



## ***In-Depth First Settler Profile:*** ***Robert Webster (1650) / Susanna Treat Webster***

**Name:** Robert Webster

**Birth:** England, probably at or near Pitminster, Somersetshire; date unknown. (*The Treat Family/Treat*, 1893)

**Emigration:** To Cambridge, Mass. in 1634; to Hartford 1636 (*Webster Family in Conn./Webster*, 1915); to Middletown before November 1652; back to Hartford 1664 (FFS) (1660 return to Hartford, according to *Hale, House, & Related Families/Jacobus*, 1952).

**Death:** May 31, 1676, Middletown, Conn. (*Webster Family in Conn./Webster*, 1915)

**Occupation & Public Service:** Townsman; Deputy to the General Court 1653-1659; appointed Lieutenant of the Middletown Train Band, May 1654. "In November, 1656, he was chosen Recorder for the town and held this office for about five years." (FFS; *Hale, House, & Related Families/Jacobus*, 1952)

**Marriage:** m. Susanna Treat, about 1652, Hartford or Middletown, Conn. (b. (baptised) October 8, 1629, Pitminster, Somerset, England; d. before November 19, 1705, Hartford, Conn.) She was the daughter of Richard Treat and Alice (Gaylard) Treat of Pitminster, Somerset, England and later Wethersfield, Conn. (*Hale, House, & Related Families/Jacobus*, 1952)

**Parents:** Gov. John B. Webster (1590-1661) & Agnes Smith (1585-1655) of Cossington, Leicestershire, England; Hartford, Conn.; and Hadley, Mass. (John Webster served as a judge in Hartford from 1639-1655. He was deputy governor of the Connecticut Colony in 1655, and named governor in 1656. After the death of Thomas Hooker, John Webster was one of 59 dissenters in Hartford who removed to Hadley, Mass. in 1659.)

**Children** (MVR, Land Records, vol. 1, page 5; BCVR)(*Webster Family in Conn./Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836):

(1) John Webster, b. November 10, 1653, Middletown, Conn.(MVR); d. December 8, 1694, Hartford, Conn.; m. Sarah Mygatt, about 1677, Hartford, Conn. (7 children) (*John Webster Family of Conn./Webster & Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836)

(2) Sarah Webster, b. June 30, 1655, Middletown, Conn.(MVR); d. unknown; m. Joseph Mygatt, Nov. 15, 1677. (7 children) (*John Webster Family of Conn./Webster & Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836)

(3) Jonathan Webster, b: January 9, 1657, Middletown, Conn.(MVR); d.1735, Hartford, Conn.; m. Dorcas Hopkins, May 11, 1681, Middletown, Conn. (7 children) (*John Webster*

*Family of Conn./Webster & Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836)

(4) Susanna Webster, b. October 26, 1658, Middletown, Conn.(MVR); d. 1688, Hartford, Conn.; m. John Grave, 1680, Hartford, Conn. (2 children) (*John Webster Family of Conn./Webster & Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836)

(5) Samuel Webster, b. about 1660, Hartford, Conn.; d. February 1, 1744, Hartford, Conn.; m. Elizabeth Reeve, Hartford, Conn. (no children) (*John Webster Family of Conn./Webster & Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836)

(6) Robert Webster, b. 1662, Hartford, Conn.; d. February 1744, Hartford, Conn.; m. Hannah Beckly, September 10, 1689, Hartford, Conn. (9 children) (*John Webster Family of Conn./Webster & Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836)

(7) Joseph Webster, b. about 1665, Hartford, Conn.; d. 1750, Hartford, Conn.; m. Mary Judd, February 23, 1696, Hartford, Conn. (2 children) (*John Webster Family of Conn./Webster & Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836)

(8) William Webster, b. July 2, 1671, Hartford, Conn.; d. June 1722, Hartford, Conn.; m. Sarah Nichols, November 28, 1700, Hartford, Conn. (10 children) (*John Webster Family of Conn./Webster & Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836)

(9) Mary Webster, b. about 1673, Hartford, Conn.; d. September 27, 1706; m. Thomas King, November 1690, Hartford, Conn. (2 children) (*John Webster Family of Conn./Webster & Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836)

(10) Elizabeth Webster, b. February 8, 1674, Hartford, Conn.; d. May 15, 1754, Hartford, Conn.; m. John Seymour, December 19, 1693, Hartford, Conn. (11 children) (*John Webster Family of Conn./Webster & Webster*, 1915) (*Webster Genealogy/Webster*, 1836)

**Residence/Property:** "Robert Webster ... located in the North Society." (FFS) (Compiler's note: In 1675, years after his return to Hartford, Robert Webster was paid for his service in King Philip's War with a land grant of 300 acres on the east side of the Quinebaug River, southeast of Woodstock, Conn.)

**Will:** Vol. 1, p. 249 (MAN). (Estate inventory, June 29, 1676: 670-16-08, i.e. 670 pounds)

**Burial Location:** Unknown, Hartford, Conn.

**Notes:**

(CAF): "Robert Webster was from Hartford, son of Gov. John Webster of Hartford, afterward, of Hadley, he was an ancestor of the late Noah Webster, L.L.D. While here he



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represented the town almost continually in the General Court.” (Field, pg. 144)

(SAV): “ROBERT, Middletown, s. of Hon. John, m. a. 1652, Susanna, d. of Richard Treat, the first of Wethersfield, and John, b. 10 Nov. 1653; Sarah, 30 June 1655; Jonathan, 9 Jan. 1657; Susanna, 26 Oct. 1658; aft. rem. to Hartford had Samuel, Robert, Joseph, William, Mary, and Elizabeth to neither of wh. are affix. dates of b. was made a lieut. 1654, town clk. and rep. 1657, had gr. of 300 acres in 1672, was [[vol. 4, p. 450]] on serv. in the war of 1675, but d. bef. May 1677, when his wid. Susanna had leave to sell est.”

**Compiler’s Note:** Robert Webster was the 3rd-great-grandfather of lexicographer Noah Webster (1758-1843, b. in

what is now West Hartford, Conn.), who, among his other landmark accomplishments, published one of the earliest American genealogies in 1836.

**For further reading:**

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*History & Genealogy of the Gov. John Webster Family of Connecticut*, by W.H. Webster & M.R. Webster, Rochester, N.Y.: Andrews Printing Co., 1915)

*Webster Genealogy*, by Noah Webster, New Haven, Conn.: privately printed, 1836. (Reprinted by the Historical Printing Club, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1876)

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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 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](http://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)