



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
Samuel Eggleston (1663) /
Sarah (Disbrough) Eggleston

Name: Samuel Eggleston; also spelled Eglestone and Egelston in the records.

Birth: Abt. 1634, Dorchester, Mass. (GMB)

Emigration: Born in Massachusetts Bay Colony; parents moved to Windsor, Conn. abt. 1635.

Death: February 1690, Middletown, Conn. (FFS) [**Compiler's note:** Administration of estate granted on March 5, 1690/1 (MAN vol. 1, p. 442-443).]

Occupation & Public Service: Shoemaker (FFS)

Marriage: m. Sarah Disbrough/Disbrow/Desborough, abt. 1662, Hartford Conn. (b. abt. 1641, Hartford, Conn.; d. abt. 1690, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of Nicholas Disbrow and Mary (Brunson) Disbrow who were early settlers at Hartford. (*Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*, by Lucius Barnes Barbour, 1892) [**Compiler's note:** Inventory of estate of Nicholas Disbrow taken August 31, 1683; the children: Obadiah Spencer's Wife, Samuel Eglestone's Wife, John Kelly's Wife, Robert Floods's Wife. (MAN vol. 1, p. 298); on January 18, 1688/9, Samuel Egelstone Senior and Sarah his wife sold to Mr. Noadiah Russell their four acre house lot bounded south on a highway (MLR vol. 1, p. 88); on July 7, 1689, Ebenezer son of Samuel and Sarah Eggleston baptized (*Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown*, p. 38); however, Sarah was not mentioned in her husband's probate records.]

Parents: Bigod Eggleston (1586-1674) and his second wife (name unknown). Bigod (also spelled Begat, Bigatt, and Biggott in his lifetime) was baptized on February 20, 1586/7 at Settrington, Yorkshire, England; arrived at Dorchester, Mass. in 1630; removed to Windsor, Conn. in 1635; died in Windsor on September 1, 1674. (GMB)

Children: (BCVR; MAN vol. 1, p. 442-443)

(1) Samuel Eggleston, b. March 6, 1662/3, Middletown, Conn.; d. December 24, 1736, Middletown, Conn.; m. Patience Payne, July 8, 1703, Middletown, Conn. (8 children) [**Compiler's note:** On June 8, 1705, Samuel Eggleston and Patience Pain daughter of John Pain deceased now wife of said Eggleston (MLR vol. 2, p. 158); will dated April 13, 1736 of "Samuel Eglestone of Middletown ... being advanced to the age of 73 years." (MAN vol. 3, p. 157-158)]

(2) Thomas Eggleston, b. June 4, 1667, Middletown, Conn.; d. August 27, 1667, Middletown, Conn.

(3) Joseph Eggleston, b. January 24, 1668, Middletown, Conn.; d. January 31, 1668, Middletown, Conn.

(4) Sarah Eggleston, b. October 26, 1670, Middletown, Conn.; d. April 6, 170[8], Middletown, Conn.; m. Daniel Pryor, February 9,

1693, Middletown, Conn. (8 children) [**Compiler's note:** BCVR states death of "Sarah, wife of Daniel" as April 6, 1709, although land records show that "Sarah Prior the Wife of Daniel Prior aboue, sd Departed this life. April 6th 170[]" (MLR vol. 1, p. 12); her husband married his second wife on March 9, 1708/9, so Sarah probably died a year before his remarriage.]

(5) Susannah Eggleston, b. May 19, 1674, Middletown, Conn.; d. January 4, 1701/2, Middletown, Conn.; m. Job Payne, January 11, 1699, Middletown, Conn. (no children)

(6) Nicholas Eggleston, b. December 23, 1676, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown [**Compiler's note:** Nicholas aged 14 in 1690 probate record (MAN vol. 1, p. 442); on June 22, 1715, Nickolas Egelston, deceased, brother to Ebenezer Egelston (MLR vol. 3, p. 264).]

(7) Marcy/Mercy Eggleston, b. July 27, 1679, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m.(1) John Benton, June 10, 1703, Guilford, Conn. (4 children) (*Families of Early Guilford, Connecticut*, by Alvan Talcott, vol. 1, p. 392); m.(2) Joshua Leete, March 6, 1722/3, Guilford, Conn. [**Compiler's note:** On February 3, 1715/6, John Benton of Guilford and Marcy his wife, "our Honored father Samuel Egelston of sd Middletown decd" (MLR vol. 3, p. 265); "Mercy Benton, widow, m. Joshua Leete" (Guilford Vital Records); on March 26, 1728, Joshua Leete and wife Marcy of Guilford, daughter of Samuel Eggleston decd. (MLR vol. 2, p. 465)]

(8) Mary Eggleston, b. abt. 1682, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m. Judah Evarts, September 5, 1706, Guilford, Conn. (4 children) [**Compiler's note:** On January 11, 1732/3, Judah Evarts and Mary his wife of Guilford, daughter of Samuel Eggleston decd. (MLR vol. 5, p. 477)]

(9) Ebenezer Eggleston, b. abt. 1685, Middletown, Conn.; d. 1751, Middletown, Conn.; m. Mary Bennett, June 26, 1711, Middletown, Conn. (9 children) [**Compiler's note:** Estimate of birth year based on father's probate record, "Ebenezer 6 years of age" (MAN vol. 1, p. 442); inventory of estate taken March 18, 1750/1 (*Families of Ancient Windsor, Conn./Stiles*, 1892).]

Property/Residence: On May 18, 1663, five acre homelot bounded south on the highway north on town land west on Andrew Warners east on town land that originally belonged to William Smith; three acres on the north side of the Riverette; five acres in the South Field; ten acres of upland on the east side of the Great River; four acres of wet meadow bought of William Ward bounded south on the landing place by Nathaniel Bacons upland; on February 9, 1666, nine acres on the north side of the Riverette; on February 28, 1667, five acres given him by the town; five acres bought of William Lucas; eight acres in the west field bought of Robert Warner; on January 27, 1671, one acre in the Round Meadow; on January 27, 1672, land of Samuel Eggleston recorded, meadow in the Round Meadow containing twelve acres; four acres bought of William Harris lying at maromush; ten acres of meadow land bought of William Harris which was first given



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by the town to Mr. Nathaniel Browne; on March 18, 1672/3, one hundred thirty four acres lying the Southwest Quarter; on August 20, 1674, ten acres on the east side of the Great River; on January 5, 1676, one hundred seventy two acres lying westward from town; on February 11, 1680/1, one hundred ninety two acres on the east side of the Great River. (MLR vol. 1, p. 34)

Will: Vol. 1, p. 442-443 (MAN). (Estate inventory, 105-15-09, i.e., 105 pounds); the children now living: Samuel age 28, Sarah 21, Susannah 17, Nicholas 14, Mercy 12, Mary 9, Ebenezer 6 years of age; guardian and overseers made choice of are: For Sarah & Nicholas, Ensign Samuel Collins; the others, Susannah, Mary & Ebenezer, request Deacon Daniel Marcum to be their guardian; on March 5, 1690/1, "Adms. to Samuel Eglestone & Deacon Daniel Marcum."

Burial Location: Unknown

Notes:

(CAF): "Samuel Eggleston was from Windsor."

(FFS): "At town meeting in febbieary: 9 1658 thear was granted to the showmacker eagellston appease of meddow that was intended for a shoemaker formerly leying from creacke to creacke buting on the boge meddow as also ahowse lot beyond goodman mellor in cace adoth not by: and if adoth by then to giv him upland ansuarabell to a house lot: and he ingaging to inheabit it seaven year upon it as also doth ingag to indeavour to sut the town in his tread for making and mending shoese;' In 1663 he resided on the North side of St. John's Square. He died in February 1690, probably having survived his wife Sarah. They had nine children."

(SAV): "EGGELSTON, SAMUEL, Middletown, br. of the preced. by w. Sarah had Samuel, b. 6 Mar. 1663; Thomas, 4 June 1667, d. soon; Joseph, 24 Jan. 1669, d. soon; Sarah, 26 Oct. 1670; Susanna, 19 May 1674; Nicholas, 23 Dec. 1676; Mercy, 27 July 1679, Mary, 1681; and Ebenezer, 1684; d. Mar. 1691. In the Hist. of Windsor, 591, some variety in names of the ch. as also of dates, is seen."

(SAV): "EGGLESTON, BAGOT, BIGOD, BIGOT, or BEGAT, with sundry other variat. Dorchester, came, prob. in the Mary and John, ask. adm. 19 Oct. 1630 and was rec. as freem. 18 May foll. rem. with first sett. to Windsor, d. 1 Sept. 1674, 'near 100 yrs. old,' says extrav. tradit. leav. Samuel, and James, both b. bef. he rem. and Thomas, b. 26 Aug. 1638; Mary, 29 May 1641; Sarah, 28 Mar. 1643; Rebecca, 8 Dec. 1644; Abigail, 12 bapt. 18 June 1648; Joseph, bapt. 30 Mar. 1651; and Benjamin, 18 Dec. 1633. The name of his w. is unkn. but the Court rec. of Conn. ment. that he was fin. 20 sh. for bequeath. her to a young man in 1645, wh. (not the fine), must be regard. as joke. Abigail m. 14 Oct. 1669, John Osborn.

(SAV): "DISBROW, DISBOROW, or DESBROUGH, NICHOLAS, Hartford 1639, an early sett. not orig. propr. m. 1640, Mary Brunson, had Phebe, bapt. 20 Dec. 1646; Abigail, b. 1 Feb. 1649, and prob. more; and, after 1669, says Porter, he m. Eliz. wid. of Thwaite Strickland; d. in 1683, aged 71, and left four ds. Mary, m. Obadiah Spencer; one m. Samuel Eggleston; Phebe m. John Kelsey; and Abigail m. Robert Flood. In the yr. of his death, some ridicul. mischief is, by the Magnalia VI. 69, honor. as a tragedy of witchcrat; but Cotton borrow. the nonsense from his f.'s Remarkab. Provid. p. 113. By Col. Rec. of Conn. I. 45, he seems to have been unfortunate in his early relations."

(Coe-Ward Memorial and Immigrant Ancestors, by Levi Elmore Coe, 1897): "Samuel Eggleston, son of Bigot, also an immigrant ancestor, came with his father to Dorchester and Windsor and removed to Middletown, Ct., where he had lands in 1663 and was one of the original proprietors. While in Windsor, 'Samuel Eggleston began to beat the drum to give warning to meetings on the Lord's day, twice in the morning seasonably, and once after dinner; also on lecture days twice, and is to continue for a twelve month following and is to have 10s for his labors.' Nov. 16th, 1652. He died at Middletown 6th Dec., 1686. His wife was Sarah Disbrow, daughter of Nicholas Disbrow of Hartford." [**Compiler's note:** Samuel Eggleston did not die on December 6, 1686; both he and his wife Sarah signed a deed dated January 18, 1688/9 (MLR vol. 1, p. 88).]

(NEHGSR): "Samuel Eggleston (or Egelstone) it is supposed came from Windsor; had lands, March 18, 1663, Vol. 1, p. 34 he m. Sarah ____ . Samuel, born March 6, 1662-3, d. Dec. 24, 1736, m. Patience Payne, 1703; Thomas, b. June 4, 1667, d. Aug. 27, 1667; Joseph, b. Jan. 24, 1668, d. Jan. 31, 1668; Sarah, b. Oct. 26, 1670; Susannah, b. May 19, 1674; Nicholas, b. Dec. 23, 1676; Marcy, b. July 27, 1679." (vol. 14, p. 64-65)

(GFHC): "Eggleston. He died February, 1691. His will was dated December 26, 1686, and his estate was inventoried at one hundred and five pounds, fifteen shillings, nine pence. He married Sarah Disbrough, of Wethersfield, daughter of Nicholas Disbrough. She died in 1683. Children: Samuel, born March 6, 1663, mentioned below; Thomas, June 4, 1667, died August 27, 1667; Joseph, January 24, died January 31, 1668; Sarah, October 26, 1670; Susanna, May 9, 1674; Nicholas, December 23, 1676; Mary, 1678; Mercy, July 27, 1679; Ebenezer, July 7, 1689." [**Compiler's note:** Samuel Eggleston's will was not dated December 26, 1686; that was the date his son Samuel recorded land in Middletown (MLR vol. 1, p. 48); Sarah did not die in 1683 since she signed a deed dated January 18, 1688/9 (MLR vol. 1, p. 88).]

(Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776): On May 20, 1658, "These prsons vnderwritten were made free, before the Court ... Sam: Eggleston ..." (vol. 1, p. 315)

(Winthrop's Medical Journal, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.): Sarah Eggleston, 27 years, wife of Sam.



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Eggleston of Middletown was treated on March 12, 1668 by Governor John Winthrop Jr. (p. 880)

(HMC): The names of the proprietors of Middletown with their estates, taken March 22th 1670 included Samuel Egellstone with a value of £55. The list of the estates of the inhabitants of Middletown taken in 1673 included Samuel Egelstone with a value of £55. "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 Samll Egellstone for the amount of ten shillings.

(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870): On May 23, 1669, Samuel Eggleston Senior admitted to full communion, "Goodman Eggleston was recommended to us by ye elders of the church of xt at Windsor." (p. 7); on October 30, 1670, Sarah, daughter of Samuel Eggleston baptized (p. 11); on May 10, 1674, Susannah daughter of Samuel and Sarah Eggleston baptized (p. 20); on December 24, 1676, Nicolas son of Samuel Eggleston baptized (p. 24); on July 27, 1679, Mar[c]ly Eggleston baptized (p. 29); on February 5, 1681/2, Mary Eggleston baptized (p. 32); on July 7, 1689, Ebenezer son of Samuel and Sarah Eggleston baptized (p. 38); on November 15, 1696, "Sarah & Anna ye children of Sarah Eaglestone alias Pryar ye wife of Danll Pryar baptised, Sarah Pryar & her sister Susanna Eaglestone then owning ye covenant" (p. 49-50); on October 6, 1700, Sarah wife of Daniel Pryor admitted to full communion (p. 55); on April 12, 1719,

Samuel Egglestone [Junior] and his wife admitted to full communion (p. 84); on November 14, 1725, "Samuel Eggleston and his wife being formerly of this ch and dismissed to the East Ch in Middletown were now received again by a letter of dismission from thence" (p. 93).

(MLR): On March 18, 1672/3, Samuel Egelstone of Middletown in consideration of twenty pounds conveyed to Thomas Barnes Senior of New Haven one hundred thirty four acres lying in the Southwest quarter. (vol. 1, p. 90)

(MLR): On January 31, 1681, Samuel Egglestone conveyed to William Harris four acres of boggy meadow bounded west on the west river east on the swamp north on William Chenys meadow and south on the landing place by Nathaniel Bacons upland; nine acres on the north side of the riverette; twelve acres of round meadow. (vol. 2, p. 72)

(MAN): On December 20, 1686, land recorded to Samuel Egglestone Jr., "One parcel given him by his father Samuel Egglestone, lying in the West Field, containing 8 acres & 2-3 of an acre, abutting on the Swamp East, on undivided Land West, on John Stone's Land North and Benajah Stone's Land South; and 1/2 of his Meadow at Maramarsh, beginning southwest on that Meadow which his Father bought of William Harris, which was formerly William Smith's half of all the Meadow, 1/2 of the Upland belonging in the sd. Egglestone at the Farm; all these Lands the sd. Egglestone giveth to his sd. Son Samuel, and this for his son Samuel's portion of Estate, not being engaged to give his son any more portion." (vol. 1, p. 442-443)

(MLR): On May 17, 1688, Ensign William Ward, Thomas Ranney and John Hall Senior being empowered by the

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)



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proprietors of Middletown conveyed to Samuel Eggleston Senior and Samuel Eggleston Junior in consideration of the sum of thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence: one hundred sixty acres on the west side of the Great River lying at a place called Maromush. (vol. 1, p. 80)

(MLR): On February 20, 1689/90, John Bacon recorded land in the Great Lots bought of Samuel Egellston senior containing one hundred ninety two acres. (vol. 1, p. 63)

(MLR): On February 10, 1694/5, Samuel Egglestone of Middletown, son and heir of Samuel Egglestone, deceased, “for the fulfilling & compleating of A Written bargain made between the said Samll Egglestone of midletown dseased and Will Roggers of Gilford Glasior, also deceased as more fully Appears by an agreement signed and witnessed the fourth day of Desembr in the yeare one thousand six hundred Eighty & three: for & in consideration of a hors Reseued by the sd Samll Egglestone” confirmed unto Josiah Rosseter, administrator of the estate of said Will Rogers, land lying west of Middletown containing ninety four acres. (vol. 1, p. 134)

(MLR): On September 9, 1700, Samuel Eggleston conveyed to his brother in law Daniel Pryor four acres of land lying in Moromas plain (vol. 3, p. 116); on June 22, 1715, Samuel

Eggleston of Middletown conveyed to his brother Ebenezer Eggleston his rights “to two certain parts of a ffarm ... att a place called & known by the name of Maromuck ... that was sett out to & of right would have belonged to Nickolas Eggleston & Susannah deceased brother & sister to the above saids ... plainly specified butted & bounded by Record to their deceased father Samll Eggleston” (vol. 3, p. 264); on February 3, 1715/6, John Benton and Marcy his wife and Judah Evarts and Mary his wife, all of Guilford, conveyed “to our brother Ebenezer Eggleston of Midletown” land “at a place commonly called Moromas it being formerly the Lands of our Honored father Samuel Eggleston of sd Middletown Decd.” (vol. 3, p. 265); on March 26, 1728, Joshua Leete and Marcy his wife and Judah Evarts and Mary his wife, all of Guilford, quitclaimed to Daniel Pryer all rights in the northwest or western division in the township of Middletown which they might have “for that the sd Mercy and Mary are Daughters of Samuel Eggleston Late of Middletown Decd.” (vol. 2, p. 465); on February 14, 1732/3, Ebenezer Eggleston and Daniel Pryer Junr quitclaimed to John Bartlet their rights in land “originally Samuel Egglestones father of that sd Ebenezer & Grand father of ye sd Daniel Pryer; ye sd Ebenezer conveys or quit claims to his own proper Right ye sd Daniel Pryer to his mothers Right & her sisters Marcy & Mary Daughters of the said Samll Egglestone Deceased” (vol. 5, p. 462-463).

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