

We find in the Middletown records that John Kirby, formerly of Middletown, Ct., in his deed gave to his daughter, Mary Buck, wife of Enoch Buck, of Weathersfield, deceased, sundry pieces of land; one hundred and thirty acres on the east side of the river, one-half to her son, Thomas Buck, the other to her four daughters: Sarah, wife of Benjamin Churchill; Hannah, wife of John Fowler; Elizabeth, now wife of Caleb Dudley; Abigail, now wife of Samuel Arnold.

In an historical sermon preached by Rev. John Bayne, pastor Congregational Church, Portland, July 9, 1876, it is stated that prior to 1700 there were but three houses in that part of Middletown lying on the east side of the river, now Portland. In 1710, nine other families joined them, and one was Thomas Buck. The Honorable Assembly, held at Hartford, May 13, 1714, granted the inhabitants in Middletown on the east side of the great river, liberty to be a society of themselves. Oct. 25, 1721, Daniel Newell was ordained pastor. Aug. 8, 1722, Noadiah Russell, Thomas Buck, Richard Gill, chosen committee of trust. March 20, 1722, Wm. Cornwall, Sr., and Jonathan Judd, tithing men. Daniel Newell was a native of Bristol, graduated at Yale, 1718; died 1731, aged 31. Jan. 12, 1712, it was voted to have a school at or near the house of Thomas Buck. March 8, 1736, James Buck, committee to order prudentials. Thomas Buck, fence viewer.

In looking at the book of records we find some leaves are missing and others poorly kept so that we have to pass over some names and dates.

Thomas Buck must have been quite a landholder; I find on the Middletown records, Joshua Gill deeded to Thomas Buck, Jan. 1707; John Sage to Thomas Buck, on the east side of the river, July, 1704; Nathan Andrews to Thomas Buck, Oct. 30, 1703. Thomas Buck sold to John Sage, July