



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
William Smith (1650) /
Elizabeth (Stanley) Smith

Name: William Smith

Birth: March 23, 1617 (Christening), Stratford on Avon, Warwick, England (Colonial Conn. Records, Vol. 1)

Emigration: In Wethersfield by 1644(SAV); in Middletown before November 1652(FFS); to Farmington after November 1656.(FFS)

Death: January 1669, Farmington, Conn.(SAV)

Occupation & Public Service: On November 8, 1652, William Smith was elected one of the Townsmen "for the south sid the rever." He was also Deputy to the General Court, and served as the first Recorder or Town Clerk, an office he held until about November 1656.(FFS)

Marriage: m. Elizabeth Stanley, August 16, 1644, Hartford, Conn. (b. about 1621, Kent, England; d. 1674, Farmington, Conn.) (Hartford Vital Records, Vol. D, pg. 21)

Parents: Unknown. (**Compiler's note:** Savage introduces the possibility that William Smith was a brother of Christopher Smith (1619-1692) of Northampton, Mass. and Simon Smith (1628-1688) of Haddam, Conn.)

Children (MVR, Land Records, vol. 1, page 5; BCVR; SAV; Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America, by Elisha Loomis, 1875/1908; and Various Ancestral Lines of James Goodwin & Lucy (Morgan) Goodwin of Hartford, Conn., by Frank

Farnsworth Starr, The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Press, Hartford, Conn., 1915.

(1) Jonathan Smith, b. January 20, 1646/7, probably Wethersfield, Conn.; d. April 25, 1721, Farmington, Conn.; m. Rachel Steele, about 1673, Farmington, Conn. (?? children)

(2) Jobannah Smith, b. January 2, 1648/9 probably Wethersfield, Conn.; d. May 30, 1676, Hatfield, Mass. (Jobannah Smith was a soldier in King Philip's war and was killed by the Indians. Source: *The Stanley Families of America as Descended From John, Timothy, & Thomas Stanley of Hartford, Conn. 1636*, by Israel P. Warren, B. Thurston & Co., Portland, Maine, 1887)

(3) Susannah Smith, b. March 20, 1650/1, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown.

(4) Mehitable Smith, b. May 20, 1653, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown.

(5) Elizabeth Smith, b. May 20, 1653, Middletown, Conn.; d. before November 15, 1676, Farmington, Conn. (*Various Ancestral Lines of James Goodwin & Lucy (Morgan) Goodwin of Hartford, Conn.*, by Frank Farnsworth Starr, The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Press, Hartford, Conn., 1915.)

(6) Joseph Smith, b. August 25, 1655, Middletown, Conn.; d. after 1692, Farmington, Conn.; m.(1) Lydia (unknown surname), May 6, 1680, Farmington, Conn. (3 children); m.(2) Joanna Loomis, November 20, 1691, Farmington, Conn. (1 child) (*Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America/Loomis*, 1908)

(7) Benjamin Smith, b. April 1658, Farmington, Conn.; d. 1738, Westfield, Mass.; m. Ruth Loomis, about 1681,

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)

(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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Westfield, Mass. (9 children) (*Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America/Loomis, 1908*)

(8) William Smith, b. April 1661, Farmington, Conn.; d. between November 16, 1676 and December 5, 1678, Farmington, Conn. (Goodwin/Starr, 1915)

(9) Samuel Smith, b. May 1664, Farmington, Conn.; d. January 16, 1723/4, Farmington, Conn.; m. Ruth Porter, March 24, 1686/7, Farmington, Conn. (10 children)

Residence/Property: William Smith lived on the north side of St. John's Square in Middletown. (FFS)

Will: Vol. 1, p. 235 (MAN). (Estate inventory, January 6, 1669-70: 229-00-00, i.e. 229 pounds)

Burial Location: Unknown, Farmington, Conn.

Notes:

(CAF): "William Smith, who was from Wethersfield, removed to Farmington." (Field, pg. 144)

(FFS): "In 1659, when he sold his house and lands here, he was a resident of Farmington, where he died about ten years later."

(SAV): "WILLIAM, Wethersfield 1644, br. of Christopher of Northampton, where prob. he aid not seat hims. till ten or a

dozen yrs. later, but must have been here at W. with William, or at Hartford with the other brs. Joseph, and Simon, and sis. Mary Partridge; m. 16 Aug. 1644, Elizabeth Standley, perhaps a. of Timothy, made clk. of the milit. comp. next yr. perhaps was of Middletown 1649, for there are rec. b. of his first six ch. tho. prob. the first two were b. at W. viz. Jonathan, 20 Jan. 1647; Jobanah, 2 Jan. 1649; Susanna, 20 Mar. 1651; Elizabeth and Mehitable, tw. 20 May 1653; and Joseph, 25 Aug. 1655; rem. to Farmington soon aft. join. the ch. and brot. Joseph to bapt. 15 Mar. 1657, and there had Benjamin, bapt. prob. 11 (not 14, as in Geneal. Reg. XI. 325) Apr. 1658; William, b. Apr. 1661; and Samuel, May 1664; was in the list of freem. 1669, and d. early next yr. His wid. Elizabeth d. 1678, and three of the nine ch. d. in the interval, viz. Elizabeth William, and Jobanah, wh. was a soldier in Capt. Newberry's comp. in Philip's war, k. by the Ind. Three of his s. Jonathan, Joseph, and Samuel, liv. at F. but nothing is kn. of their condit."

For further reading:

Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America, by Elisha Loomis, 1875; & Elias Loomis, 1908 (Berea, Ohio: Elias Loomis, 1908).

Various Ancestral Lines of James Goodwin & Lucy (Morgan) Goodwin of Hartford, Conn., by Frank Farnsworth Starr, The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Press, Hartford, Conn., 1915.

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