



## ***In-Depth First Settler Profile:*** ***Richard Hall (1650) / Mary (Anthony) Hall***

**Name:** Richard Hall

**Birth:** About 1620, Kent, England (*The Halls of New England/Hall*, 1883)

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

**Death:** March 27, 1691, Middletown, Conn.(MVR, BCVR)

**Occupation & Public Service:** "Richard Hall was a weaver by trade" (*The Halls of New England/Hall*, 1883). Surveyor of highways, packer/culler of staves, townsman.(FFS)

**Marriage:** m. Mary Anthony, February 11, 1645, Hartford, Conn. (b. about 1621, Hampstead, England; d. March 30, 1691, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of John Anthony & Mary Wiggs of London, England.(MVR, BCVR)

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

**Children** (MVR, Land Records, vol. 1, page 27; BCVR):

(1) Mary Hall, b. Abt. 1646, Middletown, Conn.; d. Aft. 1691, Middletown, Conn.; m.(1) Anthony Martin, March 7, 1658, Middletown, Conn. (4 children); m.(2) John Payne, August 6, 1676, Middletown, Conn. (3 children)

(2) John Hall, b. September 20, 1648, Middletown, Conn.; d. November 25, 1711, Middletown, Conn.; m.(1) Elizabeth

Cornwell, about 1674, Middletown, Conn. (one child); m.(2) Esther Hamlin (? children).

(3) Jane Hall, b. March 1652/3, Middletown, Conn.; d. about 1724; m. John Elton, about 1671, Middletown, Conn. (6 children)

(7) Sarah Hall, b. May 16, 1654, Middletown, Conn.; d. December 16, 1726, Middletown, Conn.; m. John Blake. (9 children)

(4) Richard Hall, b. June, 1656, Middletown, Conn.; d. May 30, 1676 (killed by Indians in King Philip's War, Hadley, Mass.)

(5) Samuel Hall, b. September 1658, Middletown, Conn.; d. March 24, 1740, Middletown; m.(1) Abigail (Hall), about 1678, Middletown, Conn.; m.(2) Phebe Ward, December 6, 1683, Middletown, Conn. (one child)

(6) Anna Hall, b. March 20, 1661, Middletown, Conn.; d. August 26, 1746; m. Edward Durant, about 1701. (2 children)

**Residence/Property:** "... lived on the west side of Main Street, between Court and College Streets." (FFS) "His home lot containing five acres was situated on the north side of Main street and is a strip of land extending between Court and College streets to High street." (*The Halls of New England/Hall*, 1883)

**Will:** Vol. 1, p. 458 (MAN). (Estate inventory, April 2, 1691: 432-11-00, i.e. 432 pounds)

**Burial Location:** Unknown, but most likely in Riverside Cemetery, Middletown, Conn., where many of the earliest grave markers do not survive.

### ***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)



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**Notes:**

(SAV): "RICHARD, Middletown, s. of John, of the same, b. in Eng. by w. Mary had Mary; John, b. 20 Sept. 1648; Jane, Mar. 1653; Sarah, May 1654; Richard, June 56; Samuel, Sept. 1658; and Ann, 20 Nov. 1661; d. 27 Mar. 1691, l his w. d. three days after. In his will of 11 Jan. preced. he calls . "a. 71 yrs. of age." Richard, his s. was a soldier, k. in Philip's war, at Hatfield, 30 May 1676; Mary m. 11 Mar. 1661, Anthony Martin; Sarah m. 1673, John Blake."

***(The Halls of New England, Genealogical and Biographical, by Rev. David B. Hall, (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell's & Sons, 1883):*** "RICHARD HALL, b. in England in 1620; d. in Middletown, March 27, 1691. In his will, made Jan. 11, 1691, he said he was then 71 years old; m. Mary (???) she came with him in the fall of 1650, from Hartford to Middletown; she died March 30, 1691, only three days after the death of

her husband. Richard Hall was a weaver by trade. He was a large land-holder, had lands recorded June 9, 1654. His home lot containing five acres was situated on the north side of Main street and is a strip of land extending between Court and College streets to High street. He gave his estate, inventoried at 432, as follows: to his son John his house and home lot; to his son Samuel the house he built for his son John on High street; to his daughter Mary his Western street range of lots at Westfield; to his daughter Sarah Blake seven and one-half acres wood lot; and to daughter Anna 10. The names of his children were: 1. Mary, b. 1646; m., March 10, 1665, Anthony Martin. 2. John, b. Sept. 20, 1648. 3. Jane, b. March, 1653. 4. Sarah, b. May, 1654 . 5. Richard, b. June, 1656; killed May 30, 1676, by the Indians at Hadley in King Philip's war. 6. Samuel, b. Sept., 1658. 7. Anna or Amy, b. March 20, 1661."

**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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