



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
John Martin (1650) /
Mistress (unknown surname) Martin

Name: John Martin

Birth: Unknown date & location

Emigration: Unknown origin; to Middletown by November 8, 1652.(FFS)

Death: Unknown, possibly by March 1652/3 (FFS; see below)

Occupation & Public Service: “At a meeting November 8, 1652, John Martin was chosen the Town constable. In the early days of the Colony, it was the custom for the Constable of each town to take the oath of office at a session of the Particular Court, generally in March following the election. There is no record of Martin's being sworn, but in March 1652/3, Thomas Whitmore was sworn as the Constable for Mattabeseck, from which it is inferred that Martin had died and that Whitmore was chosen to fill the vacancy.”(FFS)

Marriage: m. Mistress (unknown surname) Martin, date & location unknown. “In March 1654, Mistress Martin is one of the persons whose names appear on the record regarding the

building of the meadow fence. From this date there is no mention of either Martin or his wife, and it is not known whether they left any children.”(FFS)

Parents: Unknown

Children: Unknown (FFS)

Residence/Property: Unknown

Will: There is no record of a will for John Martin in Manwaring's *Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records*.

Burial Location: Unknown

Notes:

(CAF): “What became of John Martin is not known.” (Field, pg. 144)

Compiler's Note: There may be some relationship between first settler John Martin and a slightly later arrival, Anthony Martin. Anthony Martin (1637-1673) settled in Middletown by 1660, when he married Mary Hall, daughter of first settler Richard Hall, and was later listed as a town proprietor on the 1670 list.(HMC) Among their children was a son named John Martin. Anthony Martin was a son of Samuel Martin (1613-1683), at various times of New Haven, Wethersfield, and Hartford, Conn.(SAV)

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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)