

## The Founders of Windsor: Their Trades or Professions

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### Scope and Contents

A variety of sources in the Windsor Historical Society library were examined for any mention of the occupation or trade practiced by those who came to Windsor, Connecticut in the 1630s. Nearly every man would have raised crops and livestock for his own household's needs. But while some made their living from the land, others were engaged in a variety of pursuits besides farming. A list of names compiled by the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor has been used as the basis for this research. More information about this lineage organization can be found at <http://www.societyct.org/societies/windsor.php>.

The **names** of the founders are listed in alphabetical order with a **number** following which refers to the bibliographic source or reference(s) which were used. Where there is a source number but the trade is listed as "none found," the reference contains some basic genealogical information that may be helpful.

### All the sources used for this research can be found in the Windsor Historical Society Library

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2. Hinman, Royal R. *Early Puritan Settlers of the Colony of Connecticut*
3. Allen, Orrin P. *The Allen Memorial: Descendants of Samuel Allen of Windsor, Connecticut*
4. Anderson, Robert Charles. *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633*
5. *Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*
6. Lane, Joshua W. and Donald P. White. *Woodworkers of Windsor*
7. Thistlethwaite, Frank. *Dorset Pilgrims*
8. Ritter, Kathy A. *Apprentices of Connecticut 1637-1900*
9. Anderson, Robert Charles. *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635*
10. Published family genealogies at the Windsor Historical Society
11. Family genealogy reference files at the Windsor Historical Society

<u>Name</u>	<u>Trade/Profession</u>	<u>Source Code</u>
Abbot, George	servant	1
Alford, Benedictus	sergeant, constable	1, 2
Allen, Samuel	government, farmer	1, 2, 3
Allyn, Matthew	government, Windsor clerk, merchant	1, 4
Barber, Thomas	carpenter/woodworker, soldier	1, 6
Bartlett, John	river ferryman	1, 2
Margaret(Barrett)(Huntington)Stoughton	none found	
Bascomb, Thomas	brick/stone mason (moved to Northampton, MA)	1, 9
Bassett, Thomas	none found (moved to Fairfield, CT by 1644)	1
Bennett, John	none found (left Windsor by 1652)	1
Birge, Richard	landholder, farmer	1, 2
Bissell, Capt. John	river ferryman, juror	1, 2
Branker, John	elder in church, schoolmaster	1, 2, 4
Brewster, Jonathan	possibly a mariner or merchant (son of William)	2, 4
Buckland, Thomas	town government	1
Buell, William	joiner/woodworker	6
Carter, Joshua	none found	
Chappel, George	carpenter	8
Clarke, Daniel	Secretary of Colonies, attorney, woodworker	1, 6
Clarke, Henry, Deacon	minister at First Church (moved to Hadley, MA)	1
Clarke, Joseph	none found	
Cooke, Aaron, Capt.	military, woodworker	1, 6
Cooper, Thomas	servant, carpenter	6, 8
Denslow, Nicholas	famer, left estate over £300	1, 4
Dibble, Thomas	none found	1

Drake, John	woodworker	6
Dumbleton, John	servant to Mr. Whiting of Hartford, farmer	1
Dyer, John	none found (not found in Windsor land distribution)	
Eels, John	none found (returned to England in 1640)	4
Eggleston. Bygat/Bygod	builder, farmer	1, 7
Filley, William	none found	
Ford, Thomas	government	1, 4
Foulkes, Henry	none found (died early)	1, 4
Fyler, Walter, Lt.	military	1
Gaylord, William, Deac.	minister in the church, woodworker	1, 6
Gibbs, Francis	none found	
Gibbs, Giles	government, selectman	1, 11
Gilbert, William	none found	
Gillett, Jeremiah	farmer	4
Gillett, Jonathan	farmer	4
Gillett, Nathan	farmer	4
Grant, Matthew	town surveyor, kept town records, woodworker	1, 6
Gridley, Thomas	military (left Windsor early)	1
Griswold, Edward	legislature, attorney, woodworker	1, 6
Griswold, Matthew	deputy to General Court (left Windsor early)	1, 4
Gunn, Thomas	Inn keeper, jurist (moved to Westfield, MA early)	1, 4
Hannum, William	none found (moved to Northampton, MA early)	1, 4
Hawkes, John	jurist, tax collector	1
Hawkins, Anthony	none found (moved to Farmington, CT)	1
Hayden, William	mason, farmer	1
Haynes, John	Governor of Mass. Bay Colony, judge, CT government	4
Hill, William	auditor of public accounts, merchant	1, 4
Hillier, John	none found	1
Holcombe, Thomas	government, jurist, woodworker	1, 4, 6
Holmes, William, Lt.	military	4
Holt, Mary	none found	
Hosford, William, Elder	elder in church, returned to England	1, 4, 7
Hoskins, John	delegate to General Court, estate included books	9
Hoyte, Simon	farmer, able to write (moved to Fairfield, CT by 1647)	1
Hubbard, Samuel	none found (moved to Fairfield, CT by 1647)	1
Huit, Ephraim	teacher, pastor with Rev. Wareham	1
Hulbert, Williams II	none found (moved to Northampton, MA. by 1648)	9
Hull, George	magistrate, surveyor, trader (moved to Fairfield, CT by 1649)	1
Hurd, John	none found (moved to Stratford early)	1
Hyde/Hydes, Humphrey	none found (a Royalist)	1
Loomis, Joseph	woolen draper	1,10,11
Ludlow, Roger	deputy Governor, CT legislature, college educated (moved to Virginia)	1
Lush, Henry	servant to a Wade family, died as young adult	9
Marshfield, Thomas	merchant	9
Marshall, Ann	none found	
Marshall, Thomas	deacon in the church, ferryman	10,11
Mason, John, Capt.	Soldier, magistrate	1, 9
Merwin , Mary Collins, (Tinker)	none found	
Merwin, Miles	tanner	9
Mills, Simon	civil servant, fence viewer	10, 11
Moore, John, Deacon	minister in the church, woodworker, built a ferry	1, 6
Moore, Thomas	civil servant, juror	1
Newberry, Thomas	merchant	9
Nowell, (Taylor) Elizabeth	none found	

Oldage, Richard	none found	1
Orton, Thomas	none found	1
Palmer, Nicholas	sergeant in military	1
Parkman, Elias	mariner	4
Parsons, Thomas	soldier in military	11
Pattison, Edward	none found	
Phelps, George	woodworker,	1, 6
Phelps, William	woodworker, civil servant, juror	1, 6
Phillips, George	none found (died 1678, had infirmities)	1
Pinney, Humphrey	administrator, wealthy	1
Pomeroy, Eltweed	blacksmith, constable, selectman	1, 4
Pond, Samuel	farmer (died 1654)	1, 10
Porter, John	woodworker, (£600 estate), elected offices, constable, juror	1, 6
Preston, Edward	none found (son of William Preston)	1
Rainend, Matthew	none found (died as teenager)	1
Randall, Philip	blacksmith, civil, juror	1, 4
Rawlins, Jasper	brick maker	4
Reeves, John	servant to Francis Stiles, carpenter	9
Rockwell, John	woodworker	6
Rockwell, William	deacon in the Windsor church	4
Rossiter, Bray (Brian)	doctor of medicine, Windsor's first town clerk	1, 4
St. Nicholas, John	curate for the Church of England, educated, parliamentarian	1
Saltonstall, Robert (son of Richard)	an attorney (vol. 1 page 737)	1
Samos (Samways), Richard	none found (name mentioned in Hosford genealogy)	10
Sension, Mathias (son of Matthew)	chandler	9
Sension, Nicholas	civil, petit jury (primary education)	9
Sexton, Richard	none found	1
Staires, Thomas	sergeant, military with Capt. John Mason	1
Starke, Aaron	none found	
Stiles, Francis	carpenter	9
Stiles, Henry	carpenter	9
Stiles, John	carpenter	
Stiles, Thomas	carpenter	9
Stoughton, Thomas	ensign, military, woodworker	1, 6
Stuckey, George	none found (sold lot in 1645, moved to Fairfield, CT)	1
Talcott, John	court deputy	4
Taylor, John	none found	
Terry, Stephen	educated, woodworker	4, 6
Thornton, Thomas	tanner, minister	4, 6
Thrall, William	soldier	1
Tilley, John	none found (killed by Indians in 1636)	1
Tilton, Peter	magistrate in Massachusetts	1
Try, Michael	farmer	1
Phelps, Frances (Clark) (Dewey)	none found	
Vore, Richard	none found	1
Wareham, John, Rev.	first minister of First Church	1, 4
Weller, Richard	woodworker (left Windsor soon after 1655)	1
Whitehead, Richard	served on jury	1
Williams, Arthur	none found	1
Williams, John	none found	1
Williams, Roger	none found	1
Wilton, David	lieutenant, military, graveyard keeper, trader, served on jury and in legislature	1, 4
Winchell, Robert	none found	1

Witchfield, John	elder in the church	1, 4
Wolcott, Henry	General Assembly, senate, other civic offices	1, 4
Young, John	none found	1