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There was a temporary settlement in Danbury in 1684 and in 1685 a permanent one was started by eight white people, all but one from Norwalk. In 1687, they petitioned the General Court to allow the plantation, which was inhabited by 20 families, to become a town called "Swampfield." The petition was allowed but not the name. A committee was appointed to lay out the bounds of a town to be called "Danbury." The part later to become Brookfield was settled soon after the center of the town, which would be shortly after 1700. The people in this section were named Barnum, Benedict, Bostwick, Bradley, Bristol, Chase, Clark, Dibble, Dunning, Gray, Gregory, Hamlin,

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Lobdell, Lyon, Northrop, Starr, Stevens, Sturdevant and Wildman.  
The Danbury Ecclesiastical Society was formed and the first church  
erected in 1696. A town charter was granted in 1702.