

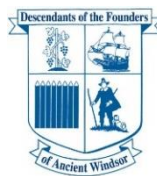
## How accurate is the Founders List?

In their enthusiasm, the organizers of the monument put on the names of many settlers who arrived well after the pioneer years, including Elder John Strong and Sgt. Josias Ellsworth, names that must be recalled in any remembrance of early Windsor families, without specifying just how early. Other names were left off — any who came with the Holmes party from Plymouth in 1633 and many of the servants who came with the Stiles and other families. Virtually all the wives were left off. Another list of early Windsor settlers was apparently developed for the town's Tercentennial in 1933. That September, the Hartford Times published a list of founders of Windsor which still circulates. That list suffers from the same inclusion of families arriving much later than 1635 and the same exclusions.

In 1983, the Windsor 350th Anniversary arrived. Working on behalf of the Windsor 350 the Anniversary Committee, Stephen Simon and Kent Avery developed a list which included all those in Windsor before 1650, the cutoff date based on a map in Stiles' first volume. To develop their list, they combed the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records for Windsor and the listing of householders in Stiles' first volume. That list was published in the 350th Anniversary Committee booklet, *The Settlement of Windsor, Connecticut*.

When DFAW was organized in the summer of 1983, a Founder was defined as anyone in Windsor by the end of 1640, a cutoff point intended to coincide with the date established by the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford based on the final land distributions there and by the closing of the Great Migration after the Puritans came to power in England. Additions to the Founders List were made in our earliest years on a case-by-case basis, usually by petition of someone whose ancestors had been overlooked in earlier compilations. As time went on, the late Donna Siemiatkoski and Carolyn Porter-Fraher discovered that in Windsor the grants from the plantation did not stop in 1640 but continued to be made through the summer of 1641. Based on this information, DFAW altered the definition of a Founder to include all those individuals found on records pertaining to Windsor before the close of 1641, thus tying the Founders Era to the recording of the grants from the plantation (the original proprietors). However, we include anyone who is on record in Windsor at that time whether landowners or not.

## Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor Founder's List



George Abbott	Lt. Walter Fyler	Ann Marshall	Matthias Sension	John Dumbleton
Benedictus Alford	Dea. William Gaylord	Thomas Marshall	(St. John)	John Dyer
Samuel Allen	Francis Gibbs	Major John Mason	Nicholas Sension	John Eels
Matthew Allyn	Giles Gibbs	Mary (Merwin)	Richard Sexton	Bygod Eggleston
Thomas Barber	William Gilbert	(Tinker) Collins	Sgt. Thomas Staires	William Filley
John Bartlett	Jeremiah Gillett	Miles Merwin	Aaron Starke	Thomas Ford
Margaret (Barrett)	Jonathan Gillett	Simon Mills	Francis Stiles	Henry Foulkes
(Huntington)	Nathan Gillett	Dea. John Moore	Henry Stiles	George Hull
Stoughton	Matthew Grant	Thomas Moore	John Stiles	John Hurd
Thomas Bascomb	Thomas Gridley	Thomas Newberry	Thomas Stiles	Humphrey Hydes
Thomas Bassett	Edward Griswold	Thomas Nowell	Ens. Thomas Stoughton	Joseph Loomis
John Bennett	Matthew Griswold	Richard Oldage	George Stuckey	Roger Ludlow
Richard Birge	Thomas Gunn	Thomas Orton	John Talcott	Henry Lush
Capt. John Bissell	William Hannum	John Osborn	Taylor	Thomas Marshfield
Elder John Branker	John Hawkes	Sgt. Nicholas Palmer	John Taylor	John Reeves
Jonathan Brewster	Anthony Hawkins	Elias Parkman	Stephen Terry	John Rockwell
Thomas Buckland	William Hayden	Thomas Parsons	Thomas Thornton	Dea. William
William Buell	Gov. John Haynes	Edward Pattison	William Thrall	Rockwell
Joshua Carter	William Hill	George Phelps	John Tilley	Dr. Bray Rossiter
George Chappel	John Hillier	William Phelps	Peter Tilton	John St. Nicholas
Daniel Clarke	Thomas Holcombe	George Phillips	Michael Try	Robert Saltonstall
Dea. Henry Clarke	Lt. William Holmes	Humphrey Pinney	Frances (Unknown)	Richard Samo John
Joseph Clarke	Mary Holt	Eltweed Pomeroy	(Clark) (Dewey)	Williams
Capt. Aaron Cooke	Elder William Hosford	Samuel Pond	Phelps	Roger Williams
Thomas Cooper	John Hoskins	John Porter	Richard Vore	Lt. David Wilton
Nicholas Denslow	Simon Hoyte	Edward Preston	Rev. John Warham	Robert Winchell
Thomas Dewey	Samuel Hubbard	Matthew Rainend	Richard Weller	Elder John Witchfield
Thomas Dibble	Rev. Ephraim Huit	Philip Randall	Richard Whitehead	Henry Wolcott
John Drake	William Hulbert	Jasper Rawlins	Arthur Williams	John Young