

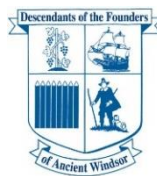
How accurate is the Founders List?

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