



Our Stanley Ancestors

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Stanley Context

1. Robert Stanley b. 1570 Kent, England m. Ruth Garland d. 01 Jun 1605 Tenterden, Kent, England

1. Robert Stanley 1570-1605 Ruth Garland ? Heathfield, Sussex on December 15, 1588

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Stanley-341>

Robert Stanley was born in Kent County, England. He married Ruth Garland December 17, 1588 - Heathfield

Their children included,

- i. Ruth Stanley aka Stanlee bpt 8 Nov Heathfield Sussex, England
- ii. Freegift Stanley aka Stanlee)bpt 21 Sep 1593
- iii. Patience Stanley aka Patyence Stanlee bpt. 27 Apr 1595 in Heathfield, Sussex, England; m George Downe, d. before 14 Jun 1633 in Tenterden, Kent, England

The family evidently moved from Heathfield, Sussex County and at least four children were baptised in Kent

- iv. William Stanley bpt 29 Sep 1595 Rolvenden, Kent
- v. John Stanley bpt. 2 Oct 1598 in Tenterden, Kent County, England

2. vi. Thomas Stanley b. Abt 1601 bpt 12 April 1601 Tenterden, Kent Ashford, Kent, England m. Benedicta “Bennet” Tritton 03 Aug 1630 Appledore, Kent, England d. 30 Jan 1663 Hadley, Middlesex, MA
vii. Timothy bpt. 1 Apr 1604 in Tenterden, Kent, England, m. Elizabeth (Unknown) Bacon 1625 in Ashford, Kent, England¹

He was buried June 5, 1605, at Tenterden Kent County, England.

2. Thomas Stanley 1601-1663 Bennet Tritton 1609-1664

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Stanley-140>

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/15088994/thomas-stanley>

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Tritton-1>

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/16666698/benet-stanly>

Thomas Stanley, son of Robert Stanley was baptized at Tenterden, Kent on 12 April 1601².

He married Benedicta (baptized at Ashford 30 July 1609) daughter of Daniel Tritton³

Their children,

i. Thomas Stanley b. 1630 bp 29 Mar 1632, bur. 29 Mar 1632⁴

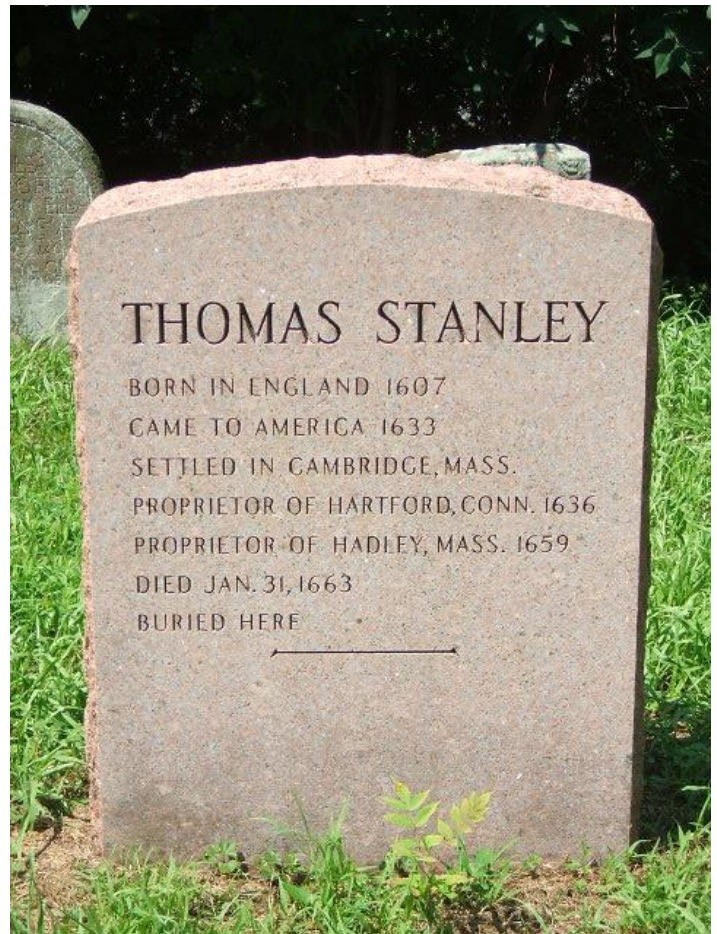
3. ii Mary Stanley b. 2 Feb 1633 Ashford, Kent, England, m. John Porter 1650 in Connecticut, d. 13 Sep 1688, Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut

ii Nathaniel Stanley b ca. 1636 m. Sarah Boosey 2 Jun 1659 Hartford Connecticut, d.

ii Sarah Stanley b. ca. 1638 m. John Wadsworth⁵

ii Hannah Stanley b. ca. 1640 m Samuel Porter, son of John Porter

Thomas Stanley died in Hadley, Massachusetts January 30 1663.⁶



3. Mary Stanley 1633-1688 John Porter -1622- 1688

¹ TAG 80: 217-23

² TAG 80:219

³ TAG 80 :220

⁴ TAG 80: 221

⁵ NEHGR 11: 328

⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/15088994/thomas-stanley>

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Stanley-139>

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/34134222/mary-porter>

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Porter-150>

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/34134201/john-porter>

Mary Stanley, daughter of Thomas Stanley and Bennet Tritton was born 02 Feb 1634 in Ashford, Kent, England. She married John Porter, son of John Porter and Rosanna White, who was born 09 Feb 1621/22 at Felsted, Essex, England 1650 in Windsor, Hartford, CT. He died 02 Aug 1688 in Windsor, Hartford, CT. She died a month later on 13 Sep 1688

They had the following children:

4. i John Porter b. 03 Jan 1651 Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, d. 04 Dec 1699 Windsor, Hartford, CT, m. Joanna Gaylord on 16 Dec 1669 at Hebron, Tolland, CT Windsor, Hartford, CT
- ii. Mary Porter b. 17 Jul 1653 in Windsor, Hartford, CT, d. 10 Jun 1682 East Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, United States, m. Captain Joseph Phelps 26 Jun 1673 in Westfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, United States
- iii. Sarah Porter b. 05 Sep 1655 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, United States d. 13 Dec 1730 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, United States, m. Enoch Drake 1680
- iv. James Porter b. 22 Dec 1657 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, Colonial America d. 27 Sep 1727 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, Colonial America, m. Sarah Tudor (Twin) Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, United States
- v. Nathaniel Porter b. 20 Apr 1660 in Windsor, Hartford, Colony of Connecticut, British Colonial America d. possibly 10 Feb 1747, m. (1) Deborah Buell 1700 she died May 1712, (2) Elizabeth Gillett 04 Jun 1712 in Windsor, Hartford, Colony of Connecticut, British Colonial America
- vi. Samuel Porter 5 Mar 1665 Windsor, Hartford, m. d. 16 Nov 1694 Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, Colonial America

Windsor, Connecticut⁷

Website: www.townofwindsorct.com

Windsor is a town in Hartford County, Connecticut, United States, and was the first English settlement in the state. It lies on the northern border of Connecticut's capital, Hartford. The population of Windsor was 29,044 at the 2010 census. Poquonock is a northern area of Windsor. Other unincorporated areas in Windsor include Rainbow and Hayden Station in the north, and Wilson and Deerfield in the south.

The coastal areas and riverways were traditional areas of settlement by various American Indian cultures, who had been in the region for thousands of years. They relied on the rivers for fishing, water and transportation. Before European contact, the historic Pequot and Mohegan tribes had been one Algonquian-speaking people. After they separated, they became competitors and traditional enemies in the Connecticut region.

During the first part of the 17th century, the Pequot and Mohegan nations had been at war. The Podunk were forced to pay tribute to the more powerful Pequot, who claimed their land. Eventually, the Podunk invited a small party of settlers from Plymouth, Massachusetts, to settle as a mediating force between the other tribes. In exchange they granted them a plot of land at the confluence of the Farmington River and the west side of the Connecticut River. After Edward Winslow came from Plymouth to inspect the land, William Holmes led a small party, arriving at the site on September 26, 1633, where they founded a trading post.

⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windsor,_Connecticut

Native Americans referred to the area as Matianuck. It was about 50 miles (80 km) up river from Long Island Sound, at the end of waters navigable by ship and above the Dutch fort at Hartford, offering an advantageous location for the English to trade with the Indians before they reached the Dutch.

The first group of 60 or more people were led by Roger Ludlow, primary framer of the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, having trekked overland from Dorchester, Massachusetts. They had arrived in the New World five years earlier on the ship Mary and John from Plymouth, England, and settled in Dorchester. Reverend Warham promptly renamed the Connecticut settlement "Dorchester". During the next few years, more settlers arrived from Dorchester, outnumbering and soon displacing the original Plymouth contingent, who returned to Plymouth in 1638 after selling their parcel to a Matthew Allyn of Hartford.

In 1637, the colony's General Court changed the name of the settlement from Dorchester to Windsor, named after the town of Windsor, Berkshire, on the River Thames in England.

Several "daughter towns" were formed from Windsor's original boundaries. These include portions or all of Barkhamsted, Bloomfield, Bolton, Colebrook, Coventry, East Granby, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Granby, Harwinton, Litchfield, Manchester, Morris, Simsbury, South Windsor, Suffield, Tolland, Torrington, Vernon, and Windsor Locks.

The first "highway" in the Connecticut Colony opened in 1638 between Windsor and Hartford. Two years later, the highway was extended north to the colony's 1636 settlement at Springfield, with the road also connecting to Wethersfield and thus the four settlements that came to dominate the region for much of colonial history were connected.

In the summer of 1640, during a grain famine, the founder of Springfield, William Pynchon, was given authority by Windsor and Hartford to negotiate a price for grain for the three settlements with the natives. First, the natives refused to sell grain at the usual market price, and then refused to sell it at "a reasonable price". Pynchon refused to buy it, attempting to teach the natives a peaceful lesson about integrity and reliability. Windsor's cattle were starving, however, and the citizens of Hartford were furious. With Windsor's consent, Hartford commissioned the famous Indian fighter John Mason to travel to Springfield with "money in one hand and a sword in the other" to threaten the natives, and thereby force the grain trade. The natives capitulated and ultimately sold their grain. After "negotiating the trade", Mason refused to share the grain with Springfield, and, to add further insult, insisted that Springfield pay a tax when sailing ships passed Windsor. Outraged, Springfield forever sided with the Massachusetts Bay Colony, a faraway theocracy based in Boston, rather than with the Connecticut Colony, which was much closer geographically and far more compatible ideologically. Windsor played a neutral role in the colonial rivalry between Hartford and Springfield; however, Windsor's direct border with both settlements caused many discussions about whether to align with Massachusetts or Connecticut. Ultimately, Windsor sided with Connecticut.

Appendices

Abbreviation

b. born ca. about d. died m. married

Researching Stanley

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 Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, U
 d: 04 Dec 1699
 Windsor, Hartford, CT


7th great grandfather

 **David Porter**
 b: 10 Oct 1685
 Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, U
 d: 24 Jan 1767
 Hebron, Tolland, Connecticut


6th great grandmother

 **Jerusha Sarah Porter**
 b: 15 Sep 1712
 Windsor, Hartford, CT
 d: 23 May 1754
 Hebron, Tolland, CT


5th great grandfather

 **Thomas Perrin**
 b: 01 Jan 1739
 Hebron, Tolland, Connecticut, US
 d: 10 Oct 1822
 Granville, Washington, New York,


4th great grandfather

 **Andrew B Perrin**
 b: 19 Jun 1766
 Hebron, Tolland, Connecticut, US
 d: 21 Mar 1859
 Maynard, Grenville, Ontario

3rd great grandfather

 **Orrin Gould Perrin**
 b: 16 Aug 1806
 Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ont
 d: 01 Mar 1888
 Maynard, Augusta Township, Gre

2nd great grandmother

 **Elizabeth Jane Perrin**
 b: 28 Sep 1840
 Menickville, Grenville County, On
 d: 08 Apr 1915
 Maynard, Grenville, Ontario, Can


Great grandmother

 **Abigail Almada Spicer**
 b: 13 Sep 1860
 Prescott, Ontario, Canada
 d: 10 Jul 1940
 Menickville, Ontario, Canada


Maternal grandfather

 **Edward Elbert Atkinson**
 b: 26 Feb 1887
 Menickville, Menickville-Wolford,
 d: 14 Jan 1957
 Vancouver, British Columbia

Mother

 **Grace Elizabeth Atkinson**
 b: 11 Dec 1916
 Waskada, Manitoba, Canada
 d: 04 Jun 2008
 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S

Self

 **James Clifford Retson**
 b: 28 Jul 1948
 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S
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