



In-Depth First Settler Profile:
Daniel Pryor (1696) /
Sarah (Eggleston) Pryor

Name: Daniel Pryor (also spelled Prior)

Birth: December 18, 1667, Windsor, Conn. (SAV)

Emigration: Born in the Colony of Connecticut

Death: March 24, 1754, Middletown, Conn. (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions*, Middletown, Conn.; Prior Cemetery, no. 711-20, p. 650)

Occupation & Public Service: On March 23, 1714, inventory of estate of Joseph Boarne taken by Francis Whitmore and Daniel Pryor (MAN vol. 2, p. 159); on January 9, 1733/4, inventory of estate of Benjamin West taken by Daniel Prior, Francis Wetmore and George Hubbard (MAN vol. 3, p. 128); on February 1, 1734/5, inventory of estate of Jonathan Burr taken by Philip Goff, George Hubbard and Daniel Prior (MAN vol. 3, p. 147).

Marriage: m.(1) Sarah Eggleston, February 9, 1692/3, Windsor, Conn. (b. October 26, 1670, Middletown, Conn.; d. April 6, 170[8], Middletown, Conn.) She was the daughter of Samuel Eggleston and Sarah (Disborough) Eggleston (BCVR). [**Compiler's note:** BCVR states death of "Sarah, wife of Daniel" as April 6, 1709, although land records show that "Sarah Prior the Wife of Daniel Prior about sd Departed this life April 6th 170[]" (MLR vol. 1, p. 12); however, since her husband married his second wife in March 1708/9, Sarah probably died a year before his second marriage]; m.(2) Mary (unknown surname) Lucas, widow of John Lucas, March 9, 1708/9, Middletown, Conn. (BCVR). [**Compiler's note:** On March 20, 1750, "to Mary my Beloved wife." (Probate Files Collection, Middletown District, Daniel Prior, No. 2648)

Parents: Humphrey Prior (d. 1719) and Ann Osborn (d. September 29, 1682), m. November 12, 1663, Windsor, Conn. (History and Genealogy of Ancient Windsor, Connecticut by Henry R. Stiles, 1892)

Children: (BCVR; MLR vol. 1, p. 12; MLR vol. 2, p. 14; Families of Ancient Windsor, Conn.)

By first wife:

(1) Sarah Pryor, b. March 4, 1693/4, Windsor, Conn.; d. unknown; m. Francis Whitmore Junior, February 20, 1723/4, Middletown, Conn. (6 children) [**Compiler's note:** On January 12, 1756, referred to as "Sarah Whitmore, widow" (MLR vol. 15, p. 452).]

(2) Anna Pryor, b. May 10, 1696, Windsor, Conn.; d. November 27, 1755, Middletown, Conn.; m.(1) Edward Bow, April 4, 1717, Middletown, Conn. (4 children); m.(2) William Ward, after 1733, Middletown, Conn. [**Compiler's note:** BCVR incorrectly states that "Anna Bow, widow, m. William Ward Nov. 1755;" she was called Anna Ward in the distribution of

her mother's estate on October 16, 1755; William Ward's first wife was still living in 1733 (MLR vol. 1, p. 182); "Anna Ward, wife of William, died Nov. 27, 1755, age 60 yrs." (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions*, Middletown, Conn.; Old Farm Hill Cemetery, no. 711-7, p. 352).]

(3) Thankful Pryor, b. January 21, 1697/8, Middletown, Conn.; d. November 4, 1734, Middletown, Conn.; m. John Prout, March 30, 1723/4, Middletown, Conn. (2 children) [**Compiler's note:** On June 4, 1734, John Prout and Thankful his wife, "being one of the Daughters of one of the Daughters of Samll Eggleston of sd Middletown Decd who was one of the Ancient Proprietors" (MLR vol. 7, p. 153); Thankful, wife of John, died "in the 37th yr of her age" (BCVR).]

(4) Daniel Pryor, b. November 5, 1699, Middletown, Conn.; d. January 9, 1699/1700, Middletown, Conn. (died young)

(5) Daniel Pryor, Junior, b. April 8, 1701, Middletown, Conn.; d. February 4, 1766, Middletown, Conn.; m. Sarah Gilbert, May 22, 1722, Middletown, Conn. (8 children) [**Compiler's note:** On March 29, 1743, Daniel Pryor Junior with Sarah his wife quitclaimed all their right "to the homelot that did belong to their father Mr. Jonathan Gilbert" (MLR vol. 10, p. 409); "Daniel Prior, died Feb. 4, 1766, age 65 yrs." (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions*, Middletown, Conn.; Old Farm Hill Cemetery, no. 711-7, p. 347); "he had a violent nervous disorder, but for a few days" (*First Church, Middletown, Marriages/Deaths from 1762-1869*, p.76).]

(6) Susannah Pryor, b. March 5, 1702/3, Middletown, Conn. d. unknown; m. James Munger, December 18, 1723, Guilford, Conn. (6 children) (Guilford Vital Records) [**Compiler's note:** Although Guilford Vital Records states that James Munger married "Susanna Peyer of Middletown," land records show that on March 2, 1757, James Munger and Susannah his wife of East Guilford quitclaimed their right to estate of their mother Sarah Pryor of Middletown, deceased (MLR vol. 14, p. 320).]

(7) Mary Pryor, b. July 13, 1705, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m. Ebenezer Arnold, abt. 1726, Middletown, Conn. (3+ children) [**Compiler's note:** Their first child was born on September 26, 1727 (BCVR); on February 21, 1753, Ebenezer Arnold and Mary my wife (MLR vol. 15, p. 53); on October 23, 1755, Mary Arnold, widow, conveyed four acres in Maromus bounded west on Annah Ward and east on heirs of Thankful Prout (MLR vol. 17, p. 10).]

(8) Ebenezer Pryor, b. September 23, 1707, Middletown, Conn.; d. unknown; m.(1) Christian Jagers, February 20, 1728/9, Middletown, Conn. (4 children); m.(2) Hannah Hurlbut, December 19, 1738, Middletown, Conn. [**Compiler's note:** On January 12, 1756, Ebenezer Pryor referred to his "Father Daniel Pryor Decd." (MLR vol. 15, p. 452); on May 17, 1762, Ebenezer Pryor conveyed to Experience Morgan, the wife of Richard Morgan, two acres at a place called Maromus (MLR vol. 19, p. 8).]



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By second wife:

(9) Experience Pryor, b. April 16, 1710, Middletown, Conn.; d. June 1777, Middletown, Conn.; m. Richard Morgan, July 1726, Middletown, Conn. (9 children) [**Compiler's note:** BCVR gives her name as Patience; see land records (MLR vol. 2, p. 14); on June 30, 1777, "Was buried Experience Wife of Richard Morgan, about 77 years old, infirm, dropsical" (*First Church, Middletown, Marriages/Deaths from 1762-1869*, p. 95).]

Residence/Property: On February 5, 1699/1700, Samuel Egelstone conveyed to his brother-in-law Daniel Prior six acres of upland at a place commonly called the plain (MLR vol. 2, p. 64); on September 9, 1700, Samuel Egelston conveyed to his brother in law Daniel Pryor four acres of woodlands lying in Moromas plain (MLR vol. 3, p. 116); land of "Daniel Pryor Decd. Lying at a place called Maromus ... which might come to him by virtue of a deed dated by the said Sarah Pryor Decd. to the said Daniel Pryor Decd. before their Marriage" (MLR vol. 15, p. 452); twelve acre homelot with additional seventeen acres adjoining; four acres of meadow; fifty two acres in the Great Lot on the east side of the river (Probate Files Collection, Middletown District, Sarah Prior, no. 2654).

Will: Daniel Prior. Will dated March 20, 1750, to Mary my Beloved wife the one half of my Dwelling house; to my son Daniel Prior twenty shillings; to my son Ebenezer all my land on the west side of the Connecticut River after my wife's decease; to my daughter Sarah ten shillings; to my daughter Anna ten shillings; to the heirs of my daughter Thankful ten shillings; to my daughter Susannah ten shillings; to my daughter Mary ten shillings; to my daughter Experience twenty pounds; my land on the east side of the Connecticut River to be divided equally among my children; son Ebenezer appointed executor; will was probated May 6, 1754 (Probate Files Collection, Middletown District, Daniel Prior, No. 2648); Sarah Prior. On March 8, 1755, inventory of the estate of Sarah Prior late of Middletown, deceased, totaled £2735, including twelve acres of the homelot; seventeen acres lying to the east of the homelot; four acres of meadow; fifty two acres in the Great Lot on the east side of the river; on October 16, 1755, to Daniel Prior eldest son, three acres of the homelot and fifteen acres of the woodlot; to Ebenezer Prior second son, six acres of the woodlot; to Sarah Prior alias Whitmore eldest daughter, two acres of the homelot and seven acres of the woodlot; to Anna Prior alias Ward, two acres of the homelot and seven acres of the woodlot; to Thankful Prout, two acres of meadow and six acres of woodlot; to Susannah Prior alias Munger, five acres of the homelot and two acres of the meadow; to Mary Prior alias Arnold, four acres and seven acres of woodlot (Probate Files Collection, Middletown District, Sarah Prior, no. 2654) [**Compiler's note:** Land belonging to Sarah (Eggleston) Pryor was distributed to her children after her husband's death (and forty seven years after her own death).]

Burial Location: Prior Cemetery, Middletown, Conn.
[**Compiler's note:** "Daniel Prior died Mar. 24, 1754, age 89 yrs." (*Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions*, Middletown, Conn.; original index at Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Conn., no. 711-20, p. 650).]

Notes:

(SAV): "PRIOR OR PRYOR, DANIEL, Windsor, s. of Humphrey, m. 9 Feb. 1693, Sarah Eggleston, d. of Samuel of Middletown, had Sarah, b. 4 Mar. 1694."

(SAV): "PRIOR OR PRYOR, HUMPHREY, Windsor, m. 12 Nov. 1663, Ann, d. of John Osborn, had John, b. 14 Feb. 1665; and Daniel, 18 Dec. 1667; and his w. d. bef. her f."

(MAN): Will of John Osborn, Senior, of Windsor, dated October 14, 1686, "to my gr. son Daniel Prior my Wood lott above Namerick, bounded south by Jacob Drake, and £10. (vol. 1, p. 345)

(*History and Genealogy of Ancient Windsor, Conn., by Henry R. Stiles, 1892*): "Daniel2 (Humphrey1), m. Sarah (dau. Samuel) Eggleston of Middletown, Conn., 9 Feb., 1692/3; rem. to Middletown, from W[indsor], prob. Sept. 1696; sold his lands in W[indsor]. east of G[rea]t. River to his bro. John, Dec. 1693." (p. 630)

(*Records of First Church of Christ, Congregational, Middletown, Connecticut, 1668-1870*): On July 1, 1694, "Mary wife of John Lucas heretofore of Windsor" (p. 44); on November 15, 1696, "Sarah & Anna ye children of Sarah Eaglestone alias Pryar ye wife of Danll Pryar baptised, Sarah Pryar & her sister Susanna Eaglestone then owning ye covenant" (p. 49); on January 23, 1697/8, Thankful, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Pryor baptised (p. 51); on December 10, 1699, Daniel, son of Daniel and Sarah Pryor baptised (p. 53); on October 6, 1700, Sarah, wife of Daniel Pryor, admitted to full communion (p. 55); on May 11, 1701, Daniel, son of Daniel and Sarah Pryor, baptised (p. 56); on April 25, 1703, Susanna, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Pryor baptised (p. 59); on November 23, 1707, "Ebenezer the son of Daniel & Sarah Pryor was baptised" (p. 66); on April 25, 1708, "Mary widow of John Lucas made publick confession of her sin of fornication;" on May 2, 1708, Susanna daughter of widow Mary Lucas was baptised (p. 67); on May 21, 1710, Experience daughter of Daniel and Mary Pryor baptised (p. 71); on December 21, 1718, "Edward Bow and his wife Anna Bow offered their confession for the sin of fornication which was publicly read and owned by them and the ch accepted it & Martha their daughter was baptised." (p. 84); on March 8, 1730, Richard and Experience Morgan offered a confession for the sin of fornication which was accepted (p. 100); on May 2, 1736, Daniel Prior Junior admitted to full communion (p. 113); on August 13, 1738, Daniel Prior Senior and Mary his wife admitted to full communion (p. 119).

(MLR): On March 26, 1728, Joshua Leete and Marcy his wife and Judah Evarts and Mary his wife, all of Guilford,



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quitclaimed to Daniel Pryer all rights in the northwest or western division in the township of Middletown which they might have “for that the sd Mercy and Mary are Daughters of Samuel Eggleston Late of Middletown Decd.” (vol. 2, p. 465)

(MLR): On August 14, 1729, Daniel Prier Junr and Richard Morgain divided forty acres of land lying near to Maromuck that they had purchased from Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson of Hartford. (vol. 2, p. 515)

(MLR): On February 14, 1732/3, Ebenezer Egelston and Daniel Pryer Junr quitclaimed to John Bartlet their rights in land “originally Samuel Egelstones father of that sd Ebenezer & Grand father of ye sd Daniel Pryer; ye sd Ebenezer conveys or quit claims to his own proper Right ye sd Daniel Pryer to his mothers Right & her sisters Marcy & Mary Daughters of the said Samll Egelstone Deceased.” (vol. 5, p. 462-463)

(MLR): On May 12, 1740, Ebenezer Pryor sold fifteen acres of land lying at a place called Walnut Hill bounded “partly on Land in the Improvement of my father Daniel Pryor” (vol. 9, p. 34); on September 18, 1750, Daniel Pryor “in consideration of the Paternal Love that I have for my son Daniel Pryor Junr” conveyed “the Equall half of one certain piece of Land Lying on the west side of Connecticutt River in Said Middletown and Contains in the whole One Hundred acres” bounded east on William Hamilton west on highway north on Frances Clark and south on John Earl Hubbard “with half ye Dwelling house & Barn on sd Land Standing as part of His Portion of my Estate” (vol. 13, p. 661).

(MLR): On February 21, 1753, Daniel Pryor Junior, Ebenezer Pryor, Sarah Whitmore, widow, William Ward 3d and Anna my wife, Ebenezer Arnold and Mary my wife, all of Middletown, conveyed “Six Eighthths of one Sixth part of one certain Lotment of Land in the three miles Division ... the 177th Lot in sd Division containing in the whole lot, forty one acres” (vol. 15, p. 53); on June 24, 1754, Ebenezer Pryor quitclaimed to “my eldest brother Daniel Prior” one half the right in land “which was Nicholas Egelstone in his Lifetime ... at or near a place called Maromus ... lying on the South Side of ye lot of land where my late Honoured Father Dwelt.” (vol. 14, p. 235-236)

(MLR): On January 12, 1756, Ebenezer Pryor quitclaimed “unto Daniel Pryor Sarah Whitmore, widow, heirs of Anna Decd. late wife of William Ward 3d, the heirs of Thankfull Prout Decd., and the rest of the heirs of Sarah Pryor late of Said Middletown, Decd ... Real Estate of their Father Daniel Pryor Decd. Lying at a place called Maromus in Middletown aforesaid, by virtue of the late will of the said Daniel Pryor Decd. which might come to him by virtue of a deed dated by the said Sarah Pryor Decd. to the said Daniel Pryor Decd. before their Marriage Excepting only one Eighth part of said Estate as the Same was Set out to him ye sd Ebenr in the Distribution of the Estate of the said Sarah” (vol. 15, p. 452); on March 2, 1757, James Munger and Susannah his wife of East Guilford in consideration of nineteen pounds received from Francis Clark of Middletown quitclaimed all their right “to any Lands and Estate of our Mother Sarah Pryor late of said Middletown deceased” (vol. 14, p. 320).

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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)

(TAG) *The American Genealogist* (articles by Donald Lines Jacobus, ed., 1922-1971) (*The American Genealogist*. New Haven, Conn.: D.L. Jacobus, 1922-1971)