



***In-Depth First Settler Profile:***  
***John Savage (1650) /***  
***Elizabeth (Dubbin) Savage***

**Name:** John Savage

**Birth:** England, specific date & location unknown (*Family of John Savage/Savage*, 1894).

**Emigration:** “Whence John Savage came, where and when he landed in America, are alike unknown to his descendants ... it is probable that he came from England to the Massachusetts Bay Colony and thence moved to Hartford.” (*Family of John Savage/Savage*, 1894).

**Death:** March 6, 1684/5, Middletown, Conn. (Family of John Savage/Savage, 1894)

**Occupation & Public Service:** Townsman, 1657; one of seven organizers of First Congegational Church, Sept. 4, 1668. (*Family of John Savage/Savage*, 1894) Sergeant in the Train Band, 1654. (FFS)

**Marriage:** m. Elizabeth Dubbin (Dublin, D’Aubin), February 10, 1652, Hartford, Conn. (b. about 1631, unknown; & d. 1696, Middletown, Conn.) (*Family of John Savage/Savage*, 1894)

**Parents:** Unknown

**Children** (MVR, Land Records, vol. 1, page 33; BCVR)(Family of John Savage/Savage, 1894):

(1) John Savage, b. December 2, 1652, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 30, 1726, Middletown, Conn.; m. Mary Ranney, May 30, 1682, Middletown, Conn. (11 children)

(2) Elizabeth Savage, b. June 3, 1655, Middletown, Conn.; d. January 30, 1652, Hadley, Mass.; m. Nathaniel White, March 28, 1677/8, Middletown, Conn. (11 Children)

(3) Sarah Savage, b. July 30, 1657, Middletown, Conn.; d. February 8, 1723/4; m. Israel Wilcox, March 28, 1678, Middletown, Conn. (5 children)

(4) Thomas Savage, b. September 10, 1659, Middletown, Conn.; d. December 1659, Middletown, Conn.

(5) Hannah Savage, b. April 6, 1661, Middletown, Conn.; d. May 1661, Middletown, Conn.

(6) Mary Savage, b. June 25, 1663, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 20, 1723; m.(1) John Whitmore (Wetmore), April 1, 1686, Middletown, Conn. (4 children); m.(2) Obadiah Allen, about 1707, Middletown, Conn. (no children)

(7) Abigail Savage, b. July 10, 1666, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 16, 1719; m. Edward Shepard, April 14, 1687, Middletown, Conn. (3 children)

(8) William Savage, b. Aoril 26, 1668, Middletown, Conn.; d. January 25, 1726/7, Middletown, Conn.; m. Christian

Mould, May 6, 1696, New London, Conn. (5 children)

(9) Nathaniel Savage, b. May 7, 1671, Middletown, Conn.; d. January 4, 1734/5, Middletown, Conn.; m. Esther Ranney, December 3, 1696, Middletown, Conn. (9 children)

(10) Rachel Savage, b. April 15, 1673; d. January 19, 1752, Guilford, Conn.; m.(1) John Spinning, August 20, 1694, New Haven, Conn. (4 children); m.(2) Capt. Thomas Hall, after 1712. (? children)

(11) Hannah Savage, b. July 16, 1676, Middletown, Conn.; d. March 23, 1736, Guilford, Conn.; m. Samuel Dodd, January 11, 1705, Guilford, Conn. (4 children) (Guilford Vital Records; *Families of Early Guilford*, Conn. by Alvan Talcott; *Genealogical Data from Connecticut Cemeteries*, Guilford Publications, 1932)

**Residence/Property:** “He resided in that part of town which lay on the ‘North side of the River,’ now Cromwell, also owning lands in other parts of the town.” (FFS) “... He had built his house in Middletown Upper Houses on the lot at the corner as indicated in the 1675 map. His homestead of three acres was the nearest to lower Middletown. When William Blomfield left the settlement Mr. Savage became the proprietor of his house and lot, the Martin homestead intervening. He soon extended his possessions to the adjoining lands, and received grants in various localities so that in 1674 he possessed 1207 acres, of which 441 acres were on the east side of the Connecticut river.” (MUH) “In 1674 he possessed 1207 acres of land, 441 acres being on the east side of the Connecticut River.” (*Family of John Savage/Savage*, 1894).

**Will:** Vol. 1, p. 360 (MAN). (Estate inventory, May 12, 1685: 480-15-06, i.e. 480 pounds.)

**Burial Location:** Unknown

**Notes:**

(CAF): “John Savage married in Hartford in 1653 and may have resided there, though not a proprietor in that place.” (Field, pg. 146)

(MUH): “According to Mr. James Francis Savage, of Lowell, Mass., who published *The Family of John Savage of Middletown, Conn., 1652*, there is no knowledge of him antecedent to the Hartford record which reads, ‘John Savage of Hartford was married to Elizabeth Dubbin ye tenth day of febru: one thousand six hundred and fifty two.’ In the Middletown Land Records and Family Records the name of his wife is given as Dublin. In 1707 John Dublin petitioned the General Assembly of Rhode Island that he might receive some allowance for the shot he received in his head while engaged with Col. John Wanton, in the capture of French privateers. He was granted a pension for the term of his natural life. That he may have been a nephew of Mrs. John Savage is the conclusion of Mr. James Francis Savage.”



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“John Savage was ‘mayd free’ May 18, 1654, by the Great and General Court, at which time he had built his house in Middletown Upper Houses on the lot at the corner as indicated in the 1675 map. His homestead of three acres was the nearest to lower Middletown. When William Blomfield left the settlement Mr. Savage became the proprietor of his house and lot, the Martin homestead intervening. He soon extended his possessions to the adjoining lands, and received grants in various localities so that in 1674 he possessed 1207 acres, of which 441 acres were on the east side of the Connecticut river. His name is seventh in the list of members who organized the church on Sept. 4, 1668. He was one of the three Townsmen in 1667, and held the rank of Sergeant in the ‘traîne band.’ His will, recorded in Hartford, shows that he died Mar. 6, 1684-5, and is dated November 22, 1684. He gave the ‘Dwelling hous hom loft’ and other property during her natural life, to his ‘Louing wife Elizabeth Sauedg’; made valuable bequests to his sons, John, William and Nathaniel, the homestead going to the latter after his mother's death, and provided that certain pieces of property and his household goods ‘be Left in my Louing Wive’s hands to Dispose of to all my Daughters according to her best Descretion & the advice of my overseers notwithstanding

my will is which was before forgot that my two Coultts if they come to hand be the bigest to William & the youngest to Nathaniel and to poses them as sone as they can find them.’ The will is in the handwriting of Nathaniel White, and it was witnessed by him and by Samuel Hall, who resided across the street. The inventory was taken by Giles Hamlin, Sergeant William Ward, and Nathaniel White ...”

(SAV): “JOHN, Middletown, freem. 1654, m. 10 Feb. 1652, Elizabeth Dubbin, at Hartford, if we may rely on the delightful vol. of "Hartford in the olden time;" to wh. objection is rais. on read. the rec. in Geneal. Reg. XIII. 142, of m. of the same w. on the same day to James Wakely. However the ch. giv. to him (whoever was his w.) are John, b. 2 Dec. 1652; Elizabeth 3 June 1665; Sarah, 30 July 1657; Thomas, 10 Sept. 1659, d. soon; Hannah, 6 or 16 Apr. 1661, d. next mo.; Mary, 25 June 1663; Abigail, 10 July 1666; William, 26 Apr. 1668; Nathaniel, 7 May 1671; Rachel, 15 Apr. 1673; and Hannah, again, 16 July 1676; and he d. 6 Mar. 1685. His will, of 22 Nov. preced. names three s. and six ds. liv. and his est. was good. Mary m. 1 Apr. 1686, as sec. w.”

**For further reading:**

*The Family of John Savage*, by James Francis Savage, (Boston, Mass.: David Clapp & Sons, 1894)

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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](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)