



***In-Depth First Settler Profile:
William Southmayd (1674) /
Esther (Hamlin) Southmayd***

Name: William Southmayd

Birth: September 12, 1643, Gloucester, Mass. (*Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850*)

Emigration: Born in Massachusetts Bay Colony; after his father's death, moved with his mother and stepfather to New London, Conn. (SAV); moved to Middletown, Conn. before his marriage.

Death: December 4, 1702, Middletown, Conn. (BCVR)

Occupation & Public Service: Master of the sloop *John & Mary* (HCCM p. 337); mariner and ship owner (SAV); will of Jasper Clements dated October 13, 1677, bequeathed his land on the east side of the Great River for the benefit of the schools of Middletown, "to be disposed of at the Discretion of Mr. Giles Hamlin, Mr. Nathaniel Collins, Mr. William Southmayd, Mr. William Harris, Thomas Allyn, and John Hall senior." (MAN vol. 1, p. 291); on March 6, 1690/1, Court appointed Richard Hall and Mr. Southmayd to "bind out," or apprentice, the son of William Biggs (MAN vol. 1, p. 275); inventory of estate of Giles Hamlin taken by John Allyn, Nathaniel White, William Southmayd, and John Hamlin (MAN vol. 1, p. 460); on September 1, 1692, Court appointed Mr. John Hamlin and Mr. William Southmayd to distribute of the estate of George Phillips (MAN vol. 1, p. 496); on October 20, 1693, inventory of estate of Catorn Whitmore taken by William Southmayd, Francis Whetmore, and Israhiah Whetmore (MAN vol. 1, p. 519).

Marriage: m.(1) Esther/Hester Hamlin, October 16, 1673, Middletown, Conn. (b. December 15, 1655, Middletown, Conn.; d. November 11, 1682, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of Giles Hamlin and Hester/Esther (Crow) Hamlin of Hartford and Middletown, Conn. (In-Depth First Settler Profile: Giles Hamlin.); m.(2) Margaret/Margrete Allyn, abt. 1684, Hartford, Conn. (b. July 29, 1660, Hartford, Conn., d. March 15, 1733 (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions*, Middletown, Connecticut, no. 711-19, p. 646) or March 16, 1732/3 (BCVR), Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of the Honorable Colonel John Allyn and Ann (Smith) Allyn of Hartford, Conn. (SAV)

Parents: William Southmayd/Southmead (d. abt 1649) and Millison (Millicent) Addis, m. November 28, 1642, Gloucester, Mass. He was a mariner and shipwright; inventory of his estate taken February 20, 1649. She was the daughter of William Addis; after her husband's death, she married William Ash and removed to New London, Conn., where she married third husband Thomas Beebe. (SAV)

Children: (BCVR; Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870)

By first wife:

- (1) William Southmayd, b. July 24, 1674, Middletown, Conn. (died young)
- (2) Reverend John Southmayd, b. August 23, 1676, Middletown, Conn.; d. November 14, 1755, Waterbury, Conn.; m. Susanna Ward, abt. 1701, Middletown, Conn. (5 children) [**Compiler's note:** Graduate of Harvard College in 1697; minister at Waterbury, Conn. (SAV); on October 7, 1731, John Southmayd and Susanna his wife of Waterbury quitclaimed lands "Laid out in Right of our honoured father William Ward of sd Middleton Deceased." (MLR vol. 6, p. 68)]
- (3) William Southmayd, b. March 6, 1678/9, Middletown, Conn. (died young)
- (4) Giles Southmayd, b. January 17, 1680/1, Middletown, Conn.; d. May 27, 1728, Middletown, Conn.; m. Sarah (unknown surname), abt. 1701 (2 children) [**Compiler's note:** Rebekah, daughter of Giles, baptized on September 17, 1703 in First Church, Hartford (*Historical Catalogue of the First Church in Hartford*); Rebecca Southmayd, daughter of Giles and Sarah, died July 11, 1713, age 11 yrs" (BCVR); Sarah Southmayd married Joseph Starr on February 17, 1718/9 (BCVR); "Sarah Southmayd, wife of Giles, died Jan. 21, 1725/6, age 43 years" (BCVR); on July 3, 1728, administration of estate of Giles Southmayd granted to Joseph Starr, son-in-law of deceased (MAN vol. 2, p. 578).]
- (5) Esther Southmayd, b. October 28, 1682, Middletown, Conn.; d. December 29, 1682, Middletown, Conn. (died young)

By second wife:

- (6) Allyn Southmayd, b. February 7, 1685/6, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown [**Compiler's note:** "Allen, son to Mr. Wm Southmaid, Middletown" baptized on May 16, 1686 (*Historical Catalogue of the First Church in Hartford*); on August 23, 1729, "Alyn Southmayd, Justice of the Peace, in St. Johns," Newfoundland, Canada (Calendar of State Papers Colonial, America and West Indies: 1728-1729, vol. 36 (1937), p. 515-527).]
- (7) Daniel Southmayd, b. September 1687, Middletown, Conn.; d. November 23, 1703, Middletown, Conn. (unmarried)
- (8) Anne Southmayd, bp. August 11, 1689, Middletown, Conn. (died young)
- (9) Margaret Southmayd, b. August 11, 1691, Middletown, Conn.; d. November 26, 1730, Middletown, Conn.; m.(1) Samuel Gaylord, February 9, 1719/20, Middletown, Conn. (4 children); m.(2) Seth Wetmore, September 30, 1730, Middletown, Conn. (no children) [**Compiler's note:** On July 6, 1734, "Millicent Gaylord, now 16 years of age, chose her uncle William Southmayd to be her guardian;" on April 19, 1739, distribution of estate of Samuel Gaylord, "to Seth Wetmore, in right of his wife Margaret, relict of sd deceased" (MAN vol. 2, p. 512).]



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(10) Anna Southmayd, b. January 10, 1693/4, Middletown, Conn.; d. January 6, 1729/30, Wethersfield, Conn.; m. Nathaniel Stillman, March 3, 1714/5, Wethersfield, Conn. (1 child) (*Families of Ancient Wethersfield*, by Henry Stiles)

(11) Joseph Southmayd, b. March 15, 1695/6, Middletown, Conn.; d. June 8, 1772, Middletown, Conn.; m. Mrs. Abiah Douglass, July 14, 1730, New London, Conn. (6 children) [**Compiler's note:** "Joseph Southmayd died June 8, 1772, age 75 yrs." (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions*, Middletown, Conn.; McDonough Cemetery, no. 711-19, p. 640); on June 29, 1772, "Was buried Joseph Southmayd Esqr. aged 77. He died of a lingering consumptive disorder" (*First Church, Middletown, Marriages/Deaths from 1762-1869*, p.84); date of death may have been June 28, 1772.]

(12) William Southmayd, b. January 9, 1698/9, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 15, 1747, Middletown, Conn.; m. Mehitable Dwight, March 26, 1729, Middletown, Conn. (6 children) [**Compiler's note:** "William Southmayd died Oct. 15, 1747, age 48 yrs." (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions*, Middletown, Conn.; McDonough Cemetery, no. 711-19, p. 640)]

(13) Millicent Southmayd, b. January 3, 1700/1, Middletown, Conn.; d. December 12, 1717, Middletown, Conn. (unmarried)

Residence/Property: Four-acre homelot described in 1728 as bounded east on the Connecticut River west on the street north on William Hamlin's land and south on the parsonage (MLR vol. 2, p. 477); on October 28, 1672 [1673?], land of Mr. William Southmayd recorded, "meadow at Wongonke giuen him by his father Mr Gills Ham Line [Hamlin] Containing four acres ... Abutting on the Great River West & the Swompe East Vpon Ensigne William Chinys Land North & Sarnt John Warners Land South; vpland Giuen him by his father Mr Gills Ham Line Lying Neare a Place Commonly Called the Hope Swompe Containing on hundered & fifty Acres" (MLR vol. 1, p. 164); on June 16, 1675, William Cheny sold four acres of land to William Southmayd, mariner (MLR vol. 1, p. 135); on March 10, 1700/1, one hundred forty acres of swampland lying at a place called Coginchang which he had by distribution in right of his wife from the estate of his father-in-law Colonel Allyn (MLR vol. 1, p. 164).

Will: William Southmayd, Vol. 2, p. 115-116 (MAN). (Estate inventory taken February 23, 1702/3: 1085-17-06, i.e., 1,085 pounds); on September 8, 1703, "Upon the motion of Mrs. Margaret Southmayd this Court do proceed to dist. the sd. estate: To the widow, 1-3 part of personal estate, and 1-3 part of the real estate during her natural life, the remaining part to be distributed equally among the children of the sd. decd." On November 7, 1705, "John Southmayd of Waterbury ... son to Mr. Wm. Southmayd, late of Middletown, deceased ... move the honored Court for a distribution of the estate of my honored father ... that I, the aforesaid John Southmayd, may

rescue my portion according to law." On March 8, 1705/6, "John Southmaid ... made his application to this Court to have an order made directing the distributors ... to set out to him, the said John Southmaid, his double part or portion of his sd. father's estate." The Court decided to deduct £81 from his portion "for his having been brought up to school learning." On January 3, 1714/5, "This Court doth appoint Margaret Southmayd of Midletown to be guardian unto Joseph Southmayd, William Southmayd and Millicent Southmayd, sons and daughter of William Southmayd, late of Middletown, decd." On January 21, 1714/5, "To the widow, to John, to Giles, to Allyn, to Margaret, to Anne, to Joseph, to William, to Millicent Southmayd" Margaret Southmayd, Vol. 3, p. 114 (MAN). Will dated December 5, 1728, "to my three sons, Allyn, Joseph and William Southmayd, with my two daughters, Margaret Gaylord and Anne Stilman aforesd., the lower lott in the Long Meadow in Hartford, which formerly did belong to my honoured father, Col. John Allyn of Hartford decd." Codicil dated August 28, 1731, "My two daughters and my youngest granddaughter being now deceased ..."

Burial Location: Riverside Cemetery, Middletown, Conn. "William Southmayd died Dec. 4, 1702, age 57 yrs" and "Margaret Southmayd, widow of William, died Mar. 15, 1733, age 73 yrs" (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions*, Middletown, Connecticut; original index at Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Conn., 711-19, p. 646).

Notes:

(SAV): "SOUTHMEAD, or SOUTHMAYD, WILLIAM, Gloucester, mariner and shipwright, m. 28 Nov. 1642, Milicent d. of William Addis, had William, b. 12 Sept. 1643; John, 26 Oct. 1645, d. soon; and John, again, 31 Dec. 1646. Soon aft. he d. for his inv. is found at Pro. Ct. 20 Feb. 1649, wh. I regret to add, shows little prop. and his wid. m. William Ash, wh. rem. a. 1650 to New London, and had 3d h. Thomas Beebee, prob. was happy to give ch. to ea."

(SAV): "SOUTHMEAD, or SOUTHMAYD, WILLIAM, New London, mariner and ship owner, eldest s. of the preced. rem. to Middletown, m. Oct. 1673, Esther, d. of Giles Hamlin, had William, b. 1674, d. young; John, 1676, H. C. 1697, min. of Waterbury; William, again, 1679, d. young; Giles, 1680; and Esther, 1682, d. soon; by sec. w. Margaret, d. of Hon. John Allyn of Hartford, had Allyn, b. 1685; Daniel, 1687, d. at 16 yrs.; Margaret, 1691; Ann, 18 Jan. 1693; Joseph, 1695; William, again, 1698; and Milicent, 1700, wh. d. at 17 yrs. and he d. Dec. 1702. His wid. wh. d. 16 Mar. 1733, in her will of 5 Dec. 1728, names only four of her ch. Margaret Gaylord, Ann Stillman, Joseph, and William. The name is well perpet. in Conn."

(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. Mehitable, or Mable, b. 17 Nov. 1664, who m. Samuel Hooker; Esther, b. 15 Dec. 1655, m. Oct. 1673, William Southmayd; and Mary, 11 Feb.



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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.”

(SAV): “ALLYN, JOHN, Hartford, s. of Matthew, b. in Eng. m. 19 Nov. 1651, Ann, d. of Henry Smith of Springfield, gr.d. of William Pynchon, had Ann, b. 18 Aug. 1654; Mary, 3 Apr. 1657; Margaret, 29 July 1660; Rebecca, 2 Mar. 1665, d. young; Martha, 27 July 1667; and Elizabeth 1 Dec. 1669. By sec. w. Hannah, d. of George Lamberton, wid. of Samuel Welles of Wethersfield, I suppose, he had no ch. He was many yrs. Secr. of the Col. after 1657, when he was lieut. rose to be col. an Assist. in 1662, and many yrs. foll. and of the Counc. under Sir Edmund Andros in 1687, and d. 6 Nov. 1696, leav. large est. to the five ds Ann m. 1676, as his sec. w. Joseph Whiting of Hartford; Mary m. 6 Oct. 1686, Col. William Whiting; Margaret m. a. 1684, William Southmayd of Middletown, as his sec. w. Martha m. 3 Jan. 1684, Aaron Cooke the third; and Elizabeth m. 21 Dec. 1704, as his sec. w. Alexander Allen of Windsor; and next John Gardiner of Gardiner's isl. Increase Mather includes, in his Relat. of Ind. Wars, the Account of the troubles preced. and during that with the Pequots, writ. by Allyn, filling 19 of his pages.”

(Saybrook Land Records): On June 16, 1679, William Southmayd of Middletown, mariner, to William Wellstead of Charlestown, mariner, “one house and a house lote and orchard lying and being in Saybrook which I bought of Joseph Peck” (Book 1, p. 112)

(HMC): “At a towne meeting November 18, 1679 ... it was voated be willing that a belle which is purchased by parte of the inhabitance of the towne ... that if they be willing that the sayd belle shall be hanged up in the meeting house,” included Mr. William Southmayd for the amount of ten shillings.

(HCCM): On April 20, 1682, “Mr. John Higly is plntf: Contra Mr. Wm Southmead defnt. In an action of the case for non performance of Bill of ladeing of Two Horses with damage to the value of fifty pownds with drawn before the Court satt.” (p. 317); on March 1, 1683, “Thomas Bennit plaintife contra Wm Sowthmead [Southmayd] defendnt; in an action of the Case for not rendering him the Sayd Bennett his due proportion of the Earnings of the Sloop *John & Mary* of whom you were master he being shiped upon sayd Sloop upon shares by the defendnt, from the first of March till the beginning of September with damage to the value to Ten pownds, wthdrawn in court. The defendant is allowed for attendance 3s.” (p. 337)

(MAN): Will of Giles Hamlin Senior, dated August 30, 1689, bequests “to my two gr. sons John and Giles Southmayd” (vol.

1, p. 460) [Compiler's note: John and Giles were the only surviving children of Hamlin's daughter Esther Southmayd, who had died in 1682]; on November 23, 1696, distribution of the estate of Colonel John Allyn of Hartford included his widow, William Whiting, William Southmayd, Aaron Cooke, and Elizabeth Allyn (vol. 1, p. 395-396) **[Compiler's note:** Allyn's daughter Mary was the wife of William Whiting; his daughter Margaret was the wife of William Southmayd; his daughter Martha was the wife of Aaron Cooke; his daughter Elizabeth had not yet married. (SAV)]

(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870): On July 26, 1674, William son of William and Esther Southmayd baptized (p. 20); on August 27, 1676, “John son of Wm Southmayd and Ester his wife, she being a member in the state of Innitiation, was baptised” (p. 24); on October 29, 1676, William Southmayd (who also received ye initiatory seal of ye covenant) received to full communion (p. 24); on February 29, 1676/7, “Ester Southmayd was accepted to full communion, hir relation read (and owned by hir) in ye face of ye congregation” (p. 25); on January 23, 1680/1, Gyles Southmayd baptized (p. 31); on October 29, 1682, “Esther (daughter of William Southmayd and Ester his wife)” was baptized (p. 33); on August 11, 1689, Annah daughter of William and Margaret Southmayd baptized (notation: “there a mistake, baptized Anne”) (p. 38); on January 22, 1693/4, Annah daughter of William and Margaret Southmayd baptized (p. 44); on June 2, 1695, Mr. Southmayd was chosen to ye office of Deacon (p. 46); on August 11, 1695, Mr. Southmayd declined the work of deacon of the church (p. 46); on March 15, 1695/6, Joseph son of William and Margaret Southmayd baptized (p. 49); on January 15, 1698/9, William son of William and Margaret Southmayd baptized (p. 52); on January 5, 1700/1, Millecent daughter of William and Margaret Southmayd baptized (p. 55); on May 17, 1702, Esther daughter of John and Susanna Southmayd baptized, the parents having before publicly owned the covenant (p. 58); on February 28, 1702/3, Giles Southmayd made public confession of his sin of fornication (p. 59); on May 30, 1703, Giles Southmayd owning ye covenant had Sarah baptized (p. 59); on December 12, 1703, Mr. John Southmayd was admitted to full communion (p. 60); on March 26, 1704, Susanna daughter of John and Susanna Southmayd was baptized (p. 60); on April 26, 1713, Sarah the wife of Giles Southmayd admitted to full communion (p. 77); on May 11, 1718, Margaret Southmayd Junr was admitted to full communion (p. 83).

(MLR): On August 25, 1730, Margaret Gaylord quitclaimed to Captain Joseph Southmayd “that half of the Homelot and Buildings thereon (of their Honord Father Mr. Wm. Southmayd decd) in sd Middletown which was set out to their Honrd Mother Mrs. Margaret Southmayd and unto the twelfth part of sd Homelot and Buildings which was set out to their sister Milliscent Southmayd decd” (vol. 6, p. 7); on December 24, 1733, John Southmayd of Waterbury, Joseph



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Southmayd, heirs of Margaret Gaylord deceased, William Southmayd, Joseph Starr Junior and his wife Sarah, Nathaniel Stilman of Wethersfield on behalf of his son Nathaniel Stilman, who is the only heir of his wife Annah Stilman deceased, to divide the lands set out to our honored mother Margaret Southmayd as her third of the real estate of our

honored father William Southmayd and being the heirs of the estate of our sister Milliscent Southmayd deceased shall be sold by Captain Joseph Southmayd and the money divided among the heirs “after the charge of the Doctors in her sickness, her funeral charges and gravestone are paid ... and it is to be understood that our Brother Allyn Southmayd is accounted as an heir to the forementioned estates and is by us allowed a single part thereof, although he is not present at this Division.” (vol. 6, p. 121)

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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)