



# Early Families OF Middletown, Connecticut

## Volume I: 1650 - 1654

By  
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**Early Families of Middletown, Connecticut - Volume I: 1650-1654**, presents genealogical profiles of the 23 colonist families that began the English settlement along the Connecticut River first known as Mattabeseck. To complement the profiles are comprehensive chapters on historical and cultural context.

**Each profile** is a survey of what is known about a given family, drawing together vital records, public records, and excerpts from the more *reliable* historical and genealogical works in the public domain. Included when useful is analysis of conflicting evidence.

**Middletown-relevant 17th-century context** includes the author's research on topics such as English origins of the early colonists, Puritanism, early burying grounds, early domestic architecture, public services, the indigenous Wangunk people of the region, and African-Americans in early Middletown.

**Surnames of families profiled** are Allen, Bacon, Blumfield, Cornwell, Hall, Hamlin, Harris, Hubbard, Kirby, Martin, Miller, Savage, Smith, Stocking, Stow, Treat, Webster, Wetmore, and White. Also included are all known children and their marriages.

**With time-lines, 30 maps, and 100 photos** and illustrations throughout 208 large-format pages, the book is an information-packed resource for descendants and historians interested in the fascinating dynamics of this "second generation" settlement.

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