



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
Nathaniel Stow (1676) /
Hannah (Wetmore) Stow

Name: Nathaniel Stow (Sgt.)

Birth: Abt. 1648, Concord, Mass. [**Compiler's note:** His father Thomas Stowe was living in Concord, Mass., when he was admitted as a freeman there on May 18, 1653 (NEHGS vol. 3, p. 192).]

Emigration: Born in Massachusetts Bay Colony; moved to Middletown, Conn. before his marriage.

Death: February 15, 1704/5, Middletown, Conn. (BCVR)

Occupation & Public Service: Husbandman (MLR vol. 4, p. 214); sergeant (MLR vol. 2, p. 153); on December 28, 1688 and December 4, 1693, inventory of estate of John Higby taken by John Hall, Francis Whitmore and Nathaniel Stow (MAN vol. 2, p. 77); inventory of estate of John Whitmore taken in 1696 by Nathaniel Stow, Israhiah Wetmore and Edward Shepard (MAN vol. 1, p. 593); on July 16, 1698, inventory of Jonathan Gilbert taken by Nathaniel White, John Hall Senior, and Nathaniel Stow (MAN vol. 1, p. 555); on August 18, 1703, inventory of estate of William Sumner taken by Nathaniel Stow Senior, Samuel Bidwell and William Ward (MAN vol. 2, p. 124) [**Compiler's note:** He was prob. a brewer since he owned a malt house. (MLR vol. 2, p. 191)]

Marriage: m. Hannah Wetmore, April 4, 1677, Middletown, Conn. (b. February 13, 1653, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 1704, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of Thomas Wetmore and Sarah (Hall) Wetmore of Hartford and Middletown, Conn. (*SMFSD In-Depth First Settler Profile: Thomas Wetmore*) [**Compiler's note:** Will of Thomas Wetmore, dated July 20, 1681, to my daughter Hannah Stow, "half my Lott at Caugenchawke" (MAN vol. 1, p. 382-384).]

Parents: Thomas Stow (1615-1684) & Mary Griggs (abt. 1618-1680) m. December 4, 1639, Roxbury, Mass. (*Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700*); Thomas Stow moved to Concord, Mass. about 1648 and to Middletown, Conn. about 1669. (MUH) [**Compiler's note:** On January 18, 1676, Nathaniel Stow of Middletown recorded one hundred twenty six acres in the bogie meadow quarter given to him by his father Thomas Stow (MLR vol. 1, p. 132); the same land was sold by Nathaniel Stow and his wife Hannah on April 19, 1688 (MLR vol. 4, p. 61).]

Children: No known children; his brothers, sisters, and their heirs inherited his estate. (MAN vol. 2, p. 120)

Residence/Property: On January 18, 1676, one hundred twenty six acres "in the bogie meadow Quarter giuen to him by His father Thomas Stow;" on March 29, 1684, "Land giuen him by his father in his Life time by Deed of Gift and Confirmed by his Will and being his home Lott Containing fiue acres" bounded east & west & south on highways and north on John

Wetmore; six acres of bogie meadow and swamp given him by his father by Deed of Gift & acknowledged in his Will; on September 8, 1684, one acre of bogie meadow and one acre of meadow bought of John Hall Junior bounded east on the West River (MLR vol. 1, p. 132); on April 9, 1689, one hundred fifty acres in the bogie meadow quarter bought of his brother Joseph Wetmore; eight acres in the west field bought of John Bacon (MLR vol. 1, p. 89).

Will: Vol. 2, p. 120 (MAN). (Estate inventory taken February 20, 1704/5: 368-09-09, i.e., 368 pounds); on March 6, 1704/5, "Adms. to Thomas Stow, Sen., a brother of the deceased;" on April 4, 1706, legatees to his estate are Thomas Stow, Samuel Stow, heirs of John Stow, Mary Spalding, Thankful Hill and heirs of Elizabeth Bidwell, decd; on July 7, 1707, distribution to John Stow, to Thankful Hill, to Samuel Cotton (son of Mary Spalden alias Cotton), to Samuel Bidwell (husband of Elizabeth Bidwell, decd.), and to Thomas Stow (brother of Sergt. Nathaniel Stow).

Burial Location: Unknown

Notes:

(SAV): "STOW, THOMAS, Braintree, eldest s. of the first John, b. in Eng. ar. co. 1638, m. 4 Dec. 1639, at Roxbury, Mary Gragg, or Griggs, had John, b. 3 Feb. 1641; and Mary, 6 Feb. 1643; by 1648, or earlier, rem. to Concord, there freem. 1653, thence a. 1654, to Middletown, had, also, Thankful, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Samuel, and Thomas. His w. d. 21 Aug. 1680, and he d. prob. early in 1684, as inv. is of 23 Feb. in his will names only John, Nathaniel, and Thomas as his s. and Samuel Bidwell, h. of his dec. d. Elizabeth Perhaps his est. was too small to give any pt. to two other m. ds. or they may have had full shares on m. A d. says Hinman, 243, m. Samuel Bidwell; Mary m. Spaulding; and Thankful m. a Hill, perhaps John, the sec. of Guilford."

(SAV): "STOW, NATHANIEL, Middletown, s. of Thomas of the same, m. 4 Apr. 1677, Hannah Wetmore, had no ch. His w. d. Oct. 1704, and he d. 16 Feb. foll. His est. went in six equal pts. to brs. Thomas, Samuel, and the rep. of John, sis. Mary, Thankful, and the heirs of Elizabeth."

(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 Nathanill Stow for the amount of five shillings.

(MAN): Will of Thomas Stow Senior dated January 26, 1680/1, to son Nathaniel Stow "my house, Home Lott in the Boggy meadow Quarter which I made sure to him by a former Contract ... Moreover I give to my son Nathaniel all my household Goods;" also Nathaniel Stow, Thomas Stow and Samuel Biddoll (Bidwell) to share in half the great lot at Streight Hills and the half mile lot on the east side of the great river (vol. 1, p. 369).

(*Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776*): At a General Court held at Hartford on October 8, 1685,



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“Propounded for Freemen ... John Stow Senr, John Whitmore, Nath. Stow ... of Midleton.” (vol. 3, p. 182)

(Hartford, Connecticut Land Records, 1638-1688): “Land in Hartford upon Conecticut belonging to Nath Stow of Midleton: one parcel of land which he bought of Nath Bacon Senr John Bacon & Sarah Bacon his wife & Andrew Bacon all of Midleton lyeing in the Sowth meadow Swamp Containing by estimation fower acres be it more or lefs & abutteth on a High way leading to the Swamp lots west & on lots belonging to Georg Graue North & on a watery Hollow or paul peck his land on the east & on James Steels land on the Sowth as more at large appears by his deed Dated the 26 of July 1692 & acknowledged the 27 of July 1692 before John Hamlin Comr & recorded feb 9. 1694/5.” (p. 441-442)

(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870): On March 16, 1689/90, Nathaniel Stow and Hannah his wife admitted to full communion (p. 39)

(MLR): On February 9, 1702/3, Sgt. Nathaniel Stow Senior and his wife in consideration of the love favor and affection that he has for his nephew Nathaniel Stow, son of John Stow deceased, conveyed part of his now dwelling house “that new end of said house which is lately erected there to be used and improved for a dwelling house for him and what family he may have” (vol. 2, p. 153); on July 22, 1707, legatees to the estate of Sgt. Nathaniel Stow included his brother Thomas Stow Senior of Middletown, his brother Samuel Stow of mary burrow [Marlborough] in province of Massachusetts Bay, his sister Thankfull Hill widow of John Hill of Guilford, Samuel Bedwell, Samuel Cotton of Middletown for himself and representing his mother Mary Spaulding now wife of John Spaulding of Chelmsford in the province of Massachusetts Bay, and the heirs of John Stow (vol. 2, p. 208).

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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.)

(FVS) 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)