



## ***In-Depth First Settler Profile:*** ***John Hall, Jr. (1650) / Ann (Wilcox) Hall***

**Name:** John Hall, Jr.

**Birth:** About 1619, Kent, England (The Halls of New England/Hall, 1883)

**Emigration:** To Boston/Roxbury before 1635; to Hartford 1636; to Middletown in 1652.(FFS)

**Death:** January 22, 1694, Middletown, Conn.(MVR, BCVR)

**Occupation & Public Service:** Carpenter. "In 1669 he was chosen master builder of the new meeting house. In 1658 he made a canoe for the town ferry, for which he was paid in corn. He was appointed to keep the ordinary, or tavern, was schoolmaster, and on committees to seek for a minister for the town and to complete the parsonage house."(FFS). Town clerk 1672-1689(SAV). Sealer of measures, constable, rate maker, townsman, deputy to General Court in 1653.(FFS)

**Marriage:** m.(1) Ann Wilcox, June 24, 1651, Middletown, Conn. (b. about 1616, England; d. July 20, 1673, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of John Wilcox & Mary (Farnsworth) Wilcox of Hartford (*Wilcox/Wilcoxson Families of New England and Their Descendants*/Martha Scott Osborne, 1993); m.(2) Mary (unknown surname) Hubbard, Oct. 1, 1674, Middletown, Conn.(MVR, BCVR)

**Parents:** John Hall, Sr. (1584-1673) & Esther Willicke (1590-1633) of England, Boston, Mass., Hartford, Conn., & Middletown, Conn. (The Halls of New England/Hall, 1883)

**Children:** (1) One child with Mary Wilcox, a daughter who died in infancy. (*The Halls of New England*/Hall, 1883)

**Residence/Property:** "His house was on his father's home lot of which he occupied four acres." (*The Halls of New England*/Hall, 1883) (Compiler's Note: His house lot was located on the northeast corner of what is now Main and Washington Sts., Middletown.)

**Will:** "He made a will in which he gave his property to his widow, her Hubbard children, and his nephews and great nephews that were named for him."(FFS) Vol. 1, p. 458 (MAN). (Estate inventory, February 14, 1694/5: 345-01-00, i.e. 345 pounds)

**Burial Location:** Riverside Cemetery, Middletown, Conn. (NEHGS Register, Vol. 11, Jan. 1857, p. 80-83; Vol. 15, April 1861, p. 161-167)

### **Notes:**

(FFS): "John Hall, Jr. was one of the ten males who organized the first church in 1668, and two years later was chosen one of the Deacons."

(SAV): "JOHN, Middletown, s. of John of the same, b. in Eng. rep. 1653, m. 1 Oct. 1674, Mary Hubbard, wid. of Thomas, had only ch. wh. d. young; was town clk. 1672-89; deac. and d. 22 Jan. 1695, in 75th yr. without ch. leav. lands to Ebenezer H. s. of his w. and other large prop. to two nephs. and a gr. neph. all nam. John."

### **For further reading:**

*The Halls of New England, Genealogical and Biographical*, by Rev. David B. Hall, (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell's & Sons, 1883).

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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)