



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
John Wilcox, Jr. (1654) /
Sarah (Wadsworth) Wilcox

Name: John Wilcox

Birth: About 1625 (based on the date of his first marriage), probably in England; name also spelled Willcocke, Wilcocke, and Wilcocks in the records [**Compiler's note:** Some writers state that he was born on January 13, 1622 in Bury-St. Edmunds, Suffolk County, England, but this is not proven.]

Emigration: To Hartford, Conn. with his father by 1639, removed to Middletown, Conn. by 1654, to Dorchester, Mass. by 1660, returned to Middletown about 1664 (Hartford Land Records p. 220; MLR vol. 1, p. 40; vol. 1, p. 46)

Death: May 24, 1676, Middletown, Conn. (SAV, BCVR)

Occupation & Public Service: 'Payle maker' (MLR vol. 1, p. 46); "in 1659 he was on the com. on roads" (MUH); in 1667, he was one of the Selectmen of the town. (MLR vol. 1, p. 36) "He held the offices of Fence viewer, Grand Levy man and Townsman." (FFS)

Marriage: m.(1) Sarah Wadsworth, September 17, 1646, Hartford, Conn. (d. about 1648) She was the daughter of William Wadsworth of Hartford, Conn.; m.(2) Catharine/Katern Stoughton, January 18, 1649/50, Hartford, Conn.; m.(3) Mary (Lane) (Long) Farnsworth, widow, Dorchester, Mass. (d. 1671, Middletown, Conn.); m.(4) Esther Cornwell, by 1672, Middletown, Conn. (b. May 1650, Hartford, Conn.; d. May 2, 1733, Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of William Cornwell (will of Sergeant William Cornwell dated June 12, 1674, "to my daughter Esther Willcocke" MAN vol. 1, p. 294); on June 18, 1680, to Easter Stow the wife of John Stow sometime wife of John Willcock deceased (MLR vol. 1, p. 167); she married John Stow by 1679 and had two more children. (GMB)

Parents: John Wilcox Senior (abt 1592 1651), original proprietor of Hartford, Conn. His will, dated July 24, 1651, mentioned wife Mary, daughter Ann Hall and her husband John Hall [Deacon John Hall Junior], daughter Sarah Biddell and her husband John Biddell (Bidwell), son John Willcock, and "Sarah Willcock, the daughter of my sonne John Willcock" (MAN vol. 1, p. 164-165); the will of Mary Wilcox, widow, dated October 4, 1666, mentions "my Daughter An Haul" and "my son-in-Law John Bidwell, whom I make & Ordayn my soal Executor" but does not mention John Wilcox Junior or Thomas Long (MAN vol. 1, p. 255)

Children: (SAV, BCVR)

Child by first wife:

(1) Sarah Wilcox, b. October 3, 1648, Hartford, Conn. ("Sara Willcock Daughter of John Willcock Junior" Hartford Land

Records p. 578); d. unknown; m.(1) Thomas Long abt. 1667, Hartford, Conn. (6 children); m.(2) David Ensign, abt. 1688, Hartford, Conn. (1 child) [Compiler's note: On September 18, 1660, "John Willcok doe giue unto my daughter Sarah willcox ye child that I had by my first Wife my houfe & Home lott at Hartford ... left in ye hands of her Grandfather William Wadsworth during her minority" (Hartford Land Records p. 525-526); will of Mary Wilcox dated April 3, 1671, "to Sarah Long" (MAN vol. 1, p. 255-256); will of William Wadsworth of Hartford dated May 16, 1675, "unto my gr. daughter Long" (MAN vol. 1, p. 246); Thomas Long divorced Sarah Long in December 1681 (Women before the Bar by Cornelia Hughes Dayton, 1995); on September 6, 1734, David Ensign of Hartford sold his right in the undivided land in Middletown "in the right of my Honoured Mother Sarah Wilcocks alias Ensign" (vol. 6, p. 348-349); on June 8, 1739, Joseph Long of Coventry, Windham County sold to his "beloved brother David Ensign of Hartford" his rights in undivided land in Middletown "which descended to him from his honored grand father John Wilcock of Middletown." (vol. 6, p. 396)]

Children by second wife:

(2) John Wilcox, b. October 29, 1650, Hartford, Conn. ("John Willcock son of John Willcock Junior" (Hartford Land Records p. 581); d. between 1660 and 1676 (not mentioned in father's will)

(3) Thomas Wilcox, b. abt 1652, Hartford, Conn.; d. between 1660 and 1676 (not mentioned in father's will) [**Compiler's note:** Mentioned in 1660 land record, "to my two Eldeft children, that is to Say John & Thomas" (Hartford, Connecticut Land Records: 1638-1688, p. 525-526)]

(4) Mary Wilcox, b. November 13, 1654, Middletown, Conn.; d. before 1676 (younger sister named Mary mentioned in their father's will) [**Compiler's note:** She may have been the Mary Wilcox mentioned in the 1671 will of Mary (Farnsworth) Wilcox, wife of John Wilcox, "shee gave her white wascoat & her red Dammy coat to Mary Wilcox." (MAN vol. 1, p. 255-256)

(5) Israel Wilcox, b. June 19, 1656, Middletown, Conn.; d. December 20, 1689; m. Sarah Savage, March 28, 1678, Middletown, Conn. (5 children) [**Compiler's note:** Inventory of his estate in 1690 listed the children: Israel, 10 years of age; John, 8 years; Samuel, 5 years; Thomas, 3 years; Sarah, b. 30 November, 1689. (MAN vol. 1, p. 520)]

(6) Samuel Wilcox, b. November 9, 1658, Middletown, Conn.; d. March 16, 1713/4, Middletown, Conn.; m. Abigail Whitmore, May 9, 1683, Middletown, Conn. (3 children) [**Compiler's note:** An agreement dated April 30, 1714, "between Samuel Wilcock and Francis Wilcock, both of Middletown, respecting the estate of their father Samuel Wilcock late decd." (MAN vol. 2, p. 451)]

Children of fourth wife:

(7) Ephraim Wilcox, b. July 9, 1672, Middletown, Conn.; d.



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January 4, 1712/3, Middletown, Conn.; m. Silence Hand, August 23, 1698, Middletown, Conn. (7 children) [**Compiler's note:** Silence Wilcox, widow of Ephraim, married second husband John Warner Senior July 1715 in Middletown, Conn. (NEHGSR vol. 14, p. 135); after her death in 1725, eldest son Janna Wilcox was appointed guardian to younger sons Ephraim Wilcox, 14 years and John Wilcox, 13 years. (MAN vol. 2, p. 613)]

(8) Easter/Esther/Hester Wilcox, b. December 9, 1673, Middletown, Conn.; d. March 15, 1696, Guilford, Conn.; m. Joseph Hand Jr., May 10, 1692, Middletown, Conn. (2 children) [**Compiler's note:** Agreement dated April 2, 1716, between Janna Hand of Guildford and his sister Esther, "concerning the division of the lands which falls to them by descent from their mother (they being the only son and daughter of Joseph Hand of sd Guilford, decd., by his wife Esther, who was daughter of John Willcock of Middletown, decd." (MAN vol. 2, p. 216)]

(9) Mary Wilcox, b. March 24, 1676, Middletown, Conn.; d. October 24, 1749, Guildford, Conn.; m. Benjamin Hand, July 10, 1695, Middletown, Conn. (7 children) [**Compiler's note:** Father's probate records listed her date of birth as March 9, 1675/6 (MAN vol. 1, p. 254); on March 5, 1734/5, land that originally belonged to John Willcocks late of Middletown was distributed, including Mary Hand as one of the surviving children with Benj: Hand as her representative. (vol. 6, p. 233-234)]

Residence/Property: Homelott shown on the map "Plan of Middletown North of the Riveret" (MUH p. 6) bounded north by David Sage, east by highway, south by John Clark and west by common land. On May 10, 1656, land of John Willcock recorded: meadow land lying in the long meadow which he bought of Rich: Hall containing two acres; upland containing five acres; land at Wongonke containing five acres; meadow at Wongonke bought of William Cornell containing one acre; wet meadow containing two acres; meadow bought of Thomas Miller in long meadow containing three acres; upland at Pistol Point bought of John Kirby containing two acres; upland bought of George Grave containing two acres; upland bought of George Grave containing eight acres; on February 16, 1667, land which he bought of Anthony Martin containing nine acres; on November 11, 1669, meadow land in the farther neck on the north side of the riverette containing two acres; upland in the farther neck on the north side of the riverette containing seven acres bought of William Cheny; on January 26, 1669, meadow in the round meadow he bought of Anthony Martin containing eight acres; on February 20, 1672, one hundred thirty three acres of land in the northwest quarter on Farmington bounds; land in the southwest quarter containing three hundred fifty acres on Haddam bounds; land bought of

John Stow lying in the west quarter containing sixty one acres bounded on land which he bought of William Cornwell Senior; on May 27, 1680, land on the east side of the Great River in the Long Lotts containing six hundred thirty seven acres "this Land was Lotted for before John Willcocks Death" (vol. 1, p. 55); on March 26, 1714, land on the East side the Great River called the half mile lotts being the 40th lott as in the town book containing forty five acres which should have been recorded long since but was neglected til now. (MLR vol. 1, p. 21)

Will: Vol. 1, p. 254-255 (MAN). (Estate inventory, June 6, 1676, 409-11-04, i.e. 409 pounds; estate indebted to Mr. Giles Hamlin, William Cheny, Richard Hall, Samuel Stocking, Ensign Nath White, part of legacies for John Biddell's children, Mr. Richard Lord, Mr. Blackleach, and Tho: Long; the children Sarah Long, age 28 years, Israel 20, Samuel 18, Ephraim 4, Hester 2 years, Mary was born March 9, 1675/6), inventory included house, barn, homelot and orchard; 440 foot of boards, one thousand eight penny nails, 32 thousand payll nays, crosscut saw; 57 bushels of Indian corn, 32 pounds of flax, 14 pounds of wool; flagon, two wine cups, silver dram cup, two salt cellars, pewter candlesticks, joined cupboard; four acres at towns end, 23 acres of upland, 7 acres at goose delight, 10 acres adjoining the house lot, 7 acres at the neck and the crops on that land, 133 acre parcel of land, another 243 acre parcel of land, 493 acres in the bogie meadow quarter, 437 acres of land "more westward," 600 acres on the east side of the great river (Probate Files Collection, Early to 1880; Hartford District)

Burial Location: Unknown

Notes:

(CAF): "John Wilcox was from Hartford."

(FFS): "John Wilcox, 'payle maker' was son of John Wilcox of Hartford, where he resided some years before coming to Middletown in 1654. He held the offices of Fence viewer, Grand Levy man and Townsman. Several large tracts of land in various parts of town were owned by him. He had four wives, Sarah Wadsworth, Catherine Stoughton, widow Mary Farnsworth, and Esther Cornwell. He died in May 1676 his wife Esther surviving. There were nine children."

(SAV): "JOHN, Hartford, s. of the first John, b. in Eng. m. 17 Sept. 1646, Sarah, eldest d. of William Wadsworth of the same, had Sarah, b. 3 Oct. 1648. His w. d. soon aft. and he m. 18 Jan. 1650, Catharine (Boltwood in Geneal. Reg. XIII. 141, read the name Retorn wh. perhaps was writ. Katern), d. prob. of the first Thomas Stoughton, had John, b. 29 Oct. foll.; and Thomas; both prob. d. aft. 1660, but bef. the will of f. He had bef. 1654, liv. at Middletown, where were b. Mary, 13 Nov. 1654, d. bef. her f. Israel, 19 June 1656; Samuel, 9 Nov. 1658; and the sec. w. d. and he had new w. Mary wh. d. 1671; and by the fourth w. Esther Cornwell, d. of William, had Ephraim, 9



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July 1672; Esther, 9 Dec. 1673; and Mary, 24 Mar. 1676; and he d. 24 May foll. Sarah had m. a Long, perhaps Thomas, as thus she is nam. in the will of her gr.f. Wadsworth.”

(NEHGSR): “Children of John Wilcox and Catharine, his wife. Mary, b. Nov. 13, 1654; Israel, b. June 19, 1656; Samuel, b. Nov. 9, 1658; John Wilcox m. Esther Cornwell. Ephraim, b. July 9, 1672; Esther, b. Dec. 9, 1673; Mary, b. March 24, 1676. John Wilcox, senr., d. May 24, 1676. Lands recorded, May 10, 1656, vol. 1, p. 22, to John Wilcock. John Wilcock conveyed lands to John Kirby, Jan. 23, 1664, and removed to Dorchester, Mass., and subsequently returned to Middletown, (vol. 1, pp. 18 and 40), and Nov. 1, 1665, John Wilcock, of Dorchester, conveyed land to Thomas Hubbard. Dr. Field says he came to Middletown from Hartford.” (vol. 14, p. 137-138)

(MUH): “Among these early emigrants of the Wilcox name was John Willcock of the Hartford, Connecticut, Colony, who appears to have been one of the “original proprietors” (as they were called), of that settlement. His name and the exact location of his house lot is found in the plot of the original plan of Hartford made as of date 1640, by William Porter of Farmington. By surveys from the original records of the ‘Distribution of 1639.’ This is the earliest trace so far found of this settler. From the fact of his being numbered among the ‘original proprietors’ it is a natural inference that he was one of the company of Rev. Thomas Hooker, who removed from Newtown (Cambridge), Mass., in 1636. The certainty is that he was in possession and occupancy of a house lot located in ‘the bend of the little River’ (now a portion of the Bushnell Park), at date of the Distribution of 1639.” **[Compiler’s note:** His son John Wilcox Jr. moved to Middletown, Conn.]

(MUH): “John Wilcox, b. in England, came to Hartford with his father, but rem. to Middletown Upper Houses, where he d. May 24, 1676. He had agreed to settle in Middletown, but failing to do so promptly the General Court in 1653, voted to compel him to occupy his grant or find a substitute. On Mar. 10, 1657, he purchased the homesteads of Joseph Smith and Matthias Treat, who were returning to Rocky Hill part of Wethersfield, but after combining these into one homestead he sold to his cousin, Samuel Hall. In 1659 he was on the com. on roads and on June 30, 1660, was given lands at Wongunk. It has been claimed that he rem. to Dorchester for a few years. On Nov. 1, 1665, Thomas Hubbard sold to him ‘one house where J. Wilcox oecupieth’ and three acres of land therewith ... John Wilcox had bargained for seven acres in the rear of his homestead and had received from the town a grant of three acres in the rear of these seven ... Isaac Johnson deeded to Esther Wilcox, widow of John, as executrix of his estate, the seven acres aforesaid.”

(GFHC): “John, son of John Wilcox, was born in England and came to Hartford with his father. He removed to Middletown

Upper Houses, where he died May 24, 1676. He had agreed to settle in Middletown, but failing to do so promptly, the general court in 1653 voted to compel him to occupy his grant or find a substitute. On March 10, 1657, he bought the homesteads of Joseph Smith and Matthias Treat, and afterwards sold them to his cousin, Samuel Hall. In 1659 he was on the committee on roads, and June 30, 1660, he was granted lands at Wongunk. It has been claimed that he removed to Dorchester for a few years. He purchased land and built a house, before November 1, 1665, on land later occupied by the Beaumont-Hammer House. He married (first) September 17, 1646, Sarah Wadsworth, who died 1649, daughter of William Wadsworth. He married (second) January 18, 1650, Catherine, daughter of Thomas Stoughton, of Windsor, who built the stone house or fort. He married (third) Mary, widow of Joseph Farnsworth and __ Long. She died in 1671 and he married (fourth) Esther, born May, 1650, died May 2, 1733, daughter of William Cornwall. She married (second) John Stow, of Middletown. Child of first wife: Sarah, born October 3, 1648, died December 3, 1727. Children of second wife: John, born October 29, 1650, died young; Thomas, died young; Mary, November 13, 1654, died young; Israel, June 19, 1656; Samuel, November 9, 1658. Children of fourth wife: Ephraim, July 9, 1672; Esther, December 9, 1673; Mercy, March 9, 1675-7.”

(Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776): At a session of the General Court in Hartford on November 23, 1653, “This Courte taking into there serious consideratyon the complainte of the inhabitants of Middletowne, concerning John Willcock, doe order, that John Willcock shall, within 12 moneths from this time, build a tenentable howse upon the home lott giuen him by the Towne ... which if he shall neglect to doe, then his home lotts & all his other allotments thereunto aprtaining shall returne to the Town” (vol. 1, p. 249); at a Court of Election held at Hartford on May 9, 1678, court impower the widow of John Willcox to confirm unto Isack Johnson, by a deed of sale, a parcel of land that was sold to him by her husband sometime before his death. (vol. 3, p. 14)

(Hartford, Connecticut Land Records: 1638-1688): In June 1650, land recorded to John Willcock Junor in Hartford, “medow Lying on the Eaft fide of the Grett Riuer which he Refeiued of William Wadfworth Contain by Eftima fower acres; one pfell of Swamp belonging to John Willcock Sinor & to John willcock Junor Which thay bought” (p. 420-421); on May 4, 1655, “John Wilcock of Middletown pailmaker” mortgaged for thirty pounds to Thomas Hofmeer “in confsideracion for part of a house & land that John Wilcock bought of Thomas Hofmeer that hee had bought of me before at Middle Town 1652 March the 25.” (p. 279); on January 11, 1660, “land lying in ye North mead: wth he bought of Richard ffellowes containing By eftimation seuen Acres” (p. 421); on September 18, 1660, John Willcox sold 17 acres near Wethersfield; witnessed by James and Bethia Steele (p. 487); on September 18, 1660, “John Willcok doe giue unto my



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daughter Sarah willcox ye child that I had by my first Wife my houfe & Home lott at Hartford ... left in ye hands of her Grandfather William Wadsworth during her minority, & In café She dieth before She cometh to age, or be maryed, then this to returne to my Two Eldest children, that is to Say John & Thomas” (p. 525-526); on January 2, 1681, Thomas Long recorded land in Hartford “which he Bought of his father John willcox as appears by his the Sayd willcox his Book as also the land hath been in his pofesion for the Space of about fouerteen years” (p. 526); “By 'his father' is here meant, John Willcox, his father in law.” (p. 526)

(RPCC): At a court of magistrates in Wethersfield on April 18, 1654, “those persons of the trained band of Mattabesek that came too late to the last training which ware all (except those that came not at all) are fined 15 pence for each person and those that came not at all are fined 2.6d a peece according to order, those persons that can give satisfying answer or reason to the court of their late coming are only to be freed, John Willock and John Sauage are freed from the aforesaid penalties.”

(Dorchester Town Records, Massachusetts, Fourth Report of the Record Commissioners of the city of Boston, 1883): “The names of such as are appointed to view the fence in the common corn feilds for the year 1661” include the name John Wilcocke. (p. 103)

(Suffolk County, Mass. Deeds): On April 20, 1661, “John Wilcocke of Dorchester ... and Mary his wife which said Mary was executrix of the last will and testament of Joseph ffarnsworth deceased.” (vol. 7, p. 296)

(MLR): On September 12, 1660, “John Willcock late of midletowne upon Connecticutt and Now of Dorchester in ye County of Suffolke of ye massachusetts” sold to John Kirby land “yt I ye said John Willcocke bought of George Gravues being part of yt which was his home lott” (vol. 1, p. 40); on September 20, 1660, John Willcocke of Middletown “now removing his dwelling to Dorchester in Massachusetts Bay” (vol. 1, p. 64); on October 5, 1664, John Kirby of Middletown sold to “John Willcocke now dwelling at Dorchester” four acres of land in Middletown bounded east and south on the high way west on Thomas Hubard and north on John Kirby's own land (vol. 1, p. 46); on November 5, 1665, “betweene thomas huberd of middletowne Joyner on the one pty & John willcocke of Middletown paymaker on the other pty ... in consideration of the some of tenne pounds starling and the frame of a hous and on thousand of Nayls” sold to John Willcocke “one house which the foresaid John Willcocke now poseseth with three Acers of land.” (vol. 1, p. 46)

(MLR): On March 20, 1665/6, John willcocke of Middletown, paymaker, “doe own my Self indebted to mary my now beloved wif the full and just sum of two hundered and fiftie

pounds starling for monies which I borrowed of hir before wee ware maryed” and mortgage to her the following land: one house and houselott bounded east on high way west and south on Thomas huberds land north on David Sages land; four acres of upland bought of John Kirby; eight acres of upland bought of George Graves being in the Northfields; seven acres which was Joseph Smithes land; eight acres of meadow and upland at wongonke; ten acres of upland on the East side of the Great River; twentie acres at pistol point; meadow in the father neck bought of Robert Webster (vol. 1, p. 46); on March 21, 1665/6, John willcocke states that the “land which was given to my wif mary by hir father lane by deed of Gift in the Great lotts at Dorchester being about twentie two acres to remain to hir owne despos” (vol. 1, p. 46); on August 6, 1667, John Willcocke and Marie his wife of Middletown sold to William Biggs of Wethersfield fifty acres of land “lying nere peistoll point on the west side of the Greate River.” (vol. 1, p. 62)

(HCCM): At Hartford County Court on October 29, 1667, “Upon ye motion of Deacon Butler in behalf of the Widdow Wilcox the Assists doe see cause to order that John Wilcox doe pay unto his mother the said Widdow Wilcox or her Assignes six pounds a year in wheat and pease ... in lieu of what he is engaged to pay unto her by his fathers will” (p. 77); on March 5, 1667/8, “Upon the Motion of Deacon Richd: Butler & James Ensing that some course might be taken that some might be Impowered to dispose of the Widow Wilcox & her estate for the best aduantage” (p. 86); on April 10, 1678, “John Bidwell as executor to the last will & Testament of Mary Willcox plntf: Contra Tho: Long Defnt in an action of the case for the Sayd Longs violateing a certain composition & agreement made by him wth the Sayd John Bidwell.” (p. 235-236)

(HCCM): At Hartford County Court on March 5, 1667/8, “John Willcox plntf contra Mr. Samll Collins Defnt for abuse & violence done to his person By the sayd Collins & for Breach of the Ciuill peace therein.” (p. 83); “Mr Samll Collins complaynes of John Wilcox for slandering of him in sayeing he was a lyeing Fellow & would proue him soe, in publike on the Sabboth day.” (p. 84); “The Court haueing heard & Considered the Complaynt of John Willcox against Mr. Samll Collins doe Finde that the sayd Collins hath abused & done violence to the sayd John Willcox & thereby broken the peace of this Colony.” (p. 85)

(HMC): The names of the proprietors of Middletown with their estates, taken March 22th 1670 included John Willcocke with a value of £140. The list of the estates of the inhabitants of Middletown taken in 1673 included John Willcocke with a value of £182. “March the on[e] and twentieth 1670 or 71. The towne voted and agreed to present there request and seek the help of Captayne John Talcot and Lieftenant John Alin ... consarning the true proprietours of the plantation whether the present accepted inhabitants are not for to be accounted who are or shal be esteemed inhabiants to whom the propriety of



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undivided lands belongs unto ... and for the furtherance hereof wee doe appoint a Comity whose names are underwritten to inform what is needful. the Comity is Ensign White William Cheney William Ward, John Wilcocke.”

(MAN): On April 3, 1671, Mary Wilcox of Middletown, wife of John Wilcox, “To her sonn Samuel Fernsworth Tenn pounds sterling out of her Land in the great Lotts at Dorchester ... unto her sonn Joseph Long ... to Mary Wilcox ... to Sarah Long her feather Bed & Boulster which is at Hartford In her House all ready ... Freely resigne up to her husband John Willcox that part of his Estate which was Mortgaged to her by her sayd Husband.” (vol. 1, p. 255-256)

(Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870; available at Godfrey Memorial Library, Middletown, Conn.): On June 2, 1672, Ephraim Wilcock was baptized (p. 16); in December 1673, Esther Wilcock was baptized (p. 19); on 29.12.1675 (which translates to March 10, 1675/6), “Mary daughter of Ester Willcock” baptized” (p. 24); on February 24, 1683/4, “Samuel Wilcox whose mother was a member of ye ch of xt in Heartford in full communion owned ye covenant in ye face of ye congregation, was received as a member of this church in ye state of initiation and his first born by name Samuel baptised;” on May 18, 1684, Israel Wilcox received to full communion in this church” (p. 35); on March 29, 1691, “Sarah the wife of Israel Wilcox deceased” admitted to full communion” (p. 40); on June 4, 1710, “Ephraim ye son of Ephraim Wilcox was baptised” (p. 71); on March 11, 1711, “Silence ye wife of Ephraim Wilcox having a letter of dismiss and recomendation from ye ch at Gilford was admitted to full communion” (p. 73); on August 10, 1712, “John the son of Ephraim & Silence Wilcock” was baptized. (p. 75)

(Winthrop’s Medical Journal; available at Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.; extracted at www.pamsgenealogy.net/Winthrop.htm): “The children of John Wilcox were treated in Middletown on February 18, 1657/8 by Governor John Winthrop Jr.; John Wilcox 7 years old, Tho. Wilcox 5 1/2 years old, Mary Wilcox 3 1/4 years old, Israel Wilcox, 1 3/4 years old (p. 297); Sarah Wilcox, 9 1/2 years (‘she looks about four’) was treated in Hartford on March 25, 1658 (p. 97); wife of John Wilcox treated in Middletown on January 11, 1658/9 (p. 390); Widow Wilcox, age 75, treated in Hartford on February 28, 1659/60 (p. 191); Sarah Wilcox, age 12 years, was treated in Hartford on May 2, 1661.” (p. 260) [**Compiler’s note:** Sarah Wilcox apparently lived with her Grandfather Wadsworth.]

(HCCM): At Hartford County Court on March 1, 1676/7, “Whereas forty Six pownd Six shillings of the Estate of John Willcox was recovered by Mr. Blackleach ... & by Execution fouer Hundred & Eighty acres of land of the Estate of Sayd

willcox estate seized & apprized & deliuered to Sayd Mr. John Blackleach ... the Court made a distribution of the Estate of John Willcox as followeth to this widdow the one Third of the Houseing & land ... To the Eldest son Sixty Six pownd, to The Second Son forty two pownds to the Third son Thirty Six pownds. To the Two daughters Thirty pownds apiece.” (p. 217) [**Compiler’s note:** Sara Long probably not mentioned since she received land in Hartford after her marriage.]

(HCCM): At a Special Court on June 4, 1679, “There haueing been Sundry Complaints formerly made against Dauid Ensigne & Sarah Longs Companying together to the great dissatisfaction of his father & mothers & the wife of his Boosome ... apparent that his the Sayd Dauids affections are too much withdrawn from his wife, Since his frequenting the Sayd Longs Company, the Court ... impose a fine of forty shillings” (p. 254-255); on September 4, 1679, “Dauid Ensigne & Sarah Long being Complained of for accompanying together ... In a secret maner, & in an obscure place &c. are by this Court adjudged to be sent to the common Goale there to be kept in Safe Custody during the Courts pleasure & when they shall be released they Shall each of them giue standing security to the value of fifty pownds apiece” (p 257); “Thomas Long appeared before me this 17th of Sept 1679 & did acknowledge himselfe & house & land Bownd in a recognizance of fifty pownds to this county Tresurie for his wife Sarah Longs Good behaiour, & for her forebearing the company of dauid Ensigne for the future.” (p. 258)

(MLR): On April 14, 1683, lands of Israel Willcocks recorded, “Land adioyning to that on Which his hous Standeth Which was also set out to him by thos appointed and was bought by John Willcock his father of Joseph Smith conteining eight acres;” on March 25, 1684, “upland in the farther Neck ... Which Did formerly belong to Joseph Smith and mathias treat bought by John Willcock Long Sinc of the Said Smith & treat” (vol. 1, p. 58); on January 4, 1694/5, lands of Samuel Willcocke recorded, “land in the Westermost Rang of lotts Which is part of his father John Villcocks.” (vol. 1, p. 85)

(MAN): On March 16, 1714, distribution of the Half Mile Lot made by Esther Stow, adm. of estate of John Willcock, being a piece of land left out of the inventory: To Sarah (widow of Israel) Willcock, 15 acres, to Samuel, Ephraim, Esther and Mary Wilcock, to each of them 7 1/2 acres; on December 6, 1726, Esther Stow (alias Wilcox) moved that she might be discharged in being Adms ... it is represented to this Court that there is some Land belonging to the Estate of John Wilcox, decd., which hath been laid out since his decease, and so is not inventoried or Dist, this Court grant Adms. on sd. Estate in Lands unto Francis Wilcox of sd. Middletown and David Ensign Jr. of Hartford. (vol. 1, p. 254-255)

(MLR): On January 3, 1728/9, Israel Willcock and Francis Willcock of Middletown, David Ensign of Hartford, and Janna Hand of Guilford quitclaimed their rights to land originally belonging to John Willcocks (vol. 5, p. 272); on September 6,



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1734, David Ensign of Hartford sold his right in undivided land in Middletown “aforesaid in the right of my Honoured Mother Sarah Wilcocks alias Ensign” (vol. 6, p. 348-349); on June 8, 1739, Joseph Long of Coventry, Windham County, Connecticut sold to beloved brother David Ensign of Hartford his rights in undivided land in Middletown which descended to him from his honored grand father John Wilcock (vol. 6, p. 396); on March 5, 1734/5, heirs of five of the children of John Wilcox, deceased, (Israel Wilcock, Samuel Wilcock, Ephraim Wilcock, Esther Hand and Mary Hand) are represented by

Israel Wilcock for Israel; Francis Wilcock for Samll; Andrew Cornwell for Ephraim; Janna Hand for Esther; Benj: Hand for Mary. (vol. 6, p. 233-234)

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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 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.)

(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)