



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
Noadiah Russell (1688) /
Mary (Hamlin) Russell

Name: Reverend Noadiah Russell

Birth: July 22, 1659, New Haven, Conn. (NEHGS vol. 9, p. 362)

Emigration: Born in New Haven Colony; to Cambridge, Mass. about 1677 to attend Harvard College; to Ipswich, Mass. in 1683 to teach school; to Middletown, Conn. in 1687. (*Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, vol. 2, p. 324; NEHGS vol. 6, p. 69; SAV)

Death: December 3, 1713, Middletown, Conn. (BCVR)

Occupation & Public Service: Pastor of the Church of Christ, Middletown, Conn.; will of Martha Allyn dated April 30, 1690, "I request our faithfull Pastor Mr. Noadiah Russell to be one of my Overseers." (MAN vol. 1, p. 396); on May 12, 1692, Court appointed Mr. Wm. Pitkin, Mr. Tim: Woodbridge, and Mr. Noadiah Russell to meet with the people of East Windsor concerning their wish for a minister (*Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, vol. 4, p. 71); General Assembly listed names of reverend elders, including Mr Noadiah Russell, to help the town of Farmington find a new minister (*Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, vol. 4, p. 383); will of Rev. Samuel Stow dated August 13, 1702, "I intreat my friends, Mr. John Hamlin, Rev. Mr. Noadiah Russell and my kinsman, Rev. Mr. James Pierpoint of New Haven, to be overseers." (MAN vol. 2, p. 120); will of John Cornwall Senior dated September 17, 1707, "I desire Mr. John Hamlin and Mr. Noadiah Russell to be overseers." (MAN vol. 2, p. 47-48)

Marriage: m. Mary Hamlin, February 20, 1689/90, Middletown, Conn. (b. February 11, 1662, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 4, 1743, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of Giles Hamlin and Ester/Hester (Crow) Hamlin of Hartford and Middletown, Conn. (*SMFSD In-Depth First Settler Profile: Giles Hamlin.*)

Parents: William Russell (1612-1664) and Sarah Davis, daughter of William and Martha Davis of New Haven, Conn. William Russell, ship's carpenter, was first mentioned in the New Haven records in 1639, living on Water Street. (*History of the Colony of New Haven*, by Edward E. Atwater, 1902); inventory of his estate taken November 28, 1664. (NEHGS vol. 81, p. 132)

Children: (BCVR)

(1) Reverend William Russell, b. November 30, 1690, Middletown, Conn.; d. June 1, 1761, Middletown, Conn.; m. Mary Pierpoint, August 19, 1719, New Haven, Conn. (9 children) [**Compiler's note:** He graduated Yale College in 1709 and was ordained on June 1, 1715, succeeding his father in Middletown; died at age 71 after a ministry of forty-six years. (*Biographical*

Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College, by F. B. Dexter, 1885); "The Revd Mr William Russel, a man of God, eminent for Wisdom, Prudence and Morality, having served his Generation by the Will of God, a Tutor and Fellow of Yale College, & Pastor of the first church in Middletown, died June 1st, A.D. 1761, ae. 71, Ny. 46. He fought a good fight, He kept the Faith." (NEHGS vol. 15, p. 167); BCVR lists his date of death as January 1.]

(2) Noadiah Russell, b. August 8, 1692, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 20, 1725, East Middletown, Conn.; m. Desire Cooper, February 23, 1720/1, Middletown, Conn. (3 children) [**Compiler's note:** "Noadiah, son of Rev. Noadiah Gussoll, [sunk]." (Cemetery Transcriptions from the NEHGS Manuscript Collections; Old Cemetery, Portland, Conn.); on September 30, 1741, "Noadiah Russell, 18 years of age, son of Noadiah Russell, [and grandson of Noadiah Russell] chose his uncle Rev. William Russell to be his guardian." (MAN vol. 2, p. 566)]

(3) Giles Russell, b. December 8, 1693, Middletown, Conn.; d. January 13, 1711/12, Middletown, Conn. (died young) [**Compiler's note:** BCVR lists date of birth as November 8; however he was baptized on December 10. "Here lies the Body of Giles Russell, born Decembr 8th, 1693, Deceased Jany 13th, 1711, aged 18." (NEHGS vol. 15, p. 167)]

(4) Mary Russell, b. December 30, 1695, Middletown, Conn.; d. February 27, 1722/3, Middletown, Conn. (unmarried) [**Compiler's note:** "Here lies the Body of Mrs Mary, Daughter of the Rev. Mr Noadiah Russel, who died Feb 27, 1722/3. In the 27th year of Her Age." (NEHGS vol. 15, p. 167); inventory of estate of Mrs. Mary Russell taken February 28, 1725; on March 1, 1725/6, Adms. to Mr. William Russell, brother of sd. decd; on July 18, 1727, distribution to Mr. William Russell, heirs of Mr. Noadiah Russell, Mr. John Russell, Mr. Daniel Russell, Mrs. Mehetabell Russell, and Mrs. Hannah Russell." (MAN vol. 2, p. 566); "Mrs." used as a sign of respect.]

(5) John Russell, b. July 6, 1697, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 17, 1780, Middletown, Conn. (no record of marriage; no mention of children in probate record). [**Compiler's note:** Will dated May 30, 1772, to John Russell son of nephew Noadiah Russell of Chatham; to John Russell son of Nathaniel Russell of Stepney; to John Russell son of nephew Samuel Russell; to sister Mehitable Deming; to sister Hannah wife of Samuel Sacket of New Haven (Probate Files Collection, Early to 1880, Middletown District, John Russell, Case no. 2849); "In Memory of Mr John Russel, who died Oct. 17th, 1780, In the 84th year of his Age." (NEHGS vol. 15, p. 167)]

(6) Esther Russell, b. August 14, 1699, Middletown, Conn.; d. March 27, 1720, Middletown, Conn. (unmarried) [**Compiler's note:** BCVR lists date of birth as August 14; baptized on August 20. "Here Lies ye Body of Esther, Daughter of ye Rd Noadiah Russell, who was Born August 20, 1699, & Died March 27th, 1720, in the 21st year of Her Age." (NEHGS vol. 15, p. 167)]



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(7) Reverend Daniel Russell, b. June 3, 1702, Middletown, Conn.; d. September 16, 1764, Wethersfield, Conn.; m.(1) Lydia Stillman, November 13, 1728, Wethersfield, Conn. (10 children); m.(2) Catharine Chauncey, July 29, 1752, Wethersfield (no children). [**Compiler's note:** On October 9, 1723, Daniel Russell of Middletown now student of Yale College (MLR vol. 4, p. 183-184); he graduated Yale College in 1724 and was ordained in Stepney Parish, Wethersfield, Conn. on June 7, 1727 (*Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College*, by F.B. Dexter, 1885)]

(8) Mehetabel Russell, b. May 27, 1704, Middletown, Conn.; d. January 6, 1784, Wethersfield, Conn.; m. Daniel Deming, Jr., November 19, 1729, Wethersfield, Conn. (4 children)

[**Compiler's note:** "Mehetabell, daughter of Rev. Noadiah Russell, of Middletown, married Daniel Deming" (Wethersfield Vital Records); "In memory of Mrs. Mehitabel Deming, who died 6 Jan 1784, in the 80 Year of her Age. She was the Widow of Mr. Daniel Deming of this Town, who died at Sea on ye 23d of Apr 1748, in ye 39th Year of his Age." (Wethersfield Inscriptions/Tillotson, 1899)]

(9) Hannah Russell, b. February 23, 1705/6, Middletown, Conn.; d. June 5, 1791, North Haven, Conn.; m.(1) Joseph Pierpont, abt. 1728, New Haven, Conn. (10 children); m.(2) Samuel Sackett, August 5, 1752, New Haven, Conn. (NEHGSR vol. 75, p. 90). [**Compiler's note:** She was referred to as Hannah Russell in a 1727 land deed (MLR vol. 2, p. 412) and as Hannah Pierpont in a 1728 deed (MLR vol. 2, p. 484)]

Residence/Property: On January 18, 1688/9, Samuel Egelston sold to Mr. Noadiah Russell his four acre house lot bounded south on a highway north on Deacon Thomas Allyn east on John Hurlbut and west on Widow Adams (MLR vol. 1, p. 88); on July 21, 1691, John Hall sold to Noadiah Russell, minister of the gospel in Middletown, six acres in the little meadow on the south side of the Riverlet (MLR vol. 1, p. 41); on December 22, 1691, land of Mr. Noadiah Russell recorded, six acres given him by the town for a "pastuer" lying on the east side of the west river; ten acres of swamp land on the north side of the ferry river; on March 1, 1692/3, fifty acres given him by the town lying near hope swamp; on June 12, 1693, seven acres lying in the west field (MLR vol. 1, p. 115); on September 30, 1695, John Hall sold him five acres on the west side of Indian Hill (MLR vol. 1, p. 105); on September 11, 1696, William Thompson sold him twenty acres formerly belonging to Henry Cole which he bought of Samuel Cole (MLR vol. 1, p. 104); on May 19, 1703, Samuel Ayers sold him twelve acres north of the ferry river (MLR vol. 2, p. 202); on March 31, 1704, James Stanclift and John Thomas sold him thirteen acres lying on the east side of the Great River (MLR vol. 2, p. 130)

Will: Vol. 2, p. 284-285 (MAN). (Estate inventory taken 1714: 845-05-06, i.e., 845 pounds) Legatees: Mary Russell, widow;

William Russell, eldest son; Noadiah, Mary, John, Daniel, Mabell and Hannah Russell; on October 10, 1720, "This Court appoint William Russell guardian to his brother Daniel Russell, a minor, 19 years of age, he desiring the same."

Burial Location: Riverside Cemetery, Middletown, Conn., "Here Lies the Body of the Mr Noadiah Russell, Minister of the Gospel in Middletown, who having lived his Generation by the Will of God, fell asleep Decr 3d, 1713, on ye 55th year of his age." "Here Lies the Body of Mrs Mary Russel, Wife of the Rd Mr Noadiah Russel, and a Mother in Israel, who died October 4th, 1743, in the 81st year of Her Age. The memory of the Just is Blessed." (NEHGSR vol. 15, p. 167)

Notes:

(CAF): "The second pastor was Rev. Noadiah Russell. He was one of the founders and trustees of Yale College, and one of the framers of Saybrook Platform, and of course held high rank among his brethren. Two of his sons, William and Daniel, were educated at the seminary which he had assisted in founding, and became ministers of the gospel."

(SAV): "RUSSELL, NOADIAH, Middletown, s. of William of New Haven; in a few wks. after ent. at coll. the Gen. Ct. of Conn. conclud. that it was 'more advantag. for the said N. that his ho. and ld. be sold, and the pay rec. be improv. for the bring. of him up in Coll. learn. than to leave his learn. and enjoy his ho. and lad. he being likely to prove a useful instrument in the wk. of God,' permit the sale of est. 'let him by his gr.f. and f.' Trumbull Col. Rec. II. 323. After Oct. 1683, he prepar. the Cambridge Almanac, 1684, taught the gr. sch. at Ipswich, until the end of Feb. 1687, then went to M. and was ord. 24 Oct. 1688, being Wednesday, the usual day of the week for such solemnit. Was one of the founders of Yale Coll. He m. 20 or 28 Feb. 1690, Mary, d. of Giles Hamlin, Esq. had William, b. 1690; Noadiah, 1692; Giles, 1693; Mary, 1695; John 1697; Esther, Daniel, 1702, Mehitabel, 1704; and Hannah, 1705; and of the value of his serv. we may be instructed by the doleful verses reprint. in the M. newspaper. of 7 Feb. 1854. Of the ch. we learn by Field's Statist. Acco. of Middlesex, 44, that the eldest and the youngest, William, and Daniel, were min. bred at Yale, of wh. the former succeed. his f. at M. 1 June 1715, and d. 1 June 1761."

(SAV): "RUSSELL, WILLIAM, New Haven, bapt. in Eng. 11 Oct. 1612, by w. Sarah, d. of William Davis, had Samuel, bapt. 16 Feb. 1645; Hannah, b. 29 July, bapt. 4 Aug. 1650; John, 10 Nov. 1653, d. young; and Noadiah, 22, bapt. 24 July 1659 (not as print. in Geneal. Reg. IX. 362, 25 July, wh. was Monday), H. C. 1681. His w. d. 3 Dec. 1664, and he d. next yr. tho. by one rept. he d. 24 Dec. 1664, and she soon aft. Hannah m. 21 Nov. 1670, Samuel Potter of Wallingford, and rem. soon to New Jersey."

(SAV): "HAMLIN, GILES, Middletown 1650, m. 1655, Esther, d. of John Crow of Hartford, had John, b. 14 Dec. 1658; Giles, 13 Aug. 1666; William, 3 Feb. 1669; and Richard, whose date may be next to John; ds. Mehitabel, or Mable, b.



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17 Nov. 1664, who m. Samuel Hooker; Esther, b. 15 Dec. 1655, m. Oct. 1673, William Southmayd; and Mary, 11 Feb. 1663, m. 20 Feb. 1690, Rev. Noadiah Russell; was rep. 1666, and nearly every yr. to 1684, assist. 1685 till he d. 1 Sept. 1689, aged 67. He perhaps own. ships and command. in the John and James at Barbados, Aug. 1679. See Geneal. Reg. VIII. 206. Field, 49, gives the inscript. on his monum. His wid. d. 25 Aug. 1700, aged 72. To a fam. tradit. that he was br. of James Hamblen, and went with him to Barnstable, bef. sett. at M. I sec no reason for attach. any credit.”

(GFHC): “Rev. Noadiah Russell, son of William Russell, was born July 22, 1669, and graduated from Harvard College in the class of 1681. He was for a time a tutor at Harvard and was one of the ten founders of Yale College and one of the original trustees from 1701 to 1713, one of the framers of the famous ‘Saybrook Platform,’ and was pastor of the First Church in Middletown, Connecticut, for twenty-five years, until his death. It was written of him: ‘he was accounted a man of weight and wisdom throughout the colony.’ Such was his faithfulness and ability that the church immediately after his death summoned his son William to succeed him as pastor. He married Mary, daughter of Hon. Giles Hamlin, who came from England, and was one of the first settlers and principal proprietors of Middletown.”

(MUH): “On Oct. 24, 1688, the Rev. Noadiah Russell was ordained. He was a native of New Haven, and a graduate of Harvard College. During his pastorate of twenty-five years, 180 persons were admit[t]ed to the church, a fair proportion of whom were from the Upper Houses. He outlived the last survivor of the early settlers, Thomas Ranney, but died later in the same year.”

(NEHGSR): Will of William Davis of New Haven, dated August 18, 1659, “to daughter Sarah Russell and her husband Wm. Russell, and to their children Hannah and Noadiah.” Will of Martha Davis of New Haven, widow, dated August 20, 1662, to grandson Noadiah Russell “threescore pounds for bringing him up in learning.” (vol. 81, p. 123)

(NEHGSR): Will of William Russell of New Haven, dated October 24, 1664, “Bequeaths to son Noadiah and to daughter Hannah. Henry and Ellen Glover are to be guardians of children and administrators of estate till children come of age.” (vol. 81, p. 131)

(A Statistical Account of the County of Middlesex, in Connecticut, by David Dudley Field, 1819): “Mr. Russell was born at New Haven and left an orphan, with an elder sister, when about a year old, but through the friendship and benevolence of Mrs. Elin Glover he was publicly educated. Where he was brought up is unknown, but it is not improbable at Ipswich, in Massachusetts, as he became a member of the church in that place and was thence recommended to the church in

Middletown. Concerning his character, no particular information has been obtained, but as he was one of the founders and trustees of Yale College, and one of the framers of Saybrook platform, he must have held a respectable rank among his brethren. He deceased in 1713. Two of his sons, viz., William and Daniel, were educated at the seminary he had assisted in founding and governing ... Both became ministers of the gospel. Daniel settled in the parish of Stepney in Wethersfield, and William succeeded his father in the congregation in Middletown June 1, 1715.” (p. 48-49)

(Sibley’s Harvard Graduates, by John Langdon Sibley, Massachusetts Historical Society, 1885): “Rev. Noadiah Russell, M. A., of Middletown, Connecticut, born 22 and baptized 24 (not 25) July, 1659, and left an orphan, with an elder sister, when about a year old, was son of William Russell, of New Haven, who died in 1664 or 1665, and Sarah, sister of John Davis, H. U. 1651. His father designated by will the person to be his guardian, and requested “that his son be devoted to God in the way of learning, being likely to prove a useful instrument in the good work of the ministry.” (p. 216-222)

(Sibley’s Harvard Graduates, by John Langdon Sibley, Massachusetts Historical Society, 1885): “October 16, 1677, just after he entered college, the General Court of Connecticut, ‘upon the motion of those betruisted in the management of the estate of Noadiah Russell, that was left him by his grand father and father, they haueing expended considerable of his estate in bringing of him up in learning, and he being now at the Colledg and not in a capacity to proceed in learning without his houseing and land in New Haven be sold for his maintenance ... doe judg that it will be more advantagious for the sd Noadiah that his house and land be sold, and the pay receiued be improued for the bringing of him up in Colledg learning, than to leaue his learning and injoy his house and land, he being likely to proue a usefull instrument in the work of God; and therefore doe ... giue the executors ... full power to make sale of his house and lands for the ends afoarsayd.’ May 13, 1678, ‘This Court grants the Widow Osborn liberty to transport to Boston thirty two hides annually for three years next following, prouided the hides be disposed for the payment of a purchass she hath made of a house and land which did belong to Noadiah Russell, the money being for his maintenance at colledge.’ Another authority states that Russell, ‘by the great care of Mrs. Ellen Glover, his distinguished friend and patroness, was educated at Harvard College.’ March 6, 1677-8, he ‘was chosen schollar of ye house, for ye yeare following,’ and, ‘being of ye Colonie of Nox or New Haven,’ received by vote of the Corporation, 3 July, 1679, seven pounds from the Pennoyer fund, but according to the Treasurer’s statement eight pounds fifteen shillings; though it appears he did not get it till 1693. Octobers, 1679, ‘Russell Senr was chosen Butler of the Colledge.’ July 12, 1681, ‘Agreed that he be continued scholar of the house.’” (p. 216-222)



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(NEHGSR): Diary of Noadiah Russell, tutor at Harvard College, on March 26, 1682, "At night between 4 & 5 of ye clock there was a thunder shower which came from the sou West wherein was a great Sorm of hail, ye hail stones were nearly ye bigness of a bullet;" on May 1, 1682, "I received a letter from Mr Henry Glover (my faithful Guardian) wherein he informed me yt widow Osborn was by him sued for forfeiting her bond as sayd payment for my accommodations and cost she was sentenced to pay me 4 pounds money (and court charges). Moreover he told me yt he had got 50 acres of land layed out for me in New Haven third Division;" on June 26, 1682, "At night about midnight there was an exceeding storm of lightning and thunder in such a continued manner as was hardly heard of the lightning so continuing yt ye air was almost continually light and ye crack of thunder went exceedingly fast one after another like great guns." On August 16, 1682, "being Wednesday I was troubled with the tooth ache and could not sleep at night but was forct to rise severall times and about 1 or 2 of ye clock I saw a comet in ye north east having a great star by a small stream wch I saw again about an hour after. Ye next night I sat up on purpose to see it again and ye next night it arose about half an hour past one of ye clock and as near as I could observe it was in one of the fore feet of the great bear;" on August 21, 1682, "at night this comet was seen in the evening in ye west though something to the north of the west till almost 9 of ye clock;" on November 27, 1682, "I solemnly Resolved by ... divine assistance never to do as I did yt day and as I had done often before and do here write my Resolution to be a witness against me if ever I do as I have done heretofore as to this thing;" on February 13, 1682/3, "I shamefully broke my former resolution;" on October 30, 1683, "I went to Ipswich to see how I liked ye place when & where ye Feofees (?) solemnly envited to and established me in ye work of a schoolmaster;" on January 12, 1683/4, "I went to Cambridge to carry my Almanack to ye Press;" on January 26, 1683/4, "My Almanack was printed." (vol. 7, p. 53-59) [Compiler's note: The almanac he wrote was entitled Cambridge Ephemeris, An Almanack of Celestial Motions, Configurations, etc. for the year of the Christian Era 1684 and was printed by Samuel Green.]

(Sibley's Harvard Graduates, by John Langdon Sibley, Massachusetts Historical Society, 1885): "The last page [of the almanac] is 'Concerning Lightning and Thunder with some Observations and Cautions touching the same.' ... Observ. By reason of its subtile nature, many strange effects are produced thereby; a sword blade will be melted in its scabbard, and the scabbard not hurt at all: the pores in the scabbard are so great, that this lightning passeth through them, without any hurt, but coming to a more solid body (as the sword blade is) it meets with opposition there, and so through its heat melts it ... Observ. If lightning kills one in his sleep, he dyes with his eyes

opened. The reason is because it just wakes him and kills him before he can shut his eyes again. If it kills one waking, his eyes will be found to be shut, because it so amaseth him, that he winketh and dyes before he can open his eyes again ... Caution. It is not good to stand looking on the lightning for any time, for, if it hurts no other way, yet it may dry up or so waste the chrystalline humor of the eyes that it may cause the sight to perish, or it may swell the face, making it to break out with scabs, caused by a kind of poyson in the exhalation which the pores of the face and eyes do admit."

(NEHGSR): "On the decease of Mr. Andrews Mr Noadiah Russell of Cambridge was appointed master [of the Ipswich Grammar School], October 31, 1683. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1681, and kept the school until February 26, 1686/7, when he resigned 'having a call to go to Charlestown and South.'" (vol. 6, p. 69)

(Sibley's Harvard Graduates, by John Langdon Sibley, Massachusetts Historical Society, 1885): "Many invitations were extended to him to settle in the ministry. At the end of his 'try all' period in Middletown, Connecticut, he had a unanimous vote. In addition to the stipulated salary, the society promised to provide a house for his use, and subsequently made him a donation of land. To meet his salary, the town vote 'gives him one hundred pounds clean, current county pay yearly, and it warns the inhabitants, when they shall think it is the most convenient season, to bring to him his supply of wood, and it is expected that every one that hath a team shall bring one load, and such as have no team shall assist by cutting, so that as much as possible can be done in one day; but there shall be no compulsion heaped upon any one.' In October, 1687, the General Court granted to him and several other persons two hundred acres of land apiece. He was ordained at Middletown, 24 October, 1688, nearly four years after the death, 28 December, 1684, of his predecessor, Nathaniel Collins, H. U. 1660 ... How well he performed his work, how effectually he molded the character, and formed the habits of the people, and how much he had of their grateful affection, may be inferred from the fact that when he died, in the fifty-fifth year of his age, and twenty-ninth of his pastorate, his son became in a few months his successor, and labored there for almost fifty years, – the entire period from the ordination of the father to the funeral of the son being more than three quarters of a century."

(HMC): On October 13, 1687, "This Court grants ... Mr Noadiah Russell ... two hundred acres of land a piece where they can find it, provided they take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any particular person or plantation."

(Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776): On October 9, 1701, concerning the founding of a Collegiate School within the Colony of Connecticut where youth may be instructed in the arts and sciences, "Be it enacted by the Governour and Company of the said Colonie of Connecticut

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in Generall Court assembled, and it is enacted and ordained by the authority of the same that there be, and hereby in full liberty, right and priviledge granted unto Mr. James Noyes of Stonington, Mr. Israel Chancie of Stratford, Mr. Thomas Buckingham of Saybrook, Mr. Abraham Pierson of Kenelworth, Mr. Samll Mather of Windsor, Mr. Timothie Woodbridge of Hartford, Mr. James Pierpoint of New-haven, Mr. Samll Andrew of Milford, Mr. Joseph Webb of Fairfield, Mr. Noadiah Russell of Midltowne, being all reverend ministers of the gospel, and inhabitants within this said Colonie, proposed to stand as trustees, partners, or undertakers for the said school.” (vol. 4, p. 363-365)

(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870): On October 24, 1688, “Noadiah Russell being formally invited and elected by ye general vote of Church and Town to a settlement among them in ye work of ye ministry was at ye desire of ye church ordained a Pastor to ye said church in Middletown, by the Revernd Mr. John Whiting and Mr. Samuel Hooker; the rest of ye elders and messengers then present approving threof. Being admittd a member by a Lettr from ye Church in Ipswich the Sabbath before.” (p. 36); on January 19, 1689/90, “John Hamlin & Mary Hamlin his sister were admitted to full communion.” (p. 39); on November 30, 1690, “William son of Noadiah & Mary Russell was baptised, born 29 of this instant” (p. 40); on August 14, 1692, Noadiah baptized (p. 42); on December 10, 1693, Giles was baptized (p. 44); on January 5, 1695/6, Mary was baptized (p. 47); on July 11, 1697, John was baptized (p.

50); on August 20, 1699, Esther was baptized (p. 53); on June 7, 1702, Daniel was baptized (p. 58); on May 28, 1704, Mehetabel was baptized (p. 60); on February 24, 1705/6, Hannah was baptized (p. 64); on December 21, 1712, William Russell admitted to full communion; (p. 76); on December 3, 1713, “Mr. Noadiah Russell Pastor of the Ch[urch] died” (p. 78); on June 1, 1715, “William Russell being formerly called by a unanimous vote of the South Society and Church therein to the work of the ministry among them was at their desire Ordained Pastor of sd Church in the South Society of Middletown. By the Rev. Mr. Timothy Stevens & Mr. Thomas Buckingham & Mr. Stephen Mix & Mr. Nathaniel Chauncy” (p. 78); on June 5, 1720, Mary Russell daughter of the Rev. Mr. Noadiah Russell admitted to full communion (p. 86); on November 14, 1725, Hannah Russell admitted to full communion (p. 93); on May 8, 1726, Daniel Russell admitted to full communion (p. 94); on September 4, 1726, Mehetabel Russell admitted to full communion (p. 94); on June 1, 1761, “The Rev. William Russell died” (p. 166)

(MAN): Will of Capt. Nathaniel White, dated August 16, 1711, “£4 money to the Rev. Mr. Noadiah Russell.” (vol. 2, p. 330)

(MLR): On May 20, 1727, Hannah Russell of Middletown sold to Ebenezer Gill seven acres that “came to me by the distribution of my fathers estate.” (vol. 2, p. 412); on November 16, 1728, Joseph Pierpont and Hannah Pierpont his wife of New Haven sold to the Rev. Mr. William Russell “our part of the hundred and first lot which was drawn for our father the Rev. Mr. Noadiah Russels estate.” (vol. 2, p. 484)

(MLR): On September 1, 1729, Daniel Russell of Stepney in Wethersfield quitclaimed unto his brother William Russell

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.)

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“meadow & swamp that was his honrd fathers and a part of which was set out to him in the distribution of his sister Mary Russell decaasd.” (vol. 2, p. 522-523)

(MLR): On November 14, 1729, Mehetabel Russell sold to her brother William Russell “land on the west side the great river in Middletown in the Long Meadow field & on the south side the ferry river: containing about three acres being the whole of what was set out to me of the meadow bought of John Hall in the distribution of my fathers estate ... & another parcel of land on the east side the great river in Middletown in the new division containing about nine acres: viz, all my part in hundred and first lot which was drawn for the estate of my father the Rev. Mr. Noadiah Russell.” (vol. 2, p. 522)

[**Compiler’s note:** She married the next day.]

(MLR): On December 23, 1729, John Russell sold to his brother Rev. William Russell land “that was my Honrd fathers the Rev Mr. Nodiah Russel decaasd which he bought of John Hall” (vol. 2, p. 530)

(MLR): On March 31, 1744, whereas Mrs. Mary Russell late of Middletown deceased left her estate intestate to us the subscribers children and heirs of the sd deceased vizt. William Russell for myself and as the lawful guardian of Noadiah (a minor) only child of my brother Noadiah Russell, decaasd, John Russell, Daniel Russell, Mehitable the wife of Daniel Deming and Hannah the wife of Joseph Pierpont. (vol. 12, p. 619-620)

(MLR): On March 11, 1761, Rev. William Russell, John Russell and Noadiah Russell all of Middletown; Rev. Daniel Russell and Mrs. Mehetable Deming both of Wethersfield; and Samuel Sacket and Hannah his wife of New Haven sold land which “was laid out in right of our Honrd grandfather Mr. Giles Hamlin decaad.” (vol. 18, p. 114)

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