



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
Thomas Stow (1669) /
Mary (Griggs) Stow

Name: Thomas Stow

Birth: Baptized April 2, 1615, Biddenden, Kent, England
(*NEHGSR*, vol. 70, p. 347)

Emigration: He landed with his parents in Boston, Mass. on May 17, 1634, “in one of the six ships which arrived during the week of the meeting of the General Court” and settled in Roxbury, Mass. (*Macdonough-Hackstaff Ancestry/Macdonough*, 1901, p. 338); “John Stow: he arrived at N. E. the 17th of the 3rd month ano. 1634; he brought his wife & 6 children: Thomas, Elizabeth, John, Nathaniel, Samuel, Thankful” (*NEHGSR*, vol. 35, p. 244) [**Compiler’s note:** Although Rev. Eliot noted the date the Stow family came to America, no existing ship’s passenger list contains their name]; to Braintree, Mass. by 1641; to Concord, Mass. by 1648; to Middletown, Conn. by 1669 (MUH),

Death: February 1683/4, Middletown, Conn. [**Compiler’s note:** Inventory of his estate taken on February 23, 1683/4, MAN vol. 1, p. 369).]

Occupation & Public Service: Unknown

Marriage: m. Mary Griggs/Cragg, December 4, 1639, Roxbury, Mass. (d. August 21, 1680, Middletown, Conn.) She may have been the daughter of Thomas and Mary Griggs of Roxbury, Mass. (*Torrey’s New England Marriages Prior to 1700; Ancestry of Edward Wales Blake and Clarissa Matilda Glidden/Sumner*, 1948) [**Compiler’s note:** “There is no actual proof that Mary, wife of Thomas Stowe, was the daughter of Thomas Griggs, but from her age and residence it is a fair assumption.” (*NEHGSR*, vol. 123, p. 171-182)]

Parents: John Stow (1582-abt. 1654) & Elizabeth Bigge (1590-1638), m. September 13, 1608, Biddenden, Kent, England. (*NEHGSR*, vol. 70, p. 347); John Stow was admitted a freeman September 3, 1634; was a proprietor at Roxbury, Mass. and a deputy to the General Court for two sessions. (*NEHGSR*, vol. 70, p. 348); John Stow “sold his place at Meeting House Hill, Roxbury, in 1648, to John Pierpoint, who married Thankful Stowe about that year. In 1654 the Record of Houses and Lands, Roxbury, lists an estate of 11-1/2 acres belonging to John Pierpoint, ‘which he enjoyeth as heir to John Stowe his father-in-law, lately deceased.’ ... He [John Stow] was also residuary legatee and executor of the will of his mother-in-law, Rachel Bigge, in 1647. This would seem to dispose of the assertion that he was the ‘John Ston, an old Kentish Man,’ of John Eliot’s records, who died in Roxbury, 10-26-1643.” (*Ancestry of Edward Wales Blake*, by Edith Bartlett Sumner, 1948, p. 241).

Children: (BCVR; MAN vol. 1, p. 369; *Vital Records of Braintree, Massachusetts; Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850*)

(1) John Stow, b. February 3, 1640/1, Braintree, Mass.; d. October 18, 1688, Middletown, Conn.; m. Mary Wetmore, November 13, 1668, Middletown, Conn. (10 children) [**Compiler’s note:** On January 7, 1678, Thomas Wetmore Senior to “John Stow Son to Thomas Stow his Wife Now Liuing With him mary Stow Daughter to the sd Thomas Wetmore” (MLR vol. 1, p. 158); he was referred to as John Stow Senior to distinguish him from his younger cousin John, the son of Samuel Stow (MLR vol. 1, p. 155).]

(2) Mary/Marie Stow, b. February 6, 1642/3, Braintree, Mass.; d. unknown; m.(1) John Cotton, August 12, 1662, Concord, Mass. (8 children); m.(2) Samuel Fletcher, September 3, 1684, Chelmsford, Mass. (no children); m.(3) John Spaulding, November 18, 1700, Chelmsford, Mass. (Mary Cotten of Concord married Samuel Flecher of Chelmsford; Mary Fletcher, widow, married John Spaulding, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850) [**Compiler’s note:** On July 22, 1707, legatees of Sgt. Nathaniel Stow included “Mary Spaulding now wife of John Spaulding of Chelmsford” and Samuel Cotton her son. (MLR vol. 2, p. 208)]

(3) Samuel Stow, b. abt. 1644, possibly Braintree, Mass.; d. February 9, 1720/1, Marlborough, Mass.; m. Elizabeth Stone, November 16, 1669, Concord, Mass. (9 children) [**Compiler’s note:** Samuel Stow died at age 76 years; two of his children born in Concord; one in Sudbury, and six in Marlborough (*Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850; Vital Records of Marlborough, Mass.*); on July 22, 1707, legatees to the estate of Sgt. Nathaniel Stow of Middletown included his brother Samuel Stow of “mary burrow” [Marlborough] in province of Massachusetts Bay (MLR vol. 2, p. 208).]

(4) Thankful Stow, b. November 6, 1646, Concord, Mass.; d. November 18, 1711, Guilford, Conn.; m. John Hill, abt. 1670, possibly in Middletown, Conn. (7 children) (*Some Ancestral Lines*, by Raymon Meyers Tingley, 1935; *Early Families of Guilford*) [**Compiler’s note:** On July 22, 1707, legatees to the estate of Sgt. Nathaniel Stow included his sister Thankfull Hill widow of John Hill of Guilford (MLR vol. 2, p. 208).]

(5) Sergeant Nathaniel Stow, b. abt. 1648, Concord, Mass.; d. February 15, 1704/5, Middletown, Conn.; m. Hannah Wetmore, April 1677, Middletown, Conn. (no known children) [**Compiler’s note:** Inventory of his estate taken February 20, 1704/5; on April 4, 1706, legatees to his estate were Thomas Stow, Samuel Stow, heirs of John Stow, Thankful Hill, Mary Spalding, and heirs of Elizabeth Bidwell, decd (MAN vol. 2, p. 120).]

(6) Elizabeth Stow, b. abt. 1650, Concord, Mass.; d. unknown; m. Samuel Bidwell, November 14, 1672, Middletown, Conn. (7 children) [**Compiler’s note:** She died before the 1695 birth of Samuel’s child with his second wife (BCVR); on July 7, 1707, distribution of estate of Sgt. Nathaniel Stow, “to Samuel Bidwell (husband of Elizabeth Bidwell, decd.)” (MAN vol. 2, p. 120).]

(7) Thomas Stow, Junior, b. abt 1652, Concord, Mass.; d. March 19, 1729/30, Middletown, Conn.; m. Bethia Stocking,



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October 16, 1675, Middletown, Conn. (9 children) [**Compiler's note:** "Deacon Stocking ffather in law to ye said Thomas Stow" (MLR vol. 2, p. 161); "Thomas Stow died Mar. 19, 1730, age 78." (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions*, Cromwell, Connecticut; Old Cromwell Cemetery, no. 703-1, p. 26); will dated March 12, 1728; inventory of his estate taken April 29, 1730 (MAN vol. 3, p. 118).]

Residence/Property: On January 20, 1670, eight acres "Giuen him by his brother mr Samuell Stow" [sold to Daniel Harris]; forty one acres in the bogie meadow; on October 7, 1672, five-acre homelot "whar on his Hous standeth" bounded east & South & West on highways and north on John Wetmore; one hundred twenty two acres in the south quarter [sold to Thomas Miller]; one hundred twenty six acres bought of Thomas Miller in the bogie meadow quarter [given to his son Nathaniel]; on January 9, 1672/3, one hundred sixty eight acres "Neare the Way to Hadam" [one hundred twenty eight acres given to his son Thomas; forty acres sold to Thomas Miller]; on September 3, 1676, six acres of bogie meadow bought of Lt. Daniel Harris [given to his son Nathaniel]; on February 11, 1680/1, two hundred eighty acres lying on the streits hills bounded south & west on highways east on undivided land north on Thomas Wetmore. (MLR vol. 1, p. 88)

Will: Vol. 1, p. 369 (MAN). Will dated January 26, 1680/1, to my son John Stow Senior; to my son Nathaniel Stow; to my son Thomas Stow; to Samuel Biddoll [Bidwell]. (Estate inventory taken February 23, 1683/4: 42-05-06, i.e., 42 pounds, included one great kettle valued at 11lb 6s 6d; two hundred eighty acres lying at the Streits Hill; the half mile lot on the east side of the great river; additional twenty nine acres of land (Macdonough-Hackstaff Ancestry by Rodney Macdonough, 1901, p. 278-283) [**Compiler's note:** His will did not mention his children Samuel, Mary, and Thankful, although they were listed on July 22, 1707 as legatees in the estate of his son Sgt. Nathaniel Stow (MLR vol. 2, p. 208). None of them were living in Middletown when Thomas died; perhaps he had already bequeathed to them their portions of his estate.]

Burial Location: Unknown

Notes:

(SAV): "STOW, JOHN, Roxbury, came 1634, arr. says the ch. rec. 17 May, in one of those six sh. that came in, as Winthrop tells, in the wk. of the Gen. Ct.'s meeting, brot. w. Elizabeth and six ch. Thomas, Elizabeth, John, Nathaniel, Samuel, H. C. 1645, and Thankful; was freem. 3 Sept. foll. and his w. d. or was bur. 21 Aug. 1638; was rep. at two Courts in 1639, and d. 26 Oct. 1643, by Eliot's rec. descr. as 'an old Kentish man.' His d. Elizabeth m. 4 Dec. 1639, Henry Archer, on the same day her br. Thomas m. and Thankful m. John Pierpont. I suppose, aft. the d. of f. the residue of the fam. rem. to sev. towns, but princip. to Concord and Middletown." [**Compiler's**

note: John Stow did not die in 1643. The complete entry in Eliot's record is "goodman Stone an old Kentish man dyed, was not of the church, yet on his sick bed some had some hopes of him. The name is clearly Stone, and cannot mean John Stow, who was a ch. member as was his wife." (NEHGSR, vol. 29, p. 254)]

(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."

(*Historic Homes and Places and Genealogical and Personal Memories Relating to the Families of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, by William Richard Cutter, 1908*): "John Stow, the immigrant ancestor, was born in England and came to Massachusetts in one of Winthrop's companies, bringing his wife and six children, and settled in Roxbury. He arrived May 17, 1634, and the same year was admitted a freeman. In 1638 he was admitted a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. He was a deputy to the general court in 1639. His wife died in 1638 and was buried August 24, 1638, daughter of Mrs. Rachel Biggs, who came in 1635 to Dorchester with her daughter Foster, and the Foster and Stow children received valuable legacies from their uncles, John and Smalhope Biggs, of Cranbrook and Maidstone, Kent, England. He sold his Roxbury property June 20, 1648, and removed to Concord, Massachusetts, where he was living in 1648. Children, all born in England: 1. Thomas, sold land in Concord to Thomas Goble and David Dam ... settling at Middletown. 2. Elizabeth, married Henry Archer, of Ipswich. 3. John. 4. Samuel, born 1620, graduated from Harvard College in 1645 ... was a clergyman in Middletown, Connecticut; died 1704. 5. Nathaniel, mentioned below. 6. Thankful, married John Pierpont of Roxbury." (p. 1157)

(NEHGSR): "Smalehope Bigg, of Cranbrooke in the County of Kent, clothier, 3 May, 1638, proved 3 October, 1638 ... To Peter Master of Cranbrook who married my sister. To my mother Rachell Bigg one hundred pounds ... To my sisters Patience Foster and Elizabeth Stow in New England. To Hopestill Foster, son of my sister three hundred pounds. To Thomas and John Stow, sons of my sister Stow two hundred pounds each. To Elizabeth Stow and the other three children (under age) of my said sister Stow." (vol. 38, p. 61)

[**Compiler's note:** Thomas Stow, son of Elizabeth, later lived in Middletown, Conn.]



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(NEHGSR): [Will of John Bigg of Maidstone, co. Kent, dated August 17, 1640.] “Now concerning my lands in New England, my will is, that my mother being paid twentie pounds a year out of it, due to her by my brothers will out of his house at Cranbrook, that she shall have twentie pounds a year more out of it duringe her naturall life, and that my sister Foster have twentie pounds a yeare out of it, duringe her naturall life, and my brother Stowe ten poundes a yeare out of it, all these livinge in New-England. Now if it shall not yield seventie poundes a yeare, then I will, my mother to have her twentie poundes a year at Cranbrook, to be paid her as the will goeth, and the rest of that in New-England to be divided between my mother there and sister Foster, and my minde is, that after their decease, that all my lands in New-England shall goe equallie, the rent divided to Hopesstill Foster, Thomas Stowe, John Stowe, Nathaniel Stowe and my brother Stowe's two daughters ... And for all my other Rentes at Cranbrook, Wetersham, Lyde, which is about fiftie poundes per annum ... that my mother and sister Foster receivinge sixtie pounds a yeare at least in New England out of my landes there, then my mind and will is, that Hope Foster, and my brother Stowe's fower sonnes before named shall have the Rentes of it equallie divided.” (vol. 29, p. 257)

(NEHGSR): “John Stowe and Elizabeth (Bigge) Stowe, his wife, the emigrants to New England, had a second son and sixth child, John Stowe ... who emigrated with his parents to New England in 1634, and ... returned to England, and apparently took over the clothing business of his uncle Smalehope Bigge of Cranbrook ... The Will of John Stowe of Cranbrooke, co. Kent, clothier, 28 Sept. 1643 ... All my goods and chattels which my uncle Hope Bigg gave to me, now in the possession of my father John Stowe now in New England, to my said father John Stowe ... To John Stowe, son of my brother Thomas Stowe, my share of land in Cranbrooke, Wittersam, and Lidd, given to me by my Uncle John Bigg, at his age of 21; meantime, Thomas Stowe, his father and my brother, to take the profits ... My share of land given by my said Uncle John [Bigg] in Maidstone, Linton and Horsmonden ... shall be divided between my brothers Thomas, Nathaniel and Samuel. I appoint my Uncle Peter Masters of Cranbrook executor” (vol. 93, p. 297) [**Compiler's note:** Thomas Stow, who later moved to Middletown, Conn., was the brother of John Stowe of Cranbrooke.]

(GMB): [Will of Rachel Bigg dated November 17, 1646,] “Whereas my son-in-law John Stow oweth unto me one hundred and forty pounds ... out of which I give unto his eldest son Thomas Stow thirty pounds he paying out of it forty shillings to be laid out upon six silver spoons to be marked R.B. of which I give three of them to his daughter Marie & the other three to his son Samuell and ... to his eldest son John a

silver cup which I bought of his father ... to Peter Masters my son-in-law now living in England twenty shillings.” (p. 285-286)

(NEHGSR): Thomas Stowe of Concord, Mass. admitted as a freeman on May 18, 1653. (vol. 3, p. 192)

(Suffolk County, Mass., Deeds): On September 10, 1653, “Whereas there hath bene many & uncomfortable differences arise between us Hopesstill Foster of the one side & Thomas Nathan and Samuell Stowe of the other side all of us of New England about the Interpretacoin and fulfilling of the wills of our deceased uncles Mr. Smalehope Bigg & Mr. John Bigg both of the County of Kent in old England ... settling peace & amitie amongst us, Hopesstill foster the one half of all those lands in Cranbrooke Withersham & Lidd whc Mr Smallhope Bigg gave unto Samuel Bigg his brothers son & Thomas Stowe and his son John as heires to John Stowe his Uncle deceased and Nathaniel & Samuel Stowe the other half of the said land” (vol. 1, p. 319-320) [Compiler's note: Thomas Stow was then living in Concord, Mass., and Samuel Stow was living in Middletown, Conn.]

(Concord in the Colonial Period, by Charles Hosmer Walcott, 1884): “Henry Woodis and Thomas Stow jointly owned a tract of six hundred and sixty-six acres, situated south of Fairhaven and east of the river, which was sold in 1660 to Thomas Goble and Daniel Dane for £72, and was afterward occupied by them.” (p. 82-83)

(HMC): “April 29, 1669. Thomas Stow admitted an inhabitant [to Middletown].”

(HMC): The names of the proprietors of Middletown with their estates, taken March 22th 1670 included Thomas Stow with a value of £54. The list of the estates of the inhabitants of Middletown taken in 1673 included Mr. Thomas Stow with a value of £81.

(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870): On November 14, 1669, “Mr. Thomas Stow & Mary his wife all theirs being recommended to us by letter to us from the church of Christ at Concord desireing that by virtue of communion of churches they and theirs might have communion with us ... John Stow some of the aforesaid Thomas & Mary his wife publicly manifesting repentance ... assenting to ye doctrine of faith did (with Mary his wife) solemnly owne and personally plight ye covenant and was soe accepted to a membership in this church” and both together presenting their son John for baptism (p. 8); on September 20, 1674, Samuel Bidwell recommended from the 2nd ch of xt at Hartford received as member of this church; Sarah daughter of Samuel Bidwell baptized (p. 21); on June 10, 1677, Samuel son of Samuel Bidwell baptized (p. 25); on August 26, 1678, “Mary Stow Senior from ye ch of xt at Concord” received to full communion, “Mr. Th. Stow refuseing to own ye covenant.” (p. 27); on October 27, 1678, “Mr. Thomas Stow owning ye covenant ... received into membership with this church, in full communion being recommended to us from ye ch of xt at

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Concord and his children Nathaniel, Thomas & Sarah [Elizabeth?] Bidwell owned their parents covenant;” on January 12, 1678/9, Mary daughter of Samuel Bidwell and Elizabeth his wife baptized (p. 28); on August 29, 1680, “Thomas son of Thomas Stow with Hannah daughter of Jo[h]n Stow Sr were baptised” (p. 30); on July 5, 1683, John son of Thomas and Bethia Stow baptized (p. 34); on November 9, 1684, Hannah daughter of Samuel Bidwell and Elizabeth his wife baptized; on November 11, 1688, Nathaniel, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Bidwell baptized (p. 36); on December 16, 1688, Thankful and Experience children of widow Mary Stow wife of John Stow Senior deceased were baptized (p. 37); on March 16, 1689/90, Nathaniel Stow and Hannah his wife admitted to full communion (p. 39); on November 27, 1698, Lydia Cotton daughter of Samuel Cotton baptized by communion of churches “ye father belonging to Concord church” (p. 52).

(MLR): On January 20, 1670, Thomas Stow recorded eight acres “Giuen him by his brother Mr. Samuell Stow” bounded west on highway east on town commons south on Henry Cole and north on George Hubbard Senior (vol. 1, p. 88); on October 1, 1676, Thomas Stow Senior exchanged eight acres of upland (bounded west on highway east on town commons south on Henry Cole and north on George Hubbard Senior) with Lt. Daniel Harris for six acres of bogie meadow (vol. 1, p. 130); on March 29, 1684, Nathaniel Stow recorded six acres of bogie meadow “Giuen him by his father as is aboue Expressed

by Deed of Gift & acknowledged in his Will” (vol. 1, p. 132)

(MLR): On October 7, 1672, Thomas Stow recorded five acre homelot “whar on his Hous standeth” (vol. 1, p. 88); on March 29, 1684, Nathaniel Stow recorded five acre homelot “giuen him by his father in his Life time by Deed of Gift and Confirmed by his Will” (vol. 1, p. 132).

(MLR): On October 7, 1672, Thomas Stow recorded one hundred twenty six acres in the bogie meadow quarter bought of Thomas Miller (vol. 1, p. 88); on January 18, 1676, Nathaniel Stow recorded one hundred twenty six acres “in the bogie meadow Quarter giuen to him by His father Thomas Stow” (vol. 1, p. 132)

(MLR): On October 7, 1672, Thomas Stow recorded one hundred twenty two acres in the south quarter (vol. 1, p. 88); on April 15, 1674, Thomas Stow Senior conveyed to Thomas Miller one hundred twenty two acres in the south quarter (vol. 6, p. 101).

(MLR): On January 9, 1672/3, Thomas Stow recorded one hundred sixty eight acres “Neare the Way to Hadam” bounded north on highway south on Haddam bounds west on Thomas Miller and east on undivided land (vol. 1, p. 88); on February 15, 1672, Thomas Stow Junior recorded one hundred twenty eight acres near a place called Hope Swamp given to him by his father Thomas Stow bounded north on highway south on Haddam bounds west on Thomas Miller and east on highway (vol. 1, p. 98); on April 15, 1674, Thomas Stow Senior conveyed to Thomas Miller forty acres in the Hope Swamp (vol. 6, p. 101).

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.)

(FIS) 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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(MLR): On February 11, 1680/1, Thomas Stow recorded two hundred eighty acres lying on the Streits Hills (vol. 1, p. 88) [Compiler's note: On January 26, 1680/1, Thomas Stow bequeathed "to my son John Stow" one half of his great lot at Streits Hill (MAN vol. 1, p. 369)]; on February 15, 1697/8, inventory of estate of John Stow listed one hundred forty acres beyond the straits on the west side, granted to Mary Stow, eldest daughter of John Stow (MLR vol. 4, p. 119-121).

(MLR): On March 1, 1707/8, Thomas Stow quitclaimed "unto his brother in law Samuel Bidwell Senior" all his right "by virtue of his deceased ffather Thomas Stow his last will and

testament" including the great lot at the straits hills and the half mile lot on the east side of the Great River. (vol. 2, p. 231)

(MLR): On March 24, 1725/6, Samuel Cotton of Middletown conveyed one equal sixth part of land in the last division "Laid out in Right of Mr. Thomas Stow of sd Middletown Decd" (vol. 5, p. 97); on April 2, 1731, John Hill and Samuel Hill of Guilford quitclaim to Thomas Stow all right in land laid out in right or estate of Thomas Stow formerly of Middletown deceased being grandfather to Thomas Stow first named (vol. 5, p. 415-416).

For further reading:

John Stow/Stowe of Massachusetts and His Descendants of Middletown, Conn., by Raeola Ford Cooke (Twin Falls, Idaho: R.F. Cooke, 1986)

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