



# Early Families OF Middletown, Connecticut

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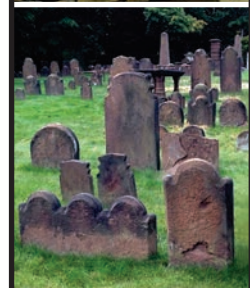
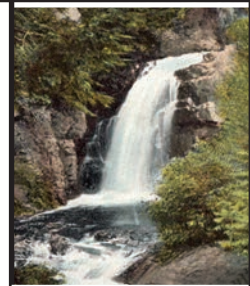
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***Early Families of Middletown, Connecticut - Volume II: 1655-1700*** presents genealogical profiles of 83 individuals and families known to have arrived and resided in Middletown between 1655 and 1700. While the profile subjects in *Volume I: 1650-1654* were the 23 early colonist families listed on the Founders Rock plaque in 1900, the profile subjects in *Volume II: 1655-1700* are based on (1) the 1670 *List of Householders & Proprietors* in the early town records; and (2) the authors' research that identified an additional 15 colonist families that resided within the expansive bounds of Middletown before 1700.

**Each profile** is a survey of what is known about the family from vital records; town and church records; land, court, and probate records; and excerpts from selected works in the public domain. Included when useful is analysis of conflicting evidence.

**Like Volume I**, this volume includes timelines, maps, and comprehensive chapters on historical context. Topics that extend the context through the 18th century include the evolution of the "2nd generation" settlement; indigenous Wangunk and settler relations; working the land; the rise of a commercial river port; the Revolutionary War years; the causes of the late-18th-century exodus from Middletown; and the 1780s-1820s westward destinations of descendants of early Middletown families.

***Early Families of Middletown, Conn. - Vol. I: 1650-1654*** was recognized with the 2013 Brainerd T. Peck Award from the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. In service to researchers now and in the future, *Volume II* aims for the same high standard.



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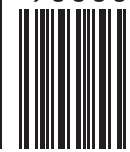
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