



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
David Sage (1662) /
Elizabeth (Kirby) Sage

Name: David Sage

Birth: Abt. 1639, possibly in Wales (CAF) [**Compiler's note:** He died in 1703 at age 64. (NEHGSR, vol. 15, p. 167)]

Emigration: To Hartford, Conn. by 1655 (MUH); to Middletown, Conn. before his marriage (HMC) [**Compiler's note:** David Sage was not an original proprietor of Middletown at the age of 13 as claimed by some writers; he was admitted as an inhabitant in 1662 after leaving Hartford. (HMC)]

Death: March 31, 1702/3, Middletown, Conn. (BCVR)

Occupation & Public Service: Husbandman (MLR vol. 1, p. 71); fence viewer (HCCM p. 193); inventory of estate of Israel Wilcox (who died December 1678) taken by David Sage, Samuel Wilcox and John Savage (MAN vol. 1, p. 519); on March 5, 1690/1, David Sage and Isaac Johnson appointed overseers to the estate of Thomas Andrews (MAN vol. 1, p. 400); on November 5, 1691, inventory of estate of Samuel Hall Senior taken by Nathaniel White and David Sage (MAN vol. 1, p. 459); inventory of estate of John Warner taken September 1700 by John Hall and David Sage. (MAN vol. 2, p. 131)

Marriage: m.(1) Elizabeth Kirby, February 1664, Middletown, Conn. (b. September 8, 1646, Hartford, Conn. (Hartford, Connecticut Land Records: 1638-1688, p. 577); d. abt. 1670, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of John Kirby and Elizabeth (Hinds) Kirby of Hartford and Middletown, Conn. (*SMFSD In-Depth First Settler Profile: John Kirby*); m.(2) Mary Wiley, abt. 1671 (b. February 8, 1647/8, Watertown, Mass (Vital Records of Watertown, Mass.); d. December 7, 1711, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of John Wiley and Elizabeth (Clough) Wiley of Watertown and Reading, Mass. (NEHGSR vol. 97, p. 198-199; vol. 106, p. 210-218)

[**Compiler's note:** David Sage did not marry Mary Wilcox, daughter of John Wilcox: "It may now be authoritatively stated that the second wife of David Sage, Sr., of Middletown, Conn., who died in 1703, was Mary Wiley, eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth (Clough) Wiley of Watertown and Reading, Mass. The estate papers of Mercy Sage (daughter of David and Mary Sage), found in the Hartford (Conn.) Probate District, File no. 4704, 1711/12, reveal the following two Accounts of Administration: march ye 18th: 1712 The charge of marcy Sages Sicknes &c docters and funerall which her uncle timothy wily demanded was the sume of eight pounds as cash ... timothy wiley sener of Redding in the county of middlesix in the prouinc of masacusits bay ... marcy sage Latly deceased at his house." (NEHGSR vol. 97, p. 198-199)]

Parents: Unknown [**Compiler's note:** Elisha Sage (*Genealogical Record of the Descendants of David Sage/Sage*

and Sage, 1919) believed that Elizabeth Randall, widow of John Kirby, was the mother of David Sage and stepmother of Elizabeth (Kirby) Sage. He based his argument on David's will which described land "I bought of mother" (MAN vol. vol. 2, p. 109-110) and land "sold to his mother, Elizabeth Randall." (MLR vol. 1, p. 70) In other deeds, however, David also referred to "his father John Kirby," to his mother Elizabeth Kirby, and to his mother Kirby alias Randall. (MLR vol. 1, p. 70) Since he called John Kirby "his father" instead of his father-in-law, Elizabeth (Hinds) (Kirby) Randall was probably his mother-in-law and the mother of his wife Elizabeth.]

Children: (BCVR; MLR vol. 1, p. 16; *Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870*)

By first wife:

(1) David Sage, b. February 1, 1664/5, Middletown, Conn.; d. abt. 1712, Middletown, Conn.; m. Mary Coultman, May 3, 1693, Wethersfield, Conn. (2 children) [**Compiler's note:** On October 9, 1707, "David Sage of Midltown is a distracted person ... allow the selectmen of the town of Midtton to sell the land of the said David Sage for his maintenance" (*Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776*, vol. 5, p. 35); on May 5, 1712, estate of Marcy Sage distributed, including to the heirs of David Sage, brother (MAN vol. 2, p. 287); inventory of estate of David Sage Junior taken February 26, 1712/3; on March 2, 1712/3, "Adms. granted to John Sage, brother of the sd. decd." (MAN vol. 2, p. 286-287)]

(2) Elizabeth Sage, b. June 9, 1666, Middletown, Conn.; d. February 19, 1726, Newport, R. I.; m. Ezekiel Bull, January 11, 1694, Guilford, Conn. (5 children) (NEHGSR vol. 106, p. 210) [**Compiler's note:** On May 5, 1712, "Elizabeth Bull of Rhode Island (the wife of Ezekiel Bull)." (MAN vol. 2, p. 287)]

(3) John Sage, b. March 6, 1667/8, Middletown, Conn.; d. January 22, 1750/1, Middletown, Conn.; m. Hannah Starr, January 10, 1693, Middletown, Conn. (15 children) [**Compiler's note:** "Here lies interred the body of Mr. John Sage, who departed this life Jan. 22, A. D. 1750-1, in the 83d year of his age. He left a virtuous and sorrowful wife, with whom he lived 57 years and had 15 children." (HMC)]

By second wife:

(4) Mary Sage, b. November 15, 1672, Middletown, Conn.; d. May 8, 1727, Guilford, Conn. (SAV); m. Samuel Johnson, November 7, 1694, Middletown, Conn. (11 children) (NEHGSR vol. 27, p. 46; vol. 56, p. 298) [**Compiler's note:** Date of death also given as March 13, 1726. (NEHGSR vol. 106, p. 211)]

(5) Jonathan Sage, bp. April 18, 1675, Middletown, Conn.; d. December 10, 1712, Middletown, Conn.; m. Ame Bidwell, November 1, 1705, Middletown, Conn. (4 children) [**Compiler's note:** On February 2, 1712/3, "Adms. joyntly to Amy Sage, the widow, and Timothy Sage, a brother." (MAN vol. 2, p. 287)]



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(6) Timothy Sage, b. August 14, 1678, Middletown, Conn.; d. March 18, 1724/5, Middletown, Conn.; m. Margaret Hulbert/Hurlbut, February 7, 1705/6, Middletown, Conn. (7 children) [**Compiler's note:** On February 17, 1715/6, Timothy Sage and Margaret his wife, daughter to John Hurlbut, deceased (MLR vol. 3, p. 305); on May 4, 1725, "Adms. granted to Margaret Sage, widow, and John Sage, a brother of sd. decd." (MAN vol. 2, p. 566-567)]

(7) Nathaniel Sage, bp. April 21, 1681, Middletown, Conn. (died young). [**Compiler's note:** Twin of Mercy Sage; not mentioned in his father's will.]

(8) Mercy/Marcy Sage, bp. April 21, 1681, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 7, 1711, "In the Masathusett Collony" (unmarried). [**Compiler's note:** Her death is recorded in the land records (MLR vol. 1, p. 16); on May 5, 1712, distribution of estate of Marcy Sage; "to John, Jonathan, and Timothy Sage, brothers, and to the heirs of David Sage, brother, to Elizabeth Bull of Rhode Island (the wife of Ezekiel Bull), and Mary Johnson, the wife of Samuel Johnson, the two sisters of sd. decd." (MAN vol. 2, p. 287)]

Residence/Property: His homelot is shown on the map titled "Plan of Middletown North of the Riveret;" it was a three-acre lot bordered on the north by John Kirby, south by John Wilcox, east by what is now called Pleasant Street, and west by Thomas Stow (MUH, p. 6); on February 8, 1664, Thomas Ranney of Middletown to David Sage of Middletown, two acres of meadow; fifteen acres of upland near Pistol Point (MLR vol. 1, p. 45); on May 23, 1664, three-acre homelot bounded south on Samuel Stocking north and east on the highway and west on undivided land; on May 9, 1665, twelve rods of upland "whereon his house standeth;" on October 1, 1668, eight acres lying near Pistol Point bought of William Biggs; one acre adjoining his homelot which was sometime John Kirbys; on November 21, 1668, two acres in the Long Meadow bought of George Durant; on February 3, 1671, three acres bought of John Kirby by exchange of land; on February 6, 1676, two acres in the Round meadow; twenty acres at a place called the Nouks; one hundred fifty acres in the Northwest quarter on Farmington bounds; two hundred thirteen acres west from town; on March 6, 1678/9, one acre lying at Pistol Point bought of John Savage; aforesaid parcel of land "which hee had of his father kirby by Exchang for other Land Recorded to him for three acres in february 3th 1671 is Now Layd out to him for five acres;" five acres of upland north end of town (MLR vol. 1, p. 39); on February 11, 1680/1, two hundred fifty five acres on the east side of the Great River. (MLR vol. 1, p. 49)

Will: Vol. 2, p. 109-110 (MAN). Will dated March 27, 1703, to my eldest son David, "boggy meadow which I bought of mother;" to my son John, to my two daughters Bull and

Johnson; to my daughter Mercy; to my sons Jonathan and Timothy (Estate inventory, taken June 5, 1703: 753-02-07, i.e., 753 pounds) Inventory included house at Neux, 13 acres at Pistol Point, 8 acres at Goose Delight, 6 acres at Far Neck, 150 acres Northwest Quarter, 1 1/2 acres Boggy Meadow, 43 acres Round Meadow, 213 acres west part of town, 255 acres east of Great River, 1/2 mile lot Mansion house, 81 acres homestead. (Genealogical Record of the Descendants of David Sage/Sage and Sage, 1919); on April 12, 1704, "what some of the children have received before the death of their father David Sage, late of Middletown, decd ... Ezekiel Bull ... Samuel Johnson."

Burial Location: Riverside Cemetery, Middletown, Conn.; "Heare lyes the body of David Sage aged 64 and died the 31 of March 1703." (NEHGSR, vol. 15, p. 167)

Notes:

(CAF): "David Sage is said to have been from Wales."

(SAV): SAGE, DAVID, Middletown, freem. 1667, m. Eliz. Kirby, wh. d. 1670, had David, b. 1 Feb. 1665; John, 5 Mar. 1668; and by w. Mercy, wh. d. 7 Dec. 1711, had Mary, 15 Nov. 1672; Jonathan; and Timothy, 14 Aug. 1678; all nam. exc. Mary, with his w. in he will short. bef. he d. 31 Mar. 1703; beside ds. Eliz. 6 June 1666, wh. m. a Bull; Mary, w. of Samuel Johnson; and Mercy, without surname, so may be presum. unm. Good est. he left to wid. Mary, and these seven ch. Descend. are num.

(SAV): "KIRBY, JOHN, Middletown, whither Dr. Field thot. he rem. from Boston, and Hinman made him of Hartford 1645; but bef. the sett. of M. he had been at H. and Wethersfield, and at Plymouth 1643; had Elizabeth b. at Hartford, 8 Sept. 1646; and at Wethersfield, Hannah, 1649; John, and Eunice, tw. 18 Dec. 1651; Sarah, 1653; Joseph, 17 July 1656; Bethia, 19 Feb. 1659; Susanna, 3 May 1664; and Abigail, 6 Mar. 1666. He own. an est. at Rowington, near Kenilworth in Warwicksh. His s. John was k. by the Ind. 1676; and he d. Apr. 1677, his will bears date 6, and was pro. 27 of that mo. He left wid. Elizabeth and ch. Mary, then w. of Emanuel Buck, aged 32; Hannah, w. of Thomas Andrews, 27; Esther, w. of Benajah Stone, 25; Sarah, w. of Samuel Hubbard, 23; Joseph, 21; Bethia, 18; Susanna, 13; and Abigail, 11; beside Elizabeth w. of David Sage, wh. was dec. Susanna m. Abraham Cruttenden."

(*Genealogical Record of the Descendants of David Sage, by Elisha L. Sage and Charles H. Sage, 1919*): "The earli[e]st appearance of the name of David Sage upon any document or record yet discovered is found in a court document preserved in the State Library in Hartford, and is as follows: 'Quarter Court in Hartford – 1st Thursday in December, A. D. 1655. – Samuel Wells, plaintiff, contra John White, David Sage, Richard Warren, in an action of the case for debeyning of swyne not according to lawe, in the damage of 40 shillings.' The case was found for the defendants." (p. 105)

(*Winthrop's Medical Journal, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.*): On February 17, 1658/9, David Sage, age 22



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years, servant to And. Bakon, was treated in Hartford, Conn. by Governor John Winthrop, Jr. (p. 141)

(GFHC): “David Sage, immigrant, was born in Wales, in 1639, and came to this country in early life. He was one of the first settlers of Middletown, Connecticut, in 1652, and died there March 31, 1707. [**Compiler’s note:** He died March 31, 1702/3] His gravestone is in the Riverside cemetery, on the Connecticut River, at the north end of Main street, in Middletown city. His will bequeaths to wife and children. He married (first), February, 1664, Elizabeth, born September 8, 1646, died 1670, daughter of John Kirby. He married (second), in 1672, Mary, daughter of John Wilcox, and granddaughter of John Wilcox, the immigrant. [**Compiler’s note:** Mary Wilcox married Benjamin Hand of Guilford, Conn. (*Families of Early Guilford*, by Alvan Talcott, 1984)] She died December 7, 1711. He was ancestor of all the early colonial families. He was granted a house lot ‘on the other side of the river on the other side of the highway beyond the corner of Goodman White on the west side of the highway leading to Hartford.’ The bank building now occupies the site of his home. He exchanged homesteads with John Kirby, his father-in-law, February 16, 1671. He had a grant of the land ‘where his house stands,’ May 9, 1665, settling a dispute over the ownership. Children, born at Middletown; David, February 1, 1665; Elizabeth, June 1, 1666, married ___ Bull. Children of second wife: Mary, born November 15, 1672, married Samuel Johnson; Jonathan, 1674; Timothy, August 14, 1678; Nathaniel and Mercy (twins), 1680.”

(Catalogue of the Names of the First Puritan Settlers of the Colony of Connecticut, by R. R. Hinman, 1846): “Sage, David, sen’r., Middletown – died in 1703. Children, David, John, (two of his daughters married Bull and Johnson,) also Mercy, Jonathan, Timothy – Jonathan died in 1713; David, jr. died in 1712 or ‘13. His mother resided at Middletown, and owned land there. [**Compiler’s note:** His mother-in-law Elizabeth Kirby owned land there.] He left an estate of £753.” (vol. 1, p. 158)

(Genealogical Record of the Descendants of David Sage, by Elisha L. Sage and Charles H. Sage, 1919): “Nothing is known of his ancestry. He may have come from the vicinity of London. There were several Sage families in London, Hadley, and other nearby towns at that time and several in which the names John and David appear often. Elisha Sage gave the impression that he came from Wales. Careful investigation by several parties and by myself leads to the conclusion that there is not the slightest fact or foundation for such a statement. I have found the source of this false impression and have found it to be groundless. In Feb., 1664, David married Elizabeth Kirby, a daughter of one of the best English families of the community. [**Compiler’s note:** This statement does not disprove that David Sage came from Wales; it merely shows that Charles Sage, the author, did not wish to be of Welsh descent.] She was born Sept. 8, 1646, and died at Cromwell,

1668. She was the daughter of John Kirby ... His wife was Elizabeth Hinds of whom nothing further is known except that she married Abraham Randall ... Elizabeth Randall whom Elisha Sage had so much trouble to account for was therefore David’s mother-in-law and not his real mother, as Elisha concluded.” (p. 15-16)

(HMC): “A part of the early inhabitants settled in Upper Houses, and almost all these erected their dwellings in the lower part of the village, on the street midway between Middlesex turnpike and the river (now called Pleasant street). These were: Nathaniel White, Samuel Stocking, George Graves, Robert Webster, Joseph Smith, Daniel Harris, John Martin, John Savage, Thomas Ranney, David Sage, and John Kirby. Between the upper and lower settlements intercourse was maintained by a ferry across Little River.”

(HMC): “Feb 23, 1662. David Sage admitted an inhabitant.” The names of the proprietors of Middletown with their estates, taken March 22th 1670 included David Sage with a value of £68. The list of the estates of the inhabitants of Middletown taken in 1673 included David Sage with a value of £77.

(MUH): “May 30, 1663: At the same town meeting was granted to David Sage a house lot on the other side the riverlet on the other side the highway beyond the corner of Goodman White his fence on the west side the highway to Hartford siding by Goodman Stocking lot. On May 23, 1664, there was recorded to David Sage for the above vote a grant of three acres ‘for a home lott’ bounded north and east on the highway, west, common, now Thomas Stow’s, south Samuel Stocking.”

(MUH): “On May 9, 1665, there had been recorded to David Sage a ‘12 square rods’ piece of land ‘whereon his house standeth,’ bounded E., Highway; W., John Kirby; S., John Wilcox; N., John Kirby. An earlier vote showed that the town had appointed a committee to call on Mr. Sage and make him settle for thus trespassing on what was the ‘town pound.’ By a town grant the Sage homestead was extended back to include some of this ‘common,’ or unappropriated land, so that at his death it consisted of eight and three-fourths acres.”

(MUH): “In 1655 a pound, 50 x 66 feet, had been located south of this lot in which stray cattle were to be impounded ... The next arrival was David Sage. On May 10, 1663, the town meeting voted to him a ‘house lott on the other side the riveret on the other side the Highway beyond the corner of Goodman White his fence on the west side of the Highway to Hartford, siding by Goodman Stockins lott ...’ Instead of building on this grant David ... preferred to locate next to his prospective father-in-law. On May 9, 1665, there was recorded to him twelve square rods ‘whereon his house standeth,’ a very limited area for a ‘house lot’ in that day. Just before that the town had ‘ordered that Robert Warner shall forthwith see what the town hath suffered by David Sage’s pulling down the ___ and so to get the town rited for soon as may be in that case.’ The trouble seems to have been settled, for soon David is given five acres from his ‘father,’ John Kirby, adjoining his

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small 'home lot' in exchange for that first granted to Mr. Sage 'for a home lot.' John Kirby in time established his son Joseph thereon ... David Sage had pre-empted the town pound of 'twelve square rods' and had to settle for so doing."

(Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776): At a Court of Election held at Hartford on May 9, 1667, "Those that are marked wth ye letter S are sworne to their respectiue places. These were sworne: ... Edw. Higby, Jno Ward, Anthony Martin, Edw: Turner, David Sage ..." (vol. 2, p. 58)

(MLR): On April 15, 1684, "one percell of land on which his hous standeth giuen him by his father John Kirby and Recorded in two percells is Now owned to be two acres by his mother Kirby alis Ra[d]dall Executricks to John Kirby Deseased Abutting on the high way East and Land of the Said Sages West & on Land belonging to John Willcocks Estat South & on his mother Elizabeth kirbys Land North this Land Was giuen up on account of por[on] With his wife; one percell of Land Joyning to that on which his hous standeth formerly Recorded to him by his father John Kirby for fiue acres but their appears to be a mistake and it is but four acres & three Quarters this Land was by Exchang for Land of the Said Sages & abuts on his own Land East & the comons West siding on land belonging to John Willcocks Estate South & on Elizabeth kirbys Land North and is so owned by the said Elizabeth Kirby alis Randall & Execetricks to John Kirby Deseased; on percell of Land Adioyning to the Land hee sould to his father kerby contein on Acre Little more or Less Abutting on the said kirbys Land East & on the comons North & west & widow Stockins Land south." (vol. 1, p. 70)

(MLR): On April 21, 1684, "One percell of vpland first giuen him for a hom Lott and Diuers time Recorded And is now found to be Sixe acres Little more or Less Abutting on the high Ways East and North on Deacon Samuel Stockins Land South on the Comons West or this West bounds is now on Thomas Stows Land; Whareas in aprill 15: 1684 Daud Sage had on percell of Land Recorded To him Containing one Acre Little more or Lesse Lying at the Reare of that Land hee sould to his mother Randall it is now owned to be by a mistake and that Land should not haue bene Recorded to him but to his mother Randall soe that the wholl Six acres stands Recorded To her." (vol. 1, p. 70)

(HCCM): On October 26, 1687, "Daud Sage for leauing out a mare out of the list is aJudged to pay or the mare to be sold or disposed according to law. [in the margin: will pay.]" (p. 440)

(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870): On May 23, 1669, wife of David Sage admitted to full communion; on May 30, 1669, children of "our sister Sage" namely David, Elizabeth, and John were baptized (p. 7); on June 19, 1670, David Sage admitted to full communion (p. 11); on November 17, 1672, "Mary Sage

daughter of our Brother David Sage (& Mary his wife) baptized (p. 17); on April 18, 1675, Jonathan son of our Brother David Sage baptized (p. 22); on August 25, 1678, Timothy Sage baptized (p. 27); on August 21, 1681, Nathaniel and Mercy Sage (twins) baptized (p. 32); on April 30, 1693, Mary wife of David Sage Senior admitted to full communion (p. 43); on May 20, 1694, "David Sage Jr owning ye covenant had his daughter Mary baptised" (p. 44); on December 23, 1694, "Hannah ye daughter of Jno & Hannah Sage was baptised ye father owning ye covenant" (p. 45); on June 19, 1709, "Jonathan Sage being under a suspicion of fornication etc did publickly affirm he had no carnal copulation with her, that is his wife, before their publick marriage;" on July 3, 1709, Lydia and Rachel children of Jonathan Sage baptized (p. 69); on March 26, 1710, Jonathan Sage admitted to full communion (p. 70).

(MLR): On April 22, 1692/3, land of David Sage Junior given him by his father, five acres near the north end of town bounded east on the highway Thomas Ranney senior west Edward Shephard south and on land that belonged to John Kirby's estate north; on June 3, 1706, "wet meddow and swamp lying at a place called Goses delight which was a part of his fathers Lott thare and set out to him by the Exeqtrs as part of his portion it being on the west side the grate riuer ... north on his brother John Sage ... & South on his brother Jonathan land;" (vol. 1, p. 64); on June 5, 1693, land of John Sage recorded, on west side the Great River near the north end of town containing four acres "abutting on the common East west & South & on Daud Sage Senior his Land north;" on June 3, 1706, two acres on meadow and swamp at a place called Gooses Delight which is a part of the lot that was his father's being set out to him bounded north on Daniel Harris west on Samuel Wilcox south on his brother David and east on Thomas Ranney senior. (vol. 1, p. 66)

(MLR): On April 18, 1697, Elizabeth Randolph now resident in Wethersfield, sometime wife and relict of John Kirby of Middletown, deceased, with the special advice and comfort of all her children living for the relief of her son Joseph in straits sold to John Sage five roods of land in the long meadow it being one half of her said deceased husband Kirby lot; "honored mother and loving bretheren this may inform you that we are willing that you should sell half the long meadow to help and relieve our brother Joseph in straits as witness our hands Benaj Stone, Abraham Crettenden, Allexander Rollo, David Sage, Samuel Hubbard, Emanuel Buck, Joseph Kirby (vol. 2, p. 62); on December 17, 1703, Elizabeth Randall of Wethersfield, widow and formerly wife of John Kirby of Middletown deceased, in consideration of three pounds convey to John Sage four acres of land at a place called the far neck. (vol. 2, p. 131)

(MLR): On January 21, 1703/4, Agreement between John Sage on the one part and Jonathan and Timothy Sage on the other due to differences respecting the estate of their father David Sage late of Middletown, in exchange for two acres in



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the Long Meadow, John Sage to pay fifteen shillings a year to the widow of his father David Sage; Jonathan and Timothy Sage to pay twenty two pounds to their brother John at the decease of their mother (vol. 2, p. 127); on July 9, 1712, Jonathan Sage and Timothy Sage confirm to “our elder brother John Sage” several pieces of land that “did lately belong to our honoured father David Sage” in consideration of “promoting and advancing that peace unity love and good accord that ought to be between brethren as we are and for other weighty reasons;” two acres in the Long Meadow being in a triangular form coming to a point at the west end; one half of the lot west of town containing two hundred thirteen acres; two acres at a place called the nokes; two acres at Gooses Delight; six acres at the further neck (vol. 3, p. 14-15); on October 22, 1712, “It is to be understood that ye warrant above mentioned only intends to defend against themselves ... being for and in consideration of the fulfilling on our part an award given in by John Hamlin John Chester Esq and the Reverend Mr. Timothy Woodbridge as appears by there return on record bareing date Jany 21th 1703/4 and for all other agreements or bargins that have been respecting our father David Sage Senr his estate.” (vol. 3, p. 15)

(MLR): On December 17, 1708, John Hamlin, Esq., Sargt. Izrahiah Wettmore John Bacon and John Sage, selectment of the town of Middletown, “whereas David Sage [son of David Sage] of said Middletown being non compos mentis for some time past and hath been committed to the care & inspection of the select men of this Town” and authorized to sell land for his support convey the house and six acre homelot to Timothy Sage brother to said David Sage. (vol. 2, p. 250); on February 10, 1712/3, to defray the funeral charges of David Sage Junior of Middletown, who “was under distraction,” the selectmen of Middletown quitclaim their interest and that of the said David Sage (if he had lived and become settled in his reason) to the land set out to him of his grandfather John Kirby’s estate. (vol. 3, p. 440)

For further reading:

Genealogical Record of the Descendants of David Sage; a Native of Wales, born 1639, and one of the first settlers of Middletown, Connecticut, 1652, prepared by Elisha L. Sage in 1878 and updated by Charles H. Sage, privately printed, 1919.

“David Sage of Middletown, Conn., his Children, and Grandchildren,” by Harold Kenneth Sage. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, volume 106 (July 1952): 210-218.

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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.)

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