Samuel Doolittle four acres on the west side of the Connecticut River "in that part commonly called Hornet Bay" (MLR vol. 1, p. 107). [**Compiler's note:** On September 15, 1729, Jonathan Doolittle sold the four-acre lot at Hornet Bay to Willet Ranney (MLR vol. 2, p. 516-517).]

Will: Vol. 2, p. 190-191 (MAN). Will (not dated), to my son Jonathan my home lot and four acres of boggy meadow bought of Ebenezer Hubbard; my daughter Mary shall have the loom and tackling belonging to it; Jonathan to have a double portion and the rest of the children a single portion of land in Middletown and Wallingford (Estate inventory taken October 28, 1714: 364-06-03, i.e., 364 pounds); on December 6, 1714, "This Court appoint Mary Doolittle to be guardian to Thankfull Doolittle, age 12 years, Joseph, 10 years, Nathaniel, 8 years, Esther, 6 years;" on June 4, 1717, "To the widow, to Jonathan, Samuel, Abraham, Nathaniel and Joseph Doolittle, to Mary, the wife of Solomon Goffe, to Abigail, Martha, Hannah, Thankfull and Esther Doolittle."

Burial Location: Unknown

Notes:

(SAV): "DOOLITTLE, ABRAHAM, Boston, went to New Haven 1644, had Sarah; Abraham, b. 12 Feb. 1650; Elizabeth 12 Apr. 1652; Mary, 22 Feb. 1654, wh. perhaps d. young; John, 14 June 1655; the four last bapt. 26 Apr. 1657; Abigail, bapt. 22 May 1659, d. young; these, it is said, were by first w. and the foll. by Abigail Moss, d. of John, m. 2 July 1663, his sec. w.; Samuel, b. 7 July 1665; Joseph, 12 Feb. 1667; Abigail, again, 26 Feb. 1669. He was rep. 1668 and 72, but rem. to Wallingford 1670, there had Ebenezer, a. 1672; Daniel, 1675, beside two ds. perhaps, and certain. Theophilus; and d. 11 Aug. 1690. In his will he names w. Abigail, the seven s. and three ds. Sarah Ebenatha, Elizabeth Brockett, and Abigail, unm. Early it was Dowlittle. The name became common at W."

(*Historic Record and Pictorial Description of the Town of Meriden, Connecticut, by C. Bancroft Gillespie, 1906*): "The vote reads, 'At a Lawful Towne meeting February 19th 1689-90 ye Towne voted that ye Falls Playne shall be cast lots for and laid out according to ye written platform or map ye lots being cast each mans lot as followeth,' etc., etc. The event was considered of such importance that a map was drawn and spread upon the land records the only map ever thus honored by Wallingford ... It will be observed that there is no mention of the place being intended as a village. Indeed, one can hardly avoid the suspicion that perhaps this raffle of lots and laying out of a highway was another case of hopp lots. 'Sam'l Dowlittel had lot 51 on the west side of the highway extending to the hills.'" (p. 65-66)

(*Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870*): On May 31, 1702, Samuel Doolittle admitted to full communion (p. 58); on June 7, 1702, Jonathan, Samuel, Abraham, Mary, Abigail, Martha, Hannah and Thankful, children of Samuel and Mary Doolittle baptized (p. 58); on July 1, 1705, Joseph son of Samuel and Mary Doolittle baptized (p. 63); on August 4, 1706, Mary wife of Samuel Doolittle admitted to full communion (p. 64); on January 19, 1706/7, Nathaniel Doolittle baptized (p. 65); on July 24, 1709, Esther Doolittle baptized (p. 69); on February 1, 1712/3, Mary daughter of Samuel Doolittle admitted to full communion (p. 76); on October 2, 1715, Joseph son of Samuel Doolittle baptized (p. 79); on December 16, 1716, Jonathan Doolittle admitted to full communion (p. 81); on May 31, 1719, Zebulon the son of Mary Doolittle alias Goof was baptized (p. 85); on December 20, 1719, Abigail Doolittle was received to full communion (p. 85); on July 1, 1722, Rubie (Reuben?) of Mary Doolittle was baptised (p. 88); on May 31, 1725, Thankful Doolittle admitted to full communion (p. 92); on January 2, 1725/6, Samuel the son of William Marks Junior baptized (p. 93); on August 27, 1727, Abraham the son of Abraham Doolittle was baptized (p. 96); on September 24, 1727, Josiah the son of Josiah Bacon was baptized (p. 96); on December 31, 1727, Jonathan the son of Jonathan Doolittle was baptized (p. 96); on March 10, 1727/8, Hannah wife of Stephen Turner admitted to full communion (p. 97); on March 5, 1732, "Abraham Doolittle made a confession of the sin of Intemperance which was accepted" (p. 105); on November 12, 1732, Milliscent daughter of Stephen Turner baptized (p. 106); on September 22, 1734, Edward son of Stephen Turner baptized (p. 110); on February 1, 1735/6, Margaret the daughter of William Marks baptized (p. 113); on August 27, 1741, Esther Doolittle admitted to full communion (p. 127).

(MLR): On July 20, 1708, Richard Hubbard of Middletown and Martha his wife, Daniel Doolittle of Wallingford and Hannah his wife and Thankful Cornell, daughters of Sgt. John Cornell, deceased (vol. 2, p. 247). [**Compiler's note:** Daniel Doolittle was the younger brother of Samuel Doolittle; Doolittle brothers married Cornwell sisters.]



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(MLR): On December 8, 1716, Samuel Doolittle of Wallingford in the county of New Haven, son to Samuel Doolittle late of Middletown, deceased conveyed to Joseph Cornwell six acres in the Newfield quarter “it being part of a lotment of land which did belong to the aboue sd Samll Doolittle decd & it descends to the sd Samuel Doolittle by distribution of his sd father's estate” (vol. 4, p. 12); on January 3, 1722/3, Martha Doolittle now wife of Daniel Hall of Wallingford and Hannah Doolittle, daughters of Samuel Doolittle late of Middletown, deceased, quitclaimed to their brother Jonathan Doolittle all their rights to the estate that did belong to their father Samuel Doolittle, “but not to what rights are to come in divisions of land” (vol. 4, p. 117).

(MLR): On November 21, 1728, Mary Doolittle of Middletown, widow and relict of Samuel Doolittle, deceased, with the free consent of her children conveyed to John Sage forty eight acres on the east side of the Connecticut River in the last division of lands, “it being the 220th lot” (vol. 2, p. 485-486)

(*The Doolittle Family in America*, by William Frederick Doolittle, 1901): “The part of M. in which Mr. D. and two of his brothers settled was called Westfield Soc'y. The locality was covered with forests and the land settled on and improved by them has a beautiful waterfall and other natural scenery and the property still belongs to their descendants.” (p. 102)
[Compiler's note: “Mr. D.” referred to Joseph Doolittle, son of Samuel Doolittle.]

For further reading:

The Doolittle Family in America, by William Frederick Doolittle (Cleveland, Ohio: privately printed, 1901.)

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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 Mattabeseck 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)