

Several entries relating to JAMES PRUDDEN were found in the Kings Walden registers included in extracts already given. His parentage is not disclosed by these records; nor is he mentioned in any Prudden wills which have been searched. One of the original settlers at Milford, Conn., in 1639, bore this name. Possibly the name of James, not once noticed elsewhere in the Prudden family, is sufficiently unique to establish the identity of the planter at Milford with the erstwhile inhabitant of Kings Walden. This assumption is strengthened by the fact that both had daughters named Ann (or Anna). According to the entries in the Kings Walden registers, he married Apr. 7, 1608 Sibil Mitchell. Whether or not this lady was the mother of his daughter, Anna Prudden, baptized there Feb. 8, 1617/8 is not known. In the following May 27 his wife was buried. Her given name in the burial entry is no longer legible. James Prudden, of Milford, Conn., died in Aug. 1648.

Children:

- i. Anna Prudden, bap. Feb. 8, 1617/8 Kings Walden; m. Feb. 14, 1640 Samuel Coley, of Milford, Conn.; died Oct., 1689.
- ii. Elizabeth Prudden, m. first 1643 at Milford, William Slough; m. secondly, Roger Priehard in 1653, and removed to New Haven, Conn.

MILFORD CHURCH RECORDS *

ADMISSIONS, FIRST CHURCH, 1639-1687

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[To make it easier to locate names, we have placed surnames first. The ministers often inserted deaths and other items beside the names of persons admitted. The writing is very hard to read, especially that of Rev. Roger Newton.]

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The Church of Christ at Milford was first gathered at New Haven 22 Aug. [1639]

The persons first joyning in the foundation

[1639]

22 Aug.	Prudden, Peter	d. July 56
22 Aug.	Fowler, William	d. 1660
22 Aug.	Tapp, Edmund	d. at New Haven 1653
22 Aug.	Whitman, Zachariah	d. 25 Apr. 1666
22 Aug.	Astwood, John	d. in England July 1654
22 Aug.	Buckingham, Thomas	d. at Boston 1657
22 Aug.	Welch, Thomas	d. 12 Aug. 1681

* see 9:173

Persons added to y^e Church

13 Oct. Miles, Richard dismissed to y^e Church at New Haven

13 Oct. Prudden, James d. at Milford Aug. 1648

8 Dec. Prudden, Joannah w. Peter

29 Jan. Plot, Richard

9 Feb. Bolt, Francis d. at Milford

9 Feb. Buckingham, Hannah w. Thomas

These were added to y^e Church in New Haven

8 Mar. East, William joined at Milford
cast out after Mr Pruddens death released &
reaccepted 27 Aug. 1[661]

1640

8 Apr. Peter Prudden ordained at New Haven by Zachariah Whitman, William Fowler and Edmund Tapp

2 July Topping, Thomas
Em: his wife

2 Aug. Astwood, Sarah w. John bur. 13 Nov. 69

9 Aug. Wheeler, Thomas d. 26 Nov. 72

23 Aug.	Birdsey, John	dismissed to Stratford
	Phillip his wife	29 Mar. 1649

23 Aug. Briant, Anne d. 20 Feb. 1661

13 Sep. Harvey, Edmund d. at Fairfield 22 May 1648

20 Sep. Fen, Benjamin dismissed to B[] 6 Feb. 69
Sarah his wife d. 29 Apr. 1663

27 Sep. Wheeler, Joane w. Thomas bur. 11 [or 16] June 73

4 Oct. Burwell, Als: d. 19 Dec. 1666

4 Oct. Botsford, Elizabeth

25 Oct. Coley, Samuel

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[1 Nov.] Beard, [Martha] Widow d. at Milford [] June 1647

[8 Nov.] Sherman, [Joh]n dism. to y^e Ch. at Watertown
in y^e Bay & Pastour there

[8 Nov.] Mary his wife d. at New Haven 8 Sep. 1644

22 [Nov.] Clerk, Sarah w. George Junior d. 19 July 1689

29 [Nov.] Joyner, Isabel m. since to Miles Moore
Cast out of y^e Church

27 Dec. Whitman, Sarah w. Zachariah bur. 2 Jan. 1670

14 Feb. Coley, Anne w. Samuel d. 3 Oct. 1689

21 Feb.	Clerck, George	husband to Sarah above mentioned, d. Aug. 1690
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1641

- 25 Apr. Gunne, Jasper d. 12 Jan. 1670
 Mary his wife dism. to y^e Church of Hartford
- 9 May Hatley, Phillip dism. to y^e Church in London
 wherof M^r Thomas Goodwin is
 Pastour by vote 19 Aug. 1649
- 9 May Baldwin, Richard d. 23 July 1665
- 13 June Stonehill, Hennyery dism. to y^e Ch. in London whereof
 M^r Thomas Goodwin is Pastour
 (in Colman Street)
- 20 June Harvey, Martha w. Edmund
- 27 June Lane, Sarah w. John
- 4 July Burwell, John husband to Ailice aboue mentioned
 ["Of Hertforshire"
 written above] he d. 17 Aug. 1649
- 18 July Benning, Elizabeth since m. to M^r Fordham
- 15 Aug. Plot, Mary w. Richard bur. 24 Mar. 75/6
- 14 Nov. Fletcher, John d. 18 Apr. 1662
- 19 Dec. Fletcher, Mary w. John d. at ffarmington 22 Jan. 78
- 26 Dec. Peacock, Joyce w. John dism. to Stratford 7 Dec. 1651
- 9 Jan. Samford, Thomas
- Baldwin, Mary since m. Robert Plumme

1642

- 27 Mar. Northrup, Joseph d. 11 Sep. 1669
- 17 Apr. Smyth, Grace w. John d. 1690
- 28 May Rogers, John
- 25 June Tapp, Anne w. Edmund
- 4 Dec. Lawrence, Thomas d. at Milford, 18 Mar. 1648
- 15 Dec. Samford, Sarah w. Thomas excommunicate, received
 in again, d. 7 May 81
- 15 Jan. Hubbertt, George dism. to Gilford 6 Oct. 1650
- 5 Feb. Alsop, Elizabeth since m. Rich Baldwin

1643

- 5 Mar. Baldwin, Timothy d. y^e night following 17
 Jan. 1664
- 5 Mar. Mary his wife d. 21 July 1647
- 12 Mar. Camp, Nicholas
- 12 Dec. Tomkins, Michael
 Mary his wife
- 12 Dec. Baker, Thomas excoṃunicate 11 Jan. 1645,
 received againe 22 Jan. 1647,
 dism. to East Hampton Sep. 1650
- 4 Feb. Tibballs, Mary w. Thomas

1644

31 Mar. Clerck, George carpenter d. 18 June 1690

2 Apr.	Mary his wife	d. 22 Sep. 1689
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20 Apr. Briscoe, Nathaniel d. at Milford

9 June Baldwin, Abigail w. Nathaniel
d. at Milford 22 Mar. 1648

23 June Baldwin, Joseph

25 July Hannah his wife at the church meeting

25 July Botsford, Hennery at the church meeting
Terill, Roger

Terill, Roger

4 Aug. Camp, Sarah w. bro: d. in child bed 6 Sep. 1645 & was buried in y^e evening in my garden, haueing bin well delivered of 2 sonnes vpon the 2^d of sam month, & very well as could be expected till y^e 4th day in y^e night when she began to be very ill haueing taken cold y^e evening before

Plumm, Robert	d. 13 July 1655
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Hubbard, Mary w. brother George
dism. to Gilford, 6 Sep. 1650

8 Sep. Brook, Brid[get] w. William d. 23 June 1666

Prudden, Elizabeth da. bro. James since m. William
Slow, d. 27 Apr. 66

3 Nov. Rogers, Ruth w. bro John
Terrill, Abigail w. brother Roger

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1645

Jan. Uffett, Isabell w. Thomas

11 Feb. Uffett, Thomas himselfe

Rogers, Elizabeth w. James

Lawrence, Martha w. bro. Thomas
dismissed to Stamford

24 Feb. Tibballs, Thomas

1647

14 Feb. Buckingham, Hannah then Buckingham now welsh
as neare as can be gathered
. . . . [adm.] at about 14
years old & cast out
for fornication 24 Mar.
1660/1 d. 12 Sep. 69

1648

5 [Mar.] Benton, Andrew & his wife & children	dism. to Hartford, Mar. 1666
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& his wife & children

dism. to Hartford,
Mar. 1666

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1660

26 [Ma]y Norton, y^e wife of ffr
Coley, Peter, son of broter

1661

2 June Murwin, y^e wife of Miles d. 10 Jan. 64

4 Aug. Murwin, Miles

16 Feb. Turner, y^e wife of Edw dism. to Middleton

1662

9 Mar. Norton, ffrancis in 65 dism. to New Haven,
d. Milford 3 Feb. 1666

11 May Camp, y^e wife of Nicholas d. Aug. 1689

8 Aug. Baldwin, John eldest son of broter John

[16]63

3 [ul]y Albus, Hanns, a Germaine

3 [ul]y Beach, Sarah y^e daughter of brother Plat
d. 15 May 1670

[16]65

24 []^r Clarke, John, dism. from Norwich, adm.
ordained Ruling Elder
4 Jan. 73 & d. 5 Feb. 73

28 []br Buckingham, Sergeant Daniell

28 []br his sister Marie

[16]66

29 Apr. Baldw, Marie dau. of Tim: & wife of Ben: Smith
bur. 3 Aug. 80

7 []br Allen, Sarah w. Henrie adm. & bap. bur. 11 Feb. 80

16 [] Gun, Jobamah

[16]67

5 May ffen, Mrs Susanna

30 June ffen, Mehetabell w. Beniamin

4 Aug. Buckingham, Samuell & Sarah his wife

4 Aug. Northroppe, Joseph d. 1 June 1700

[166]9

18 Apr. Murwin, Elizabeth dau. brother

27 June Baldwin, Daniell & Elizabeth his wife

27 June Gun, Sarah w. brother Jobamah

27 June Law, Sarah w. Jonathan

27 June Samford, Andrew Jun

27 June Hind, Elizabeth w. Thomas

[] fen[?], [] [One of these
[another illegible] d. 24 Sep. 79]

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[1671] Samford, Widow
 Clarke, Hannah w. brother Tho:
 Uford, Anna w. brother John d. Ma[]
 Camfield, Phebe w. brother Tho:
 Smith, Sarah w. John d. 22 Jan. 1693
 ↘ Baldwin, Mercie w. Josiah
 Samf, Marie dau. Andr Sen
 [] Smith, Marie w. Nicholas
 25 Mar. Prudden, Mildred
 25 Mar. Baldwin, Temperanc
 25 Mar. Peck, Elizabeth bur. 7 June 81
 25 Mar. Baldwin, Sarah
 25 Mar. Holbrook, Marie
 25 Mar. Baldwin, Samuell
 25 Mar. Hawkins, Abigaill
 25 Mar. Tibbalds, Sarah
 30[J]uly Baldwin, Josiah
 8 Oct. Oviat, Mrs ffrances
 17 Dec. Andrews, Thomas
 25 Feb. Prudden, Samuell y^e eldest son of M^r Peter Prudden
 first Pastour of this Church

[16]72

4 []ember Oviat, Mr Thomas
 4 []ember ffarrant, Nathaniell
 4 []ember ffarrant, Nathaniell his son
 4 []ember Beacher, Sarah w. brother

[16]73

4 May Prudden, Grace w. brother Samuell
 4 May Buckingham, Hannah w. brother Serg Dan:
 4 June Plum, Elizabeth w. brother John
 4 June "Mr John Clarke & Serg Daniell Buckingham or-
 dained Ruling Elders." M^r Clarke d. 5 Feb.
 next following
 24 Aug. Burwell, Nathan
 24 Aug. ffarrant, Hannah
 7 Sep. Baldwin, Silvanus

- 7 Sep. Campe, Samuel & his wife adm., he bapt same day
She bur. 24 Jan. 80
- 9 Dec. Tappin, Capt Thomas who was dism. from y^e Ch. of
Christ at Southampton to this Church
- 22 [Feb?] Platt, Josiah & Sarah his wife
Stone, Susanna
We[], Marie dau. of brother
- [1674]
- 15 Mar. Coley, Sarah, acc. to full communion, having been 7
yrs. detained from y^e publique []
- 5 Apr. Treat, Maior Robert was dism. from y^e Ch. of Christ
at Neworke to this Ch.
- 30 Aug. Brian, M^{rs} Sibylla w. Mr. Alex Junior
- 25 Oct. Willet, Mrs. Joanna (who was dism. from Ch. of
Christ at Rehoboth)
- 24 [Dec.] Johnson, Jeremiah of Pagusset
- 31 [Dec.] Prime, James
- 31 [Dec.] fferman, Mrs Sarah, aged 69
- 31 [Dec.] Samford, Hannah w. brother Samuel
- 31 [Dec.] ffarrant, Eliz[] dau. of brother Nathaniell
- 28 [Jan.] Briscoe, Nathaniell
- 28 [Jan.] Baldwin, Jonathan
- 28 [Jan.] Briscoe, Marie w. Nathaniell
- [1675]
- 16 May Johnson, Sarah w. brother Jeremiah adm. & bapt.
- 25 July Wilkison, Rebekah w. Edward
- 3 Oct. Baldwin, David & Marie his wife
- 3 Oct. Tibbalds, Abigaill w. brother Thomas
- 30 Jan. Prudden, Mr John
- [1676]
- 25 June Gun, Abel
- 25 June Smith, Phebe
- 25 June Atkins, Marie, adm.—cast out for fornication
16 Feb. 78
- 1677
- 15 Apr. Smith, Elizabeth “(sometime ffarrant now) Smith”
cast out for fornication 12 Aug. 77 (readm.) is
dyed 2 Dec. 77
- 6 Aug. Holbrook, Israell bur. 9 Dec. 80
- 16 Aug. Andrews, Rebekah
- 17 Feb. Gernsey, Joseph
- 17 Feb. Hawton, Mrs Sarah

[16]78

8 Sep. Gernsey, Hannah w. brother
 20 [] Clarke, Marie w. Samuell
 4 [] Peck, Joseph
 4 [] Lobden, Persis w. Simon

1679

3 [] Treat, Elizabeth w. Mr. Robert
 4 [] Andrewes, Elizabeth w. bro. Thomas, adm. from
 ffarmington
 11 [] Tibbalds, Josiah
 7 [] Brian, Mercie w. Mr Richard
 7 [] Baldwin, Hannah da. bro. John

[16]80

25 Apr. Baldwin, Marie "now Baldwin formerly Atkins"
 restored to full communion
 27 June Peeke, Marie (w. bro. Joseph Jun)
 31 Oct. Roberts, Zechariah Jun
 20 Feb. Clarke, Samuell
 20 Feb. Plott, Joseph

1681

15 May Sanford, Marie w. Ephraim
 22 May Camp, Samuell
 22 May Camfield, Rebekah
 20 [?] June Smith, John (ye Smith)
 20 [?] June Tibbalds, Sarah w. bro. Josiah
 3 July Terrill, John
 3 July Scofield, Mercie
 14 Aug. Terrill, Abigaill w. bro. John
 25 Sep. Newton, Roger—d. 19 Apr. 1690
 [] Briscoe, Sarah w. James
 [] Baldwin, Hannah w. bro. Jonathan
 [] Baldwin, Sarah [?], w. Nathaniell

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7 May Baldwin, Joseph
 7 May Camp[field?], Marie
 16 July Baldwin, Nathaniell, Coop^r, forgiven and adm.

1692

Baldwin, Joseph, admonished for lieing etc.;
 impenitent, excom. 31 Dec. 1693

1699 [This has been marked over and changed to 1697]

- 19 Sep. Andrews, Thomas, admonished
 1702 Northrop, Daniel, admonished for excess in drinking,
 etc.—cast out
 1703 Andrews, Thomas, upon confession freed from cen-
 sure of admonition

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14 [] Tyler, William, Jun^r

1686

18 [] Tyrrell, Daniel— d. June 1727

18 [] Hine, Mary w. John

[] Clark, George, Jun^r, & w. Deborah. Deborah w.
 Insigne Clarke d. 2 June 1697

[] Nettleton, Martha w. Samuel

31 [] Baldwin, Sarah, adm. Dism. to church at Waterbury

28 Sep. ffen, Joseph d. 1690

Welsh, Sarah

Welsh, Esther

Roch, Mary w. John d. 1691

1686/7

20 [Mar.] Smith, Mary

Murwin, Sarah w. Samuel d. 9 Mar. 1690

1687

21 Aug. Roberts, Alice d. 24 Feb. 1737

Sep. Allen, Mary d. Mar. 1693

18 Mar. Tyler, John

Botchford, Esther

NICHOLAS SMITH OF MILFORD, CONN., AND HUNTINGTON, N. Y.

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On October 28, 1662, Nicholas Seversmith, a Dutchman, was granted half an acre of land, if available, in Milford, Connecticut. For twenty years thereafter he was a resident of Milford; but about 1682/3 removed to Huntington, New York, where he