



In-Depth First Settler Profile:

John Ward (1664) /

Mary (Harris) Ward

Name: John Ward

Birth: Abt. 1638, Wethersfield, Conn. (GMB)

Emigration: Born in Colony of Connecticut; moved with his parents to Stamford, Conn. in 1641 and to Fairfield, Conn. in 1648 (GMB); lived in Rowley, Mass. before moving to Middletown, Conn. (*Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Conn.*)

Death: Abt. 1684, Middletown, Conn. [**Compiler's note:** His death occurred between January 15, 1683/4, when he bought land from Daniel Markham (MLR vol. 4, p. 190) and February 22, 1683/4, when his estate inventory was taken. (MAN vol. 1, p. 373-374)]

Occupation & Public Service: Mariner [Compiler's note: Referred to as "Mr. John Ward" in the record (MLR vol. 1, p. 90); "being bound on ye sd day to sea." (*Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Conn.*, p. 8)]

Marriage: m. Mary Harris, April 18, 1664, Middletown, Conn. (b. July 1, 1645, Rowley, Mass.; d. abt. 1721, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of William Harris and Edith (Dorney) Harris of Rowley, Mass. and Middletown, Conn. (*SMFSD In-Depth First Settler Profile: William Harris*)

[**Compiler's note:** Estate in Great Britain which "belongeth to me of the estate or in the right of my Honrd Grandmother Edith Dorney of Great Britain decd" (MLR vol. 7, p. 474)]; widow Mary Ward married Josiah Gilbert of Wethersfield, Conn. in January 1687/8 and had one son (John) by him (SAV, MAN vol. 1, p. 448-451) [**Compiler's note:** "Estate that Mary Ward carred to Josiah Gilbert's house when married to him, in January, 1687/8;" on September 1, 1721, "Dist. of the Lands given by Mr. Josiah Gilbert to his wife to her Improvement during life (she being lately decd)." (MAN vol. 1, p. 448-451)]

Parents: Andrew Ward (abt. 1603-1659) and Hester Sherman (1606-1666) m. abt. 1628 in England. In his will dated June 8, 1659, Andrew Ward of Fairfield, Conn. bequeathed fifty pounds to "my son John" when he reached the age of twenty one. In her will dated December 27, 1665, Hester Ward bequeathed nine pounds to "my son John's child in being." (GMB) [**Compiler's note:** Although John Ward's oldest child was born in November 1665, Hester Ward referred to him as "in being" or unborn in her will.]

Children: (BCVR; MLR vol. 1, p. 12; *Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Conn.*)

(1) John Ward, b. November 15, 1665, Middletown, Conn.; d. between 1684 and 1689 [**Compiler's note:** John Ward was 18 years old in 1684 (MAN vol. 1, p. 373-374); however, only five of his siblings inherited land from their grandfather William Harris,

so John presumably died before 1689. (MLR vol. 3, p. 135; *Records of the Particular Court of the Colony of Connecticut*, p. 32)]

(2) Andrew Ward, b. December 1, 1667, Middletown, Conn.; d. abt. 1729, Middletown, Conn. (unmarried) [**Compiler's note:** Inventory of estate of Andrew Ward of Middletown taken September 1, 1729; on March 4, 1728/9, "Adms. granted unto William Ward, brother of the deceased;" on September 1, 1729, "Then wee the subscribers, being acquainted with the difficulty William Ward hath been at, and also the charge he and his brother Samll Ward hath been at with their brother Andrew Ward decd. in his distraction ... He returned from Boston to Middletown in May, 1698, and continued dumb and very difficult to manage for the space of three years ... And five years in distraction ... The last 20 years, when he remained very difficult for the most part;" on January 21, 1730/1, "William Ward, Adms., on the estate of Andrew Ward, was summoned before the Probate Court with Mrs. Elizabeth Ward, widow of Samuel Ward, now decd." (MAN vol. 2, p. 597)]

(3) Esther Ward, b. December 15, 1669, Middletown, Conn.; d. July 13, 1734, East Middletown, Conn.; m. William Cornwell, January 22, 1690/1, Middletown, Conn. (8 children) [**Compiler's note:** William Cornwell "removed to East Middletown, Conn. (now Portland)" (*William Cornwall and his Descendants*, by Edward E. Cornwall, 1901); Esther Cornwell, wife of William, died July 13, 1734, in the 66th yr of her age." (BCVR)]

(4) Mary Ward, b. August 1672, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m. James Percival of Haddam, Conn. [**Compiler's note:** She did not marry Benjamin Cornwell; on October 1, 1709, she was still referred to as "Mary Ward" (MLR vol. 4, p. 158); on July 5, 1729, "Mary Parsivell of Haddam" and her brother William Ward disclosed the estate of their mother Mrs. Mary Gilbert (MAN vol. 2, p. 513); on September 2, 1734, referred to as "Mary Parsavel of East Haddam" (MLR vol. 7, p. 170).]

(5) William Ward, b. June 30, 1674, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m.(1) Francis (Allen) Hall, August 23, 1706, Middletown, Conn. (6 children) (TAG vol. 10, p. 214); m.(2) Sarah (Sumner) Stow, widow of Nathaniel Stow, abt. 1730, Middletown, Conn. [**Compiler's note:** On September 3, 1711, adm. of estate of John Hall, Jr. "granted to William Ward and Frances his wife, late widow of sd. decd" (MAN vol. 2, p. 216); on February 3, 1735/6, "Sarah Ward, who was formerly wife of Nathaniel Stow" (MAN vol. 2, p. 585); Abigail Collins did not marry the son of John Ward (TAG vol. 10, p. 213).]

(6) Samuel Ward, b. abt. 1679, Middletown, Conn.; d. June 25, 1715, Middletown, Conn.; m. Elizabeth Adkins, August 10, 1710, Haddam, Conn. (3 children) [**Compiler's note:** Inventory of his estate taken July 26, 1715 (MAN vol. 2, p. 446)]

(7) Abigail Ward, b. abt. 1683, Middletown, Conn. (died young) (SAV)

Residence/Property: On May 24, 1665, four acres of upland given to him by William Harris bounded east on the Great

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River west on William Harris south on the highway and north on Daniel Harris; five acres near Pameche River given to him by William Harris; on January 9, 1671, two acres of bogie meadow given him by his father Harris; eight acres of wet meadow at Gooses Delight; on November 23, 1674, one hundred ten acres southward from the town (sold to Thomas Barns the next day); on January 6, 1676, one hundred thirty seven acres westward from town; on December 27, 1680, three acres of bogie meadow swamp which he bought of Thomas Ranney. (MLR vol. 1, p. 44)

Will: John Ward. Vol. 1, p. 373-374 (MAN). (Estate inventory taken February 22, 1683/4: 446-18-00, i.e., 446 pounds); the children: John Warde age 18 years, Andrew 16, Ester 14, Mary 11, William 9, Samuel 4, & one she goeth with. On March 6, 1684, "Dist: To the Widow, £64; to the eldest son, £103, £10 of which was given him by his grand Mother [**Compiler's note:** His grandmother Hester (Sherman) Ward]; to Each of the other Children, £46-10-00. This Court do appoint William Harris, the Father of the Relict, wth Mr. Hamlin, to assist the widow & dispose of the children and distribute the Estate." Mary Gilbert. Vol. 2, p. 513 (MAN). (Estate inventory taken August 30, 1729: 12-09-06, i.e., 12 pounds); on March 4, 1728/9, "Adms. granted unto William Ward, son of the decd;" on July 5, 1729, "Esther Cornwall of Middletown and Mary Parsivell of Haddam were sworn at this Court that they would answer to all interrogatories ... Mary Parsivell under oath declareth that her mother, Mary Gilbert, gave her the looking-glass and the candle box in her lifetime ... she saith that she having tendered her mother in her last sickness whereof she died ... her brother William Ward gave his consent."

Burial Location: Unknown

Notes:

(CAF): "John and William Ward are supposed to have been both from Rowley. The former was recommended from the church in that town."

(SAV): "WARD, JOHN, Middletown, perhaps s. of Andrew of Wethersfield, prob. the man sw. freem. May 1667 at Hartford, certain. had recommend. from the ch. of Rowley to that of Wethersfield for hims. and w. m. 18 Apr. 1664, Mary d. of William Harris of R. had John, b. 15 Nov. 1665; Andrew, 1 Dec. 1667; Esther, 15 Dec. 1669; Mary, Aug. 1672; William, 30 June 1674; Samuel, 1679; and ano. prob. posthum. wh. d. inf. says the careful scrutiniz. of fam. hist. Dr. T. W. Harris. Prob. he d. early in 1684, for his inv. is of the date of 22 Feb. in that yr. and his wid. m. Josiah Gilbert of Wethersfield."

(SAV): "WARD, ANDREW, Watertown, freem. 14 May 1634, rem. to Wethersfield next yr. and with Ludlow, and others, had commissn. from Mass. to gov. the people at Conn., 1635, for one yr. yet in the docum. in our Col. Rec. I. 171, his name, on the repetit. is Warner; was rep. 1636 and 7, rem. to Stamford

1641, and Trumbull, Hist. thinks he was of Hempstead, L. I. 1643, yet in 1653, I find him again rep. no doubt, for Fairfield; but went at last to the Dutch, and is ment. in Bolton's West Chester I. 161, as founder of gr. reput. Yet Goodwin gives no countenance to such a rem. but says he d. at F. 1659, and by w. Esther, wh. d. not, as he says, in 1667, but early in 1665, he suplies him these ch. Edmund, William, Mary, Andrew, Samuel, Abigail, Ann, John, and Sarah, of not one of wh. is the date of b. kn. exc. Andrew's, 1647. Mary m. the sec. John Burr; Ann m. prob. Caleb Nichols; and Sarah m. Nathaniel Burr."

(SAV): "HARRIS, WILLIAM, Charlestown 1642, br. of Anthony, and prob. brot. by his mo. the wid. Elizabeth in youth, rem. to Rowley, thence to Charlestown again, and in few yrs. to Middletown; by w. Edith had Hannah, b. prob. at Charlestown; Mary, b. 1 Mar. 1646 at R.; Martha; Elizabeth; and Patience; of wh. Martha who m. 13 July 1667, Joseph Coit of New London, was b. prob. at C. may have been the others. Hannah m. 8 Feb. 1675, Francis Whitmore; Mary, m. John Ward 18 Apr. 1664, and a. 1684, Josiah Gilbert; Elizabeth m. Edward Foster; and Patience m. Daniel Markham; all of M. sooner or later. His w. d. 5 Aug. 1685, and he m. Lydia, wid. of Joseph Smith; but he liv. to 1717." [**Compiler's note:** William Harris died in 1689. (MLR vol. 2, p. 68)]

(Andrew Warde and his descendants, 1597-1910, by George K. Ward, 1910): "We first hear of Andrew Warde at Watertown, Mass., where he early assumed prominence as a man of affairs in the small colony there established ... The second period of his life was passed at Wethersfield, Conn. The occasion of his removal from Watertown to this place appears from a perusal of the minutes of the Bay Colony at its session held May 3, 1635-6. They are as follows: 'A Commission graunted to severall persons to governe the People att Conecticott for the space of a Yeare ... Andrew Warde ... shall have full power and authorite to hear and determine in a judiciall way by witnesses vpon oathe ... at Watertowne (Wethersfield)' ... Following out these instructions, Andrew Warde removed from Watertown, Mass., and settled with his family in Wethersfield ... He was Deputy for four sessions after the confederation of the three towns (Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield) into a colony in 1639 ... In 1637 he was a member of the church in Wethersfield, and one of its staunchest and most esteemed supporters ... The present town of Stamford was originally settled under the name of 'Wethersfield Men's Plantation.' As was the case in his earlier career, when he left Watertown to found anew habitation in Wethersfield at the behest of the Bay Colony, so now, through negotiations with the General Court of New Haven, Andrew Warde, in company with others, becomes the founder of a new settlement ... 'Whereas, Andrew Warde and Robert Coe, of Wethersfield, were deputed by Wethersfield men, the 30th of the eighth month, commonly called October, 1640, to treat at New haven about the plantation lately purchased by said town called Toquams' ... He was again elected one of the Deputies



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from Stamford to the General Court of New Haven in 1644 and 1646. At the same time, Andrew Warde, George Hull and William Beardsley, of Stamford, were nominated as assistants to join with the magistrates for the execution of justice in the towns of Connecticut by the seaside. He purchased Simon Hoyt's lot, west of Hyde Pond, which he sold in 1653 to Edward Adams, and purchased from Alexander Bryan, the same year, Thomas Newton's home and house lot on the Ludlow Square. He was one of the most important and influential men in Fairfield."

(HMC): "Dec. 9, 1664. John Ward admitted an inhabitant." The names of the proprietors of Middletown with their estates, taken March 22th 1670 included John Ward with a value of £44. The list of the estates of the inhabitants of Middletown taken in 1673 included Sernt. Ward with a value of £61. "At a towne meeting November 18, 1679 ... it was voated be willing that a belle which is purchased by parte of the inhabtance of the towne ... that if they be willing that the sayd belle shall be hanged up in the meeting house," included John Ward for 1 pound.

(Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776): At a Court of Election held at Hartford on May 9, 1667, "Those that are marked wth ye letter S are sworne to their respectiue places. These were sworne ... Edw. Higby, Jno Ward, Anthony Martin, Edw: Turner, David Sage ..." (vol. 2, p. 58)

(Catalogue A: Members of the First Congregational Church, Middletown, from November 9, 1668 to May 7, 1876): On November 14, 1669, John Ward and Maria Ward his wife were admitted as members from the church of Rowley, Mass.

(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870): On November 14, 1669, "Mr. John Ward with his yoake fellow being from ye church of Christ at Rowly recommended to us, his recommendation once and again sent for, not comeing, being bound on ye sd day to sea, sense of duty in reference to himself and children urging desired Liberty to owne his parents covenant ... himself was admitted to membership in ye state of initiation with us. His yoake fellow being a member here before. Their children likewise John and Andrew" baptized (p. 8-9); on December 12, 1669, "Ester Ward daughter of our Brother John Ward and our sister Mary his wife" was baptized (p. 9); on August 4, 1672, "Mary Ward daughter of our Brother John Ward" baptized (p. 16); on July 5, 1674, "William Ward son of John Ward" baptized (p. 20); on October 12, 1679, Samuel Ward baptized (p. 29); on February 4, 1682/3, "Abigail (daughter of Jno Ward & Mary his wife) baptized (p. 33); on July 28, 1695, Esther wife of William Cornwel admitted to full communion (p. 46); on May 23, 1697, Ebenezer son of William and Esther Cornwel baptized (p. 50); on March 21, 1708, "Willm Ward Junr & Francis his wife made publick confession of their offense committed by their disorderly marriage, fellowship and

familiarity together, which confession ye church accepted" (p. 66) [**Compiler's note:** William Ward was referred to as "William Ward Junior" to distinguish him from the older William Ward who was the son of William Ward]; on March 28, 1708, "Sarah ye daughter of William & Francis Ward" baptized (p. 66); on September 2, 1711, "John ye son of Samuel & Eliz: Ward" baptized (p. 74); on July 28, 1717, "William the son of William Ward, cooper" was baptized (p. 82).

(MLR): On December 28, 1680, William Harris and John Ward conveyed to Thomas Ranney three acres lying in the bogie meadow bounded west on Edward Foster east on the neck upland north on the creek and south on Nathaniel Stow (vol. 1, p. 171); on December 28, 1680, Thomas Ranney of Middletown, "in consideration of a percell of bogie meadow & swompe which hee formerly bought of William Harris by exchange for other meadow & swompe being now giuen to the said John Ward by his father in Law William Harris but noe Deeds of assurance giuen by him to Thomas Rany and for three pound sterling" conveyed to John Ward aforesaid four acres of bogie meadow bounded south on the West River north and west on Deacon Stocking east on land belonging to estate of Alexander Bow (vol. 1, p. 171-172).

(MLR): On January 15, 1683/4, Daniel Markham conveyed to Mr. John Ward in consideration of the sum of three pounds, "which hee the said Danill Markham owneth to haue Receiued of his said brother Ward" conveyed one acre and three quarters of an acre of meadow at Pamechak bounded north on the Great River east on said Wards land west on Daniel Markham and "southward Coming to the poind of an angill" (vol. 4, p. 190) [**Compiler's note:** Daniel Markham was married to Patience Harris, sister of Mary (Harris) Ward.]

(MAN): Ante-Nuptial Agreement "between Josiah Gilbert [of Wethersfield] and Mary Ward, Widow ... the said Jos: shall leaue the said mary ... one-Third part of his orchard ... foure akers of land ... and forty shillings yearly." See File for Estate that Mary Ward carred to Josiah Gilbert's house when married to him, in January, 1687-8. February 1687/8 account included "summers work of 2 boyes, 1 of 14 years old, ye other capable of earning his victuals (returned home before winter, having no recompence). The Summer work of Mary, about 16 years old;" on March 5, 1695/6, "Mr. Francis Whetmore, in behalfe of Wido Gilbert, moued this Court to grant an Order that Josiah Gilbert's Estate be Inventoried." On April 23, 1696, "this Court order the Adms. to deliver up the Estate to the Wido what becomes due to her by her Joynture. The Children of sd. Mr. Gilbert are desired to agree about the Dist. of the Estate, and they are to be mindfull of the youngest son ... The Charge of bringing vp Jno, son of ye sd. Josiah, from March, last week, 1689, to the present April, 1696-7 (7 years) ... witness: Daniel Harris, Isaac Johnson." (vol. 1, p. 448-451)

(Index to Connecticut Archives Court Papers 1649-1709, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Conn.): Josiah Gilbert of Wethersfield, estate in controversy; copy of marriage contract between Josiah Gilbert & Mary Ward, Oct. 18, 1681(?);



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inventory of Gilbert's estate taken Mar. 17, 1695/6; summons to Benjamin Gilbert to answer Mrs. Mary Gilbert for non-payment of her jointure, Feb. 1700; court record in which Benjamin pleads he is no person in law & not suitable, Mar. 1700/1; plea for payment of jointure to widow (p. 51-59) [Compiler's note: The date was probably Oct. 18, 1687 since John Ward was still alive in 1681.]

(TAG): "Page 159. 6 Mar. 1700/1. Mrs. Mary Gilbert now of Middletown, widow of Mr. Josiah Gilbert late of Weathersfield dec'd, by her attorney Mr. Joseph Butlar, vs. Mr. Benja: Gilbert of Weathersfield, for debt due to her from the Estate of his dec'd father by virtue of an agreement or "Joynter" made before their marriage, bearing date 1687; amount, £20." (vol. 23, p. 115)

(MLR): On October 1, 1709, "A Mutuall Agreement between William Ward and his brother Samuel Ward with their Honoured Mother Mary Gilbert elias Ward formerly Widow or Relick: to Mr. John Ward deceased with the approbation and Consent of Willm Cornell in behalf of his wife Esther: and Mary Ward sisters to the aboue said William & Samuel Ward; which is as followeth: that whereas the one half of the housing and homestead of Mr. John Ward deceased: was by distribution sett out to the Widow for a part of her thirds: and there being a house and four acres of Land south East from the town, the Land being purchased of Decon Markham by William Ward and Samuel Ward ... that the said William Should from this day forward possess and Enjoy his Mothers half of the housing and homestead as his own ... and in Lew hereof the said William Ward doth Rezine up unto his Mother his whole Right and Intrist in the aboue said house and four acres of Land aboue said to be Wholelye and absolutely for her vse: and benefit dureing her natterall live; and also the said William his part of the meadow called the fort hill Meadow: bounded Eastwardly upon a Rock by the Great Riuer att their vsiall place of Landing ... and the said Samuel after his Mothers deceass shall possess the aboue said house and four accres of upland and fourt hill Meadow as his own Propper Inheritance; they the said William & Samuel haueing agreed to the aboue sd and do hereby becom Ingaged to pay to our sisters their proportion of Estate in Reuertion when it is their due after our Mothers deceass." (vol. 4, p. 158)

(MLR): On March 27, 1710, "Land belonging to the children of John Ward of Middletown deceased which Land was originally William Harris grandfather to the sd Wards & by distribution of sd William Harris Estate it desends to these children and by order of Deacon Markham and ffrancis Whitmore Administrators of sd Harris estate it is recorded to them and their heris for ever it being on the west side the great River and In the Northwest quarter containing four hundred forty and three acres" bounded on Henry Coal north David Sage south common land east and Farmington bounds west

(vol. 2, p. 77); on December 11, 1713, William Ward, cooper, and Samuel Ward his brother conveyed "part of a Lottment of Land in the bounds of the township of Midletown on the west side the great River in ye Northwest quarter of sd Midletown bounds containing by estimation one hundred sixty & eight acres ... it being two fifths of a lottment of Land Layd out to William harris of sd Midletown deceased & by him in his Last Will & testament giuen to the fiue children of John ward of sd Midletown: the whole of sd lott contains as by record 443 acres (vol. 3, p. 135).

(MLR): On December 11, 1713, William Ward, cooper, and Samuel Ward his brother for the sum of thirty six pounds conveyed to their brother John Gilburt of Middletown one hundred sixty eight acres in the northwest quarter, "it being two fifths of a lottment of land layd out to William Harris of sd Midletown deceased & by him in his last will & testament given to the five children of John Ward of sd Midletown: the whole of sd lott contains as by record 443 acres and is bounded north on hennery coals land now Isaac Johnsons south on David Sage his land west on ffarmington bounds east on a highway and the above sd 168 acres & one half acre & 32 rods of land now sold is layd and agreed to be laid on the north side sd lott & is bounded south on the remainder: three fifths of sd lott." (vol. 3, p. 135) [Compiler's note: John Gilbert was the son of Mary (Harris) Ward by her second husband.]

(MLR): On April 29, 1714, William Ward "son to John Ward late of aforesd Midletown deceased" in an exchange of lands with his brother Samuel Ward conveyed three acres bounded east on the Great River south on Millers land north on land now belonging to Benjamin West which originally belonged to Daniel Harris and west on the hill, with an additional parcel of land "granted by the town in the year 82 ajoyning to the aboue sd land as by the town Book doth appear" (vol. 3, p. 145); on April 29, 1714, Samuel Ward and his brother William Ward divided eight acres of land near the fulling mill, it being "a lottment of Land Layd out to John Ward sometime of aforesd Midletown deceased father to the above said Wards ... and it desends to the above said Wards by distribution of their fathers Estate" (vol. 3, p. 146).

(MAN): On May 17, 1714, probate of estate of William Harris, "Solomon Coit of New London, grandson of William Harris, late of Middletown decd., moved this Court to grant Adms. to some suitable person. Mary Gilbert, Hannah Whitmore and Patience Markham of Middletown, children of sd. William Harris, appeared in opposition." On September 6, 1720, "Adms. now exhibit an invt. of several parcels of land passed by deed of gift by the sd. William Harris, deceased, in his lifetime, dated 12th December, 1678, and conveyed by deed of mortgage dated 7 March, 1687-8, to Francis Wetmore, late of Middletown deceased; also, several parcels of land recorded to John Ward, Daniel Markham and Edward Foster. Solomon Coit appealed from a decision of the Court to the Superior Court at Hartford March next." On August 3, 1722, This Court order that the estate be dist. to the five daughters or



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their legal representatives: To Mary Gilbert decd., £230-04-05; to the heirs of Martha Coit decd., £244-14-05; to the heirs of Elizabeth Foster decd., £232-09-04; to Hannah Whetmore, £221-14-05; to Patience Markham, £219-00-00; which is their equal parts. And appoint Israhiah Wetmore, William Savage and William Ward, distributors.” (vol. 2, p. 396-397)

(MLR): On February 6, 1732/3, William Ward, cooper, of Middletown quitclaimed his right in the common undivided lands “for that I the said William am Eldist son that is now liveing of mey honoured father John Ward formerly of Middell town deceast as I am Eldist son to mey honnoured mother Mary Gilburd which was Dafter and Ralix to Mr. William haris formerly of sd Middelltown desesed.” (vol. 5, p. 479)

(MLR): On February 27, 1733/4, Elizabeth Ward, only daughter of Samuel Ward, deceased, conveyed to William Ward, cooper, “the Whole and Every part of the Lands of her

Grand father John Ward Decd. which were Set out to the Said William ward as Also unto the Whole of the Estate Which was Set out to Andrew Ward Decd., Brother to the Said William Ward.” (vol. 1, p. 230)

(GMB): “Early accounts of the origin of Andrew Ward claimed that the family was from Homersfield, Suffolk, but no evidence of the family has been found there. Jacobus suggested searching in the area of Dedham, Essex, since that was the home of Ward’s wife [*History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, vol. 1, p. 643-644]. Jacobus also noted a clue pointing to a Ward family of Faxton, Northampton [*New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. 44, p. 119-121].”

For further reading:

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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.)

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(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.)

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