



Matthew Beckwith, Sr.
Birthdate: September 22, 1610 (70)
Birthplace: Pontefract, Yorkshire, England
Death: October 21, 1680 (70)
New London, New London, Connecticut, USA
(Fell off a cliff)
Place of Burial: Lyme, New London, CT, USA
Immediate Family: Son of Thomas Beckwith and Anne Beckwith
Husband of Mary Elizabeth Beckwith
Father of Mary Daniels (Beckwith); Benjamin Beckwith; Matthew Beckwith, II; Catherine Rawlings; Elizabeth Aka Bates, Sarah Beckwith; Joseph Beckwith; Nathaniel Beckwith, Sr.; Child Beckwith and John Beckwith

Brother of William Beckwith

Half brother of Thomas Beckwith; Roger Beckwith, of Northcot and Aldborough; Alice Beckwith; William Beckwith and Jane Beckwith

Occupation: Migrated in 1635 with John Winthrop the Younger, to help build/settle Saybrooke, CT

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Immediate Family



Mary Elizabeth Beckwith, wife

Mary Daniels (Beckwith), daughter
Benjamin Beckwith, son
Matthew Beckwith, II, son
Catherine Rawlings, daughter
Elizabeth Aka Bates, daughter
Sarah Beckwith, daughter
Joseph Beckwith, son



Nathaniel Beckwith, Sr., son
Child Beckwith, son
John Beckwith, son

Anne Beckwith, mother

About Matthew Beckwith, Sr.

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<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi/page/gr/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=34387850>

<https://minerdescent.com/2010/05/14/matthew-beckwith/>

Immigration: 1635

Daughters of the American Colonists, National Society, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century - 1961 - Snippet view - More editions Mary Beckwith (1750-1831). 5. Nehemiah Beckwith m. Mary Thomas. 6. Jonathan Beckwith m. Elizabeth Waller (d. 1736). 7. John Beckwith (d. 1757) m. Prudence Manwaring (1671-1740). 8.

Matthew Beckwith m. Elizabeth (Mary) Lynde ...

His parents were Thomas BECKWITH and Anne DYNLEY. He immigrated in 1637 to Massachusetts from England.

- **Immigration:** 1635
- **Residence:** Hartford, CT > MATTHEW BECKWITH (Also stated as mathew Beckwith)

EARLY IMMIGRANT TO THE AMERICAS AND THE GRANDFATHER OF SARAH BECKWITH, WIFE OF WILLIAM MINOR AND MOTHER OF ELIHU MINER

Captain Matthew Beckwith was born 22 September 1610 in Pontefract, Yorkshire, England, An old medieval town in West Yorkshire, England. The town has a well known historical market place and, more importantly, a medieval castle which was built in the Norman Conquest era. His parents were Thomas Beckwith and Ann Dynley. He immigrated in 1637 to Massachusetts from England, some say on the Sparrow Hawk, which crashed upon reaching New England. This may not be accurate as the Sparrow Hawk actually crashed in 1626 and Matthew would have been only 16 at the time. The ruins of the Sparrow Hawk can still be seen at Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts. He married Elizabeth (Mary) Lynde in 1641 in Hartford, Connecticut Colony. Her parents were Enoch Lynde (1590-1636) and Elizabeth Digby (1584-1669). Enoch Lynde was a shipping merchant in the Netherlands

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engaged in foreign trade. He was also connected with the postal service between England and Holland. He was fluent in Dutch and may have been of Dutch extraction. After Matthew died, Elizabeth married Samuel Buckland. Elizabeth died in 1682 in Lyme, New London, Connecticut, at age 67. Matthew and Elizabeth were the parents of seven children, all of whom lived to adulthood. The couple did not acquire a home lot until four years after they were married. Hartford records show that Mary and their first child, a daughter named Mary born in 1643, resided with the household of B. Barnard in Hartford. This indicated that Matthew traveled and lived aboard his vessels most of the time. Matthew, with two other partners, was a ship owner. They owned three ships, the Speedwell, the Hopewell, and the Endeavor. These ships ranged from 50 to 82 tons and participated in trade between New England, New Amsterdam, and Barbados. The Endeavor was the first barque built and launched in New London. Matthew Beckwith was believed to have been involved with a couple of wealthy Dutchmen, and one of them, a Captain Sybado, left him a small legacy in his will that was filed in England. The Endeavor was sold in Barbados for 2000 pounds of sugar. In 1645 Matthew purchased land in Hartford from a proprietor, William Platt. In 1650 he bought more land in Hartford from another proprietor, Thomas Porter. In the spring of 1651, Matthew was given a home lot in the section of New London known today as East Lyme. Matthew traveled from port to port, keeping his homeport in Lyme in a section of waterway that became known as Beckwith Cove. Today his former land is known as Rocky Neck State Park in East Lyme. Many of his children traveled with their father as youngsters. He received 30 acres of land in 1875 which he passed on to his son Joseph. Matthew was not a quiet, obscure man. His name appears often on the pages of the recorded history of Connecticut. He was fined once for public drunkenness. He was a defendant in two separate cases, one for "slander," in which he paid a fine and did public penitence. In 1662, at the age of 52, suits were brought against him and three other men for assault. He paid a fine. He, in turn, brought suit against two other men for debts owed and for killing his "swine." This same Matthew Beckwith is given credit as one of the founders of the church at Branford. Matthew died 21 October 1680. The report says that "Matthew Beckwith, age 70, missing his way in the very dark night, fell from a ledge of rocks about 20 or 30 feet high and beat his brains against a stone he fell upon." This gave occasion for a sermon on the providence of God which took away Matthew Beckwith and spared his fellow wayfarer. The inquest showed that he was then seventy years old. He is buried in Old Lyme, New London, Connecticut. The estate of Matthew Beckwith was appraised at 293 pounds, indicating him to have ranked among the "well circumstanced class of that day." He was able to give land "somewhat liberally to his sons."

And>>>>> this is a VERY interesting page which has many valuable references to our family history

Documented events in his life were:

1. Emigrant Ancestor; 1636; Saybrook, Middlesex Co., CT.
2. Fine; 1 Aug 1639; Hartford, Hartford Co., CT 3. Matthew Beckwith, centured & fined 10 s. for unreasonable & imoderatt drinking att the pinnacle.
3. Lawsuit; 2 Mar 1643/44; Hartford, Hartford Co., CT 4. In the ac of Math: Beckwytt pl agt Math: Allen deft the July find for the pl damages viijs & Chardges of Court. Executio graunted.
4. Lawsuit; 1 Sep 1644; Hartford, Hartford Co., CT 5. Math: Beckwith & Tho: Hungerford pl agt Will Edwards deft in an act of Slauder. In the ac of Math: Beckwith & Tho: Hungerford pl agt Will Edwads deft the Jury find for the pl damages 20s & Cost of Court.
5. Lawsuit; 24 Apr 1649; Hartford, Hartford Co., CT 6. Mathew Marven plt Contra Mathew Beckwith defendt in an action of defamation damages £50 In the action ... the defendt making his public penitent confession of his evill in Slauder the said plt was remitted by the Court and Plt.
6. Lawsuit; 1 Jun 1651; Hartford, Hartford Co., CT 7. Mathew Beckwith plt Contra William Williams defendt in an Action of the Case to the damage of 50s. .. the Jury finds for the defendt damages 2s.
Mathew Beckwith plt Contra Thomas Hubberd defendt in an Action of Debt with the damages to the value of 15s; the Courte Adjudges the defendt to pay vnto the plt 12s & Costs of Curte wch is 16s.
7. Debt; 4 Sep 1651; Hartford, Hartford Co., CT 8. The Creditors of Mathew Beckwith had publique notice to bring in their Debts to the next Quarter Courte or to the Secretary before the Courte and then appeare there and their Causes shall bee heard.
8. Lawsuit; 13 Jun 1655; Pequott, CT 9. Matthew Beckwith plt Contra Tho Rowell defendt in an Actio of the Case uppon Accote to the dammage of £16; In the Action of accte betweene Mathew Beckwith plt and Thomas Rowell defendt the Jury findes for the plt damages fourteene pounds and 9s and Costs of Courte with the Courte allows to bee ten Shillings.
9. Court Appearance; 13 Jun 1655; Pequott, CT 10. Joined with other townsmen petitioning the court.

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10. Lawsuit; 15 May 1660; Hartford, Hartford Co., CT 11. Richrd Hartley plt contr Math: Beckwith Dft in an actioon of ye case to ye damadge of £24; The Jury finds for ye Plt the debt according to Bill and the forfeiture of ye sd payment on ye Bond and costs of ye Court.

Mathew Beckwith Plat contr Thomas Brooks in an action of Debt by Bill to bye damadge of £50; Thomas Brooks not appeareing to answer according to Summons The Court Grants to ye Plaintiff a spetial warrant for Brooks his appearance at ye Court in June vnless there happen a Court at N: London about that time.

11. Lawsuit; 4 Sep 1662; Hartford, Hartford Co., CT 12. John Richards Pt contr Georg Halsey Math Beckwith Peeter Blachfield & Tho: Stafford in an action of ye case respecting an assault & Battery; Matthew Beckwith not mentioned in the final judgement of the Court.

12. Death; 21 Oct 1680 13. As recorded in the journal of Simeon Bradford: "Octob. 21. Matthew Brecket Sen. aged about 70, missing his way in a very dark night, fell from a Ledge of rocks about 20 or 30 foot high and beat out his brains against a stone he fell vpon. Another man yt was wth him was wthin a yard of ye place but by gods Providee came not to such an end. Let him and all nearly concerned, ye every one, make good vse of such an awfull & Solemne Providee."

13. Inventory Taken; 13 Dec 1682; Lyme, New London, CT 14. £293.01.00

Matthew married Mary Unknown (Beckwith) 15 before 1643 in Connecticut 1. (Mary Unknown (Beckwith) was born about 1620 in England and died on 30 Jun 1694 in Lyme, New London, CT.)

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1. Ancestors of Harold Monroe Jr. Walden, (Harold Monroe Walden, 30214 Briarcrest Drive, Georgetown, TX 78628-1149, (512)863-8678 hmwalden@flash.net).

2. Ancestors of Frances Jean Jones, (Frances Jean Jones-Lory, 1540 W. Kent Dr., Chandler, Arizona 85224, 602-726-8291, franjones@inficad.com).

3. Records of The Particular Court of Connecticut, 1639-1663, (Hartford, 1928). p 4.

4. *ibid.* p 18.

5. *ibid.* p 29.

6. *ibid.* p 62-63.

7. *ibid.* p 102.

8. *ibid.* p 106.

9. *ibid.* p 146-147.

10. *ibid.* p 148.

11. *ibid.* p 212-213.

12. *ibid.* p 252.

13. Bradstreet, Simeon, Simeon Bradstreet, Memoires, New London, 1664, (New England Historical & Genealogical Register, Vol 8, October 1854, p 325).

14. New London Co., CT, Probate Records. A:52-54.

15. Fox, Simeon M., Matthew Beckwith and His Family, (The American Genealogist, Vol 21, No 1, p 259-265).

▼Facts and Events Name Captain Matthew Beckwith Gender Male Birth[1] est 1612 Marriage bef 1643 Before the approximate birth date of eldest known child to Mary Unknown Death[1] bet 21 Oct 1681 and 6 June 1682 New London, New London, Connecticut, United States Alt Death[1] 21 Oct 1681 New London, New London, Connecticut, United States Probate[1] 6 Jun 1682 New London, Connecticut, United StatesInventory of estate ▼References

↑ 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.3 Matthew Beckwith, in Fox, Gen. Simeon M. Matthew Beckwith and his Family. American Genealogist (D.L. Jacobus). (Apr, Jul 1945), 21:263.

Matthew Beckwith was a man of limited education, as he signed with his mark. The only basis for estimating his age is in the account of his accidental death given in Mr. Simon Bradstreet's Journal, printed in the New England Hist. and Ge. Register [9:50]:

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against a stone he fell vpon. Another man yet was wth him and was within a yard of ye place, but by gods Provide came not to such an end.

Miss Caulkins gives the date as on "Dec. 13, 1681," but Savage quotes the above date to confound her error. However, Miss Caulkins seem nearly correct, although her exaxt date has not been found on record. There is certain an error in the date as it appears in the printed copy of Bradstreet. The land records show that Matthew Beckwith, Sr., deeded land to his son Matthew on 8 Jan 1680/1, and acknowledged this deed on 6 June 1681. Also, the New London County Court records show that a suit was brought by Matthew Beckwith against John Robbins on 20 Sept. 1681. [The entry is clearly misdated in Bradstreet, and 1681 may be correct, though from the following records the spring of 1682 would seem more likely.]

His inventory was filed with the County Court on 6 June 1682, and the report of the Jury of Inquest appears as a matter of record on 8 June 1682. .. As he was "about 70" his date of birth can be set "about" 1612. At the session of the County Court on 3 June 1673, "Matthew Beckwith was freed from training." The term of military service was from eighteen to sixty, so if born in 1610, he would have eligible for his freedom by 1670, three years earlier.

http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Person:Matthew_Beckwith_%282%29

Various sources:

http://dunhamwilcox.net/source_files/beckwith.htm#1

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/j/o/n/Frances-J-Joneslory/GENE4-0032.html>

Matthew Beckwith (September 22, 1610 - October 21, 1680)

MATTHEW BECKWITH was born about 1612 in Essex and came to New England, perhaps as early as 1630, as a merchant trader with a group from Essex that first settled in Watertown and later in Windsor, Weathersfield and Hartford. Hartford Public Records show that on August 1, 1639, Matthew Beckwith was aboard a "pinnace," or small schooner, with other members of the vessel's crew. These schooners were used as trading ships, bringing supplies to the settlements along the Connecticut River in exchange for beaver skins of value in Boston, Providence and New Amsterdam.

In 1641, Matthew married MARY, who was born in 1625. The couple didn't acquire a home lot until four years later. Hartford records show that Mary and their first child, a daughter Mary born in 1643, resided with the household of B. Barnard in Hartford, indicating that Matthew traveled and lived on his vessel. In 1645, Matthew purchased land in Hartford from a proprietor, William Platt. In 1650 he bought more land in Hartford from another proprietor, Thomas Porter. In the spring of 1651, Matthew was given a home lot in that section of New London known today as East Lyme. Matthew traveled from port to port, keeping his home port in Lyme in a section of waterway that became known as Beckwith Cove.

Matthew and Mary had at least seven children, and many of them traveled with their father as youngsters. A son and two daughters found their spouses in distant port towns, indicating they were well-traveled and familiar with people far from home. One daughter married a sea captain.

Matthew died in the spring of 1682. Records report that "Matthew Beckwith, age abt. 70, missing his way in the very dark night, fell from a ledge of rocks about 20 or 30 feet high and beat his brains against a stone he fell upon." His widow Mary married Samuel Buckwall (Buckland). Mary died June 30, 1694. Among Matthew and Mary Beckwith's seven children was a son, Matthew Jr. (#40).

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hmwalden/pafg74.htm#7694>

A Genealogy of Ward and Allied Families;

Occupation: Farmer. Came to Saybrook in 1635 being one of the original founders. Records place him in Branford in 1638, a first settler of Hartford in 1640 then to East Lyme in 1641. It was there that he had large holdings of lands on the Niantic River;

Birth:Ancestral File, Beckwith, Feb 5,1992;

Birth and Death:The Founders of Saybrook Colony; Came to New England from Pontereferact, Yorkshire, Eng. in 1635, residing first at Saybrook Point. His first child, Matthew, may have been born at the Point in 1637, but this has not been confirmed. He was in Branford in 1638 and was among the first settlers of Hartford in 1642. By 1651, he was in East Lyme, having purchased large tracts of land along the Niantic River; Records report that "Matthew Beckwith, age abt. 70, missing his way in the very dark night, fell from a ledge of rocks about 20 or 30 feet high and beat his brains against a stone he fell upon.";

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Matthew Beckwith, Sr.'s Timeline

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1643	March 8, 1643 Age 32	Birth of Benjamin Beckwith New London, CT, USA
	1643 Age 32	Birth of Mary Daniels (Beckwith) Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut Colony, (Present USA)
1645	1645 Age 34	Birth of Matthew Beckwith, II Old Saybrook, Middlesex County, Connecticut
1647	1647 Age 36	Birth of Catherine Rawlings Old Saybrook, Middlesex County, Connecticut, United States
1648	1648 Age 37	Birth of Elizabeth Aka Bates New London, New London, CT, United States
1650	1650 Age 39	Birth of Sarah Beckwith Hartford, CT
1653	1653 Age 42	Birth of Joseph Beckwith Lyme, New London County, Connecticut Colony, (Present USA)



Mary Elizabeth Beckwith (Lynde)

Also Known As: "Elizabeth Beckwith", "Elizabeth Lynde"

Birthdate: 1625 (57)

Birthplace: New London, New London, Connecticut, United States

Death: circa 1682 (53-61)

Lyme, New London County, Connecticut

Immediate Family: Daughter of Enoch Lynde and Elizabeth Lynde

Wife of Matthew Beckwith, Sr.; Samuel Bushnell and Samuel Buckland

Mother of Mary Daniels (Beckwith); Benjamin Beckwith; Matthew Beckwith, II; Catherine Rawlings;

Elizabeth Aka Bates and 5 others

Sister of Simon Lynde, Esq.; Enoch Lynde; Mathew Lynde and James Lynde

Half sister of Simon Lynde, Esq.

Mary Elizabeth Beckwith (born Lynde) in WikiTree and FamilySearch Family Tree

- Birth: 1620/1625 - New London, New London, CT, USA

Death: June 30 1694 - Lyme, New London, Connecticut, United States

Parents: Enoch Lynde, Elizabeth Digby

Husband: Matthew Beckwith

Children: Matthew Beckwith, Elizabeth Beckwith, Nathaniel Beckwith, Joseph Beckwith, Sarah Grant, Catherine Beckwith, Mary Beckwith, John Beckwith, Benjamin Beckwith

- Sibling: Enoch Lynde, Matthew Lynde, James Lynde,, Simon Lynde
- Spouses: Matthew Beckwith, Samuel Bushnell

Immediate Family



Matthew Beckwith, Sr., husband

Mary Daniels (Beckwith), daughter

Benjamin Beckwith, son

Matthew Beckwith, II, son

Catherine Rawlings, daughter

Elizabeth Aka Bates, daughter

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Sarah Beckwith, daughter
Joseph Beckwith, son



Nathaniel Beckwith, Sr., son
Child Beckwith, son
John Beckwith, son

Samuel Bushnell, 2nd husband

About Mary Elizabeth Beckwith

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1656	1656	Birth of Nathaniel Beckwith, Sr. New London, New London, Connecticut, United States

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