

(11) Deacon Samuel Stocking was born in England, came with his father to Massachusetts, and removed with him to Hartford. There he was married May 27, 1652, to Miss Bethia Hopkins, a daughter of John and Jane Hopkins. He removed with the first settlers to Middletown about 1650, and was one of the three signers of the Indian deed of that settlement. His home was in Upper Middletown, which is now called Cromwell. He was the first deacon of the Middletown Church, which was organized in 1668, and representative in the General Assembly from that town in 1658, 1659, 1665, 1669, 1674, 1677 and 1681. He served in King Philip's war, probably as sergeant. He died December 3, 1683. In his will he mentions all his children except Hannah, who was probably dead. He leaves his land on the east side of the Connecticut river to his sons George and Ebenezer, and leaves £3 to his pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Collins. His estate amounted to £650. His widow later married James Steele. The children of Deacon Samuel Stocking were: Hannah, born October 30, 1654, died before 1683; Samuel, October 9, 1656, died December 2, 1697; Bethia, October 10, 1658, married Thomas Stow, of Middletown, October 16, 1675; John, September 24, 1660, lived for some years with his grandfather in Hartford, and was later in Middletown, where in 1713 he was recorded as a "distracted person"; Lydia, January 20, 1663, married Joseph Howell, of Southampton, L. I.; George, February 20, 1665; Ebenezer, February 23, 1669, died before 1697; Steven, March 23, 1673, died before 1697; Daniel, April 14, 1677, lived in Upper Middletown, married Jane Mould, of New London, became the father of five boys and two girls, and died in 1733.

(111) George Stocking was born in Upper