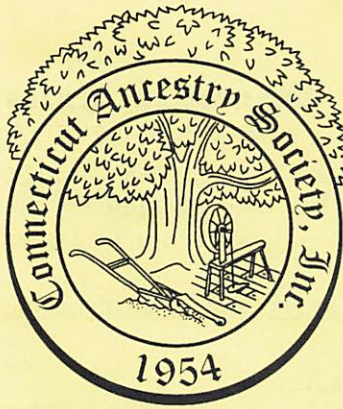


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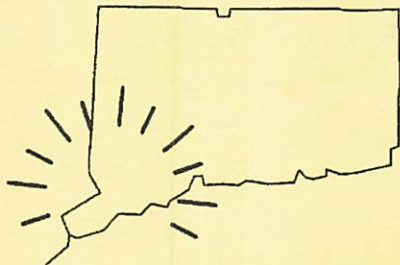
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Editorial Notes

Once again we are pleased to bring to our readers a wide variety of articles on early residents of this corner of Connecticut. Several of these make extensive use of Connecticut's unusually complete land records to link the family generations. In the first of these Fred Hart has extended yet another branch of the numerous Hoyt family to their descendants in New York State, largely through his analysis of land records. Likewise, Ken Rockwell makes significant use of deeds in his presentation of the Gates family of Ridgefield.

The next three articles are all about branches of the Olmstead family, Jonathan and Daniel of Ridgefield by Ken Rockwell, and the two Samuels of Wilton (and specifically not of Ridgefield) by Paul Keroack.

In our series on Fairfield County tombstones with Irish place names, it turns out that we had missed a significant cemetery! Paul Keroack has rectified that by his reading of all the relevant headstones at St. John Cemetery, Darien. Looking out our window today, we are pleased to note that he read these stones last fall before they were buried in snow!

In a continued effort to compensate for the lost census of 1890 Ray and Mary Maki have transcribed all the Newtown deaths for the decade 1890-99. Their article describes this database but then adds details on a variety of violent deaths in this period, mostly from the pages of The Newtown Bee.

You may not have recognized that the reorganization of Connecticut's Probate Courts has required the relocation of earlier court records. Nora Galvin's article tells us where the records can now be found, not only for Fairfield County but throughout the state. And finally, Fred Hart has reviewed the new volume by Helen Ullmann which extends the Mills family of Stamford beyond Helen's treatment of the first four generations which had been published in this journal.

Harlan R. Jessup

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William Hoyt of Norwalk, Connecticut and Some of His Descendants in Wayne County, New York

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Asahel Hoyt was baptized at St. John's Episcopal Church in Stamford, Connecticut on 17 November 1772, son of William and Mary Hoyt of Norwalk,^[1] and died in Marion, Wayne County, New York on 2 July 1852.^[2] The purpose of this investigation was to identify Asahel's father, William Hoyt of Norwalk.^[3]

The surviving vital and church records in Norwalk do not mention any marriage for this William Hoyt, and also do not mention the births of any of his children. Although William appears to have died in Norwalk between 1777 and 1785, there is no record of that death, no gravestone evidence, and no probate for his estate. As discussed further below, the widow Mary Hoyt, who was enumerated in the 1790 census of Norwalk, was probably his widow, but no death or gravestone record has been found for her, nor has any clear evidence of a possible remarriage. Her ancestry is still unknown.

Fortunately, the Norwalk Land Records eventually led to a solution for William himself. It was first necessary to separate out numerous land records for the several other persons named William Hoyt who lived in the same town. Six categories of land records in the name of William Hoyt were found in the Norwalk area (including New Canaan and Wilton):

- Category 1: William Hoyt transactions that could be directly traced to Asahel Hoyt through the property descriptions. This category contained 15 records including those for Asahel himself.
- Category 2: William Hoyt transactions that were directly associated with land owned previously by Moses Hoyt (2 records).
- Category 3: William Hoyt records that were associated with the family of Elijah Hoyt of Norwalk and New Canaan (10 records).
- Category 4: William Hoyt records associated with the family of John Waring of Rowayton (4 records).

¹ Spencer P. Mead, Abstracts of Stamford, Conn. Church Records, 230, (Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm #3). The surname was spelled "Hait" in this record, and the various spellings of Hait, Hayt, Hoit, Hoyt, etc. were used by descendants of Simon Hoyt in the Stamford - Norwalk area prior to about 1790. In many cases, different spellings occurred in the same document for the same person, and in most cases the particular spelling being used is not a reliable indicator of relationship. Beginning about 1788-1790, the spelling of Hoyt was generally adopted by all family members in Stamford and Norwalk area, and that spelling was used by Asahel and his descendants in Wayne County, even though he himself used the Hayt spelling in his early years. This present discussion will use the spelling Hoyt throughout, unless given otherwise in a direct quotation.

² Previous research by Carolin Janzen of Bend, Oregon, for whom this investigation was a conducted. Her permission to publish these results is greatly appreciated.

³ Some researchers have concluded that the parents were William and Mary Hoyt of Stamford, who were married on 4 Dec 1766 at the Stamford Congregational Church (Mead Abstracts [note 1], 94). Although there was such a couple in Stamford, and they were contemporary with the namesake couple in Norwalk, it can be shown that the Stamford couple did not have a son named Asahel.

- Category 5: William Hoyt who received land in Norwalk from his grandfather William Bolt (1 record).
- Category 6: William Hoyt deeds recorded in New Canaan after 1810, possibly related to Category 5 above but not yet fully analyzed.

Categories 3 and 4 were found to be associated with William Hoyts who could be identified in published materials, and who could thereby be eliminated as candidates for Asahel's father. Category 5 was only one single mention of another William Hoyt, and he was called son of John Hoyt in the body of that single document. No further mention of any members of this John Hoyt family could be identified, including in the Hoyt Genealogy.^[4] Category 6 may have some relationship to Category 5, but none of the records related to any properties that could be associated with our subject William Hoyt.

What remained was to determine whether Categories 1 and 2 might be related to each other. The answer was, "yes, but...;" that is, they related to the same family, but not to the same William Hoyt. For the sake of more convenient analysis, the applicable records have been arranged into time periods before and after 1790.

Records prior to and including 1790

Category 1 had no land records in this time period. Category 2 contained only two deeds, both for the same property. On 10 December 1766, Moses Hoyt of Norwalk conveyed 2 ½ acres of salt and fresh meadow land on the west side of the Norwalk Harbor to William Hoyt for £7-10-0.^[5] No relationship between the two men was mentioned. Less than 5 years later, on 1 March 1771, William Hoyt sold this same 2 ½ acres to Lemuel Brooks for £10.^[6] The Hoyt Genealogy was investigated for this Moses Hoyt and it was found that he in fact did have a son named William Hoyt,^[7] baptized at the New Canaan Congregational Church (then still a part of Norwalk) on 18 March 1739.^[8] The Hoyt Genealogy did not give any further information on this son William Hoyt, except that (1) he had been a soldier at Lake George in 1758,^[9] and (2) that he was not named in his father's will dated in 1785 (see the following paragraph). However, it did appear quite possible that the William who owned the 2 ½ acres of meadow land in 1766-1771 could very well have been Moses' son.

Moses Hoyt wrote his will on 28 September 1785, and died between then and 13 October 1785 when the will was presented before Eliphalet Lockwood, J.P.^[10] As noted in the Hoyt Genealogy,^[11] that will did not name a son William; but it also did not name a wife and several

⁴ David W. Hoyt, *A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families with Some Account of the Earlier Hyatt Families...* (Providence and Boston: the author, 1871, repr. Somersworth, NH: New England History Press, 1984). The John Hoyt - Lydia Bolt marriage was also noted in the Norwalk history, but without information on any children (Charles M. Selleck, *Norwalk, vol. 1 and Supplement* [Norwalk: the author, 1896], 317).

⁵ Norwalk Land Records, 13: 7.

⁶ Norwalk Land Records, 13: 456.

⁷ Hoyt Genealogy [note 4], 377.

⁸ New Canaan Congregational Church Records, 1: 6.

⁹ Confirmed in, *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War 1755-1762*, Volume 2, 1758-1762 (Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 1905, repr. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1994), 81.

¹⁰ Fairfield Probate District papers, 1785 No. 3059, estate of Moses Hoyt of Norwalk, on microfilm at the CSL.

¹¹ Hoyt Genealogy [note4], 377.

other children, suggesting that all of those unnamed persons had died before that time. The will did not mention any real estate, and no distribution of any real estate is on file. It therefore appears that Moses had disposed of all of his real estate during his lifetime. The surviving children named in the will were his sons Josiah, Moses and Timothy (to be executor), and his daughters Mary Trowbridge, Priscilla Hoyt and Lydia Benedict. The clear implication is therefore that his son William Hoyt (and other children not named) either had died before this time or had been given their portion in some other way.^[12]

The William Hoyt of Category 4 was also old enough to have been making land transactions in the 1770's, and therefore old enough to have been Asahel's father. Although that William Hoyt does not appear to be listed in the Hoyt Genealogy, he is known from other evidence to have been married to Martha Waring^[13] and to have died about 1784, leaving at least 2 young children. Eliphalet Lockwood was administrator of the estate of this William Hoyt in 1784-1788,^[14] and although no children were named, an expense account covering the period from 1784 to 1788 indicates that there he left two children, one only 7 months old at the time of William's death, and another born a few months after his death. This suggests that Martha may have remarried in 1788 (and there is no widow Martha Hoyt listed in the 1790 census). There is no evidence that this William Hoyt had any children born about 1772, and since his wife's name was clearly Martha and not Mary, he could not have been Asahel's father.

In 1790, only one William Hoyt was found in the Norwalk census,^[15] and that was probably the William Hoyt of Category 3, who was making land transactions in the Canaan Parish and Wilton sections of Norwalk throughout the time period from 1784 to 1797.^[16] That William Hoyt, son of Elijah, was born in 1758, has a well documented family,^[17] moved with his family to Greene County, NY, by 1806,^[18] and had no child named Asahel.

The 1790 census does include a widow Mary Hoyt living next to Moses Hoyt (junior) in Norwalk. The location was in the same neighborhood as Caleb Knapp (who had recently married Asahel's presumed sister Rebecca)^[19] and John Abbott (from whom Asahel purchased his small homelot in Norwalk in 1797), see below. Mary's entry shows no males over 16 years, 1 male under 16 years that could be Asahel's brother William (born in 1777), and one female besides herself who could be another daughter, not yet identified^[20] All of these 1790 records suggest that our subject William Hoyt of Norwalk had died before that time.

¹² But no gift from Moses to William has been found.

¹³ Donald L. Jacobus, "Notes on the Richard Waring Family," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 102(1971): 7-8.

¹⁴ This was probably the same Eliphalet Lockwood who, as a Justice of the Peace, acknowledged the will of Moses Hoyt in 1785, but I do not believe his performing that official function had any relationship to his serving as administrator for this estate in 1784-1788. Actually, it might have been a conflict of interest if that had been the case.

¹⁵ 1790 census of Norwalk and Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut (Norwalk portion), NARA microfilm M637: 1, sh. 308.

¹⁶ Norwalk Land Records, 16: 237, 17: 30, 73, 232, 18: 75, 209, 231.

¹⁷ Hoyt Genealogy [note 4], 438, 533.

¹⁸ Wilton Land Records, 1: 234.

¹⁹ Alfred Averill Knapp, *Nicholas Knapp Genealogy* (Winter Park, FL, 1953), 37-8.

²⁰ 1790 census of Norwalk and Stamford, Fairfield County, Conn., NARA microfilm M637: 1, sh. 306.

Records from 1791 onward

On 18 March 1794, William Hoyt of Norwalk, a minor of at least 14 years of age, chose Captain Eli Reed of Norwalk for his guardian, and the choice was approved by the probate court 10 days later.^[21] This William Hoyt was therefore born between about 1773 and 1780. On the basis of age, he was probably not a child of the William Hoyt who had married Martha Waring (of Category 4), since there is no evidence that that family had any children born before about 1784. It also could not have been William, son of William and Mary of Stamford, since that William had been born in 1771 (and in Stamford, not Norwalk.)^[22] But this William could possibly have been Asahel's brother, known from other records to have been born about 1777. Eli Reed should be studied in more detail -- perhaps he, or his second wife, Milicent Slason, were related to this William Hoyt in some way.

Asahel Hoyt himself began to appear in the Norwalk land records in 1797. On 4 April 1797 he purchased about 1 acre of land in Norwalk bounded on the west by a highway and on all other sides by John Abbott.^[23] Asahel then recorded various mortgages and releases on this same parcel over the next 8 years.^[24]

"Asael" Hoyt was already married and had his own family in Norwalk by the time of the 1800 census. The entry is not fully readable on microfilm but it can be seen that he was himself listed as age 26-45, that he lived next to John Abbott, and that he had 4 male children in the family under 10 years of age.^[25] By this time, the Caleb Knapp family had already started their migration westward, and are found in the 1800 census of Norfolk (not Norwalk) Connecticut, where Caleb and his wife were both listed as age 26-45, with 1 male child age 10-16, plus 2 girls and 2 boys all under 10 years.^[26]

On 19 September and 16 October 1805, Asahel Hoyt transferred ownership of his small homelot and a cooper's shop that stood across the street, to William Hoyt "of Wilton" in 2 separate transactions.^[27] The deeds recognized that there were still mortgages outstanding on the property, for which William accepted responsibility. No relationship between the two men was stated in the documents, but it would certainly not be unusual for an older brother to sell his only property to a younger brother when leaving town, especially when they could agree on the grantee assuming responsibility for the outstanding mortgages. Since this was Asahel's only property in Norwalk and there is no later record for him there, this probably indicates the approximate time that he migrated west to New York State. By 1810, the families of Asahel Hoyt and Caleb Knapp had come together, and they were listed next door to each other in Williamson, Ontario County (later Wayne County), New York.^[28] Asahel Hoyt and his wife were

²¹ Fairfield Probate District Papers, 1794 No. 3070, on microfilm at the CSL.

²² Hoyt Genealogy [note 4], 403.

²³ Norwalk Land Records, 18: 245.

²⁴ Norwalk Land Records, 18: 276, 19:150, 193, 198, 20: 114, 21: 42, 51.

²⁵ 1800 census of Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, NARA microfilm M32: 1, sh. 204. The female portion of the entry is not legible on the film.

²⁶ 1800 census of Norfolk, Litchfield County, Connecticut, NARA microfilm M32: 2, sh. 131.

²⁷ Norwalk Land Records, 20: 139, 21: 46. The separate town of Wilton was created from Norwalk in 1802.

²⁸ Wayne Co. was set off from Ontario Co. in 1823, and Marion was set off from Williamson in 1826 (J.H. French, *Historical and Statistical Gazetteer of New York State*, [1860, repr. Interlaken, NY: Heart of the Lakes Publishing, 1986], 688, 692).

both age 26-45, and they had 3 boys age 10-16, plus 3 girls and one more boy, all under 10 years.^[29] The proximity of these two families in the same place, but so far from their origin in Norwalk, confirms a very close relationship between them.

Back in Norwalk, the younger William, probably Asahel's brother, proceeded to refinance the 1-acre property, and then sold it to John Keeler on 20 February 1806.^[30] The next transaction recorded by this William Hoyt was 7 years later on 11 February 1813 when John Keeler of Norwalk temporarily mortgaged the property to William Hoyt, now called of Northampton, Montgomery County, New York,^[31] and then William Hoyt of Northampton, NY, released the property back to John Keeler on 6 January 1814.^[32]

These transactions with Keeler must have had something to do with William Hoyt's purchase of land in Montgomery County, New York, since on 3 September 1813 William Hoyt, already of Northampton, purchased a little over 51 acres in Lot #18 of the Northampton Patent from Josiah Stewart and his wife Phebe.^[33] Except for a small parcel of 48 rods sold to Samuel Elliott on 28 December 1822,^[34] William continued to own the 51 acre parcel in Northampton until he sold it to Jonathan Betts of Wilton, Connecticut, on 25 April 1831.^[35] William's wife Polly Hoyt countersigned with William on both of these sales of property. No other information has been found on her identity.

William Hoyt and his family appear in the 1830 census of Montgomery County.^[36] He was in the 50-60 year age group, consistent with his having been born in about 1777, and his wife was in the same age category. They had 3 girls in the household, ages 0-5, 5-10, and 15-20, plus 1 boy age 10-15. I have not been able to find them in the 1840 census at all, and he is presumed to have left Montgomery/Fulton County before that time. He finally appeared in the 1850 census of Marion, Wayne County, New York, when he was living as a single man, age 73 years, in the household of Caleb Knapp.^[37]

Summary

Although no direct evidence has been found, there is sufficient indirect and circumstantial evidence to propose that William Hoyt of Norwalk, the father of Asahel Hoyt who was baptized in Stamford on 17 November 1772, was also the father of Rebecca Hoyt, born in 1768, wife of Caleb Knapp, and also the father of William Hoyt, born about 1777, of Norwalk, Connecticut and Northampton and Marion New York.

Among several William Hoyts in the Norwalk records, all candidates except one can be eliminated from consideration, in various ways, as being the father of these three siblings. That

²⁹ 1810 census of Williamson, Wayne County, New York, NARA microfilm M252: 33, sh 268.

³⁰ Norwalk Land Records, 21: 50-1, 21: 65-6.

³¹ Norwalk Land Records, 21: 535.

³² Norwalk Land Records, 21: 612.

³³ Fulton County Land Records, 4: 143. Fulton County was formed from Montgomery County in 1838 and the earlier records for the towns which were set over to Fulton County have been copied into the Fulton books.

³⁴ Fulton County Land Records, 7: 215.

³⁵ Fulton County Land Records, 7: 347.

³⁶ 1830 census of Northampton, Montgomery County, New York, NARA microfilm M19: 95, sh. 266.

³⁷ 1850 census of Marion, Wayne County, New York, NARA microfilm M432: 612, sh.228B.

remaining one, William⁶ Hoyt (*Moses⁵, Joseph⁴, Zerubbabel³, Walter², Simon¹*) is mentioned briefly in the Hoyt Genealogy, with little further information except that he was not named in his father's 1785 will. Since his father's estate contained only personal and not real property, the lack of mention of children who had died before their father did is not very unusual. There appears to be sufficient land record evidence in Norwalk to circumstantially connect William⁶ with his father Moses⁵ at least as late as 1771, when he sold land that he had purchased from Moses in 1766. William⁶ had probably died before 1790 since he did not appear in that census, and he also appears to have died before his father's will was made in 1785. A widow Mary Hoyt, presumably widow of William⁶ and mother of Asahel⁷ and his siblings including William⁷ was enumerated living next door to Moses⁶ Hoyt Jr., brother of William⁶, in Norwalk in 1790. Perhaps most important of all, one of William⁶ Hoyt's own siblings was named Asahel Hoyt -- baptized on 27 April 1740^[38] -- one of only two Asahel Hoyts in the entire Hoyt Genealogy, and adjacent in age to William with only about one year of age between them. The migration by various routes to New York State, with the eventual convergence of all three siblings, Rebecca, Asahel and William, in Wayne County, New York before 1850, completes the picture.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. **WILLIAM⁶ HOYT** (*Moses⁵, Joseph⁴, Zerubbabel³, Walter², Simon¹*)^[39] was baptized at the Canaan Parish Congregational Church in Norwalk, Connecticut on 18 March 1738/39, and appears to have died at Norwalk sometime between about 1777 and 1785. He married before 1768 **MARY** _____, who was probably the person living in Norwalk in 1790 as the widow Mary Hoyt, next to her presumed brother-in-law, Moses Hoyt (Jr.). Presumed children, possibly among others, probably all born in Norwalk:

- i. **REBECCA⁷ HOYT**, b. 1 Jul 1768, d. Marion, Wayne Co., NY 3 Sep 1839, age 71-2-2,^[40] m. **CALEB KNAPP**, possibly on 18 May 1786,^[41] moved to Wayne County, NY, by 1810, by way of Norfolk, CT, in 1800.
- ii. **ASAHEL HOYT**, b. ca. 1772 in Norwalk, bapt. 17 Nov 1772 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Stamford, d. at Marion, Wayne Co., NY, 2 Jul 1852, m.(1) prob. ca. 1790 **RHODA** _____, b. ca. 1779, d. 1844 in Marion, and m.(2) bef. 1850 **HETTY** _____.^[42] He migrated from Norwalk to Wayne County, NY, between 1806 and 1810.
- iii. **WILLIAM HOYT**, b. ca 1777, lived in Wilton and was probably married by 1805 when he purchased Asahel Hoyt's home and cooper's shop in Norwalk. He left Norwalk by 1813 for Northampton, Montgomery (later Fulton) County, NY, and still later moved to Wayne County to live with the Caleb Knapp family by 1850. Married **POLLY** _____.

³⁸ New Canaan Congregational Church Records, 1: 7; Hoyt Genealogy [note 4], 377.

³⁹ Earlier generations are as given in the usually-reliable Hoyt Genealogy and have not been investigated further.

⁴⁰ Date of death and age are from gravestone, Knapp Family Cemetery, Marion, NY, transcription online at <http://wayne.nygenweb.net>. Birth date calculated from gravestone information.

⁴¹ This is the date given in the Knapp Genealogy [note 19], 58, but I have not been able to find a primary source.

⁴² All from Carolin Janzen research.

The Gates Family of Ridgefield, Connecticut

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Clarence Almon Torrey's article on the Gates family founded by immigrant Stephen Gates includes Samuel Gates, son of Simon and grandson of Stephen, who settled in Ridgefield, Connecticut.¹ In brief, this Samuel, born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, removed to Pomfret, Connecticut, where the births of several of his children by wife Mary are recorded. He then moved to Ridgefield, where he married, secondly, a Sarah. The Ridgefield vital records show births recorded for children of Samuel and Sarah Gates, interfiled with children of his eldest son, Samuel, and his wife Rachel. Torrey lists all of these children but does not further trace the family. The present article will fill in further details on the Gates family, in particular what the Ridgefield land records tell us.

There are actually several deeds at Norwalk that show Samuel Gates moved there before settling in Ridgefield. On 8 February 1723/24, Abraham Utter sold to Samuel Gates of Pomfret a 4-acre home lot in Norwalk, along with a share in the town's common lands.² The first record of the Gates family at Ridgefield is a deed dated 19 February, 1729, in which the Proprietors of Ridgefield granted 10 acres to Samuel Gates.³ This deed indicates the approximate time of the family's arrival. The death of Mary, wife of Samuel, on 26 March 1732, was recorded in the Ridgefield vital records.⁴ His second marriage is not recorded but probably occurred in 1733, as the first of four children by his second wife Sarah was born in 1734.

Subsequent land records for Samuel Gates, whether as purchaser (grantee) or seller (grantor) do not distinguish the name with either "Senior" or "Junior," even though his grown son Samuel was raising a family during this period. Some of the early deeds may be for the son during the years when both lived in Ridgefield, but most appear to have been by the father.

Torrey does not indicate what happened to Samuel and Sarah Gates after their last child was born in 1741. Some online pedigrees suppose that Samuel Gates Sr. died in Ridgefield, although no death or probate records are found. But three deeds indicate that Samuel, who had already moved three times in his adult life, decided to move yet again. The first of these, dated 17 May 1748, places Samuel Gates in The Oblong, Dutchess County, New York, when he purchased Lot 15 of the 4th 20-acre Division from Benjamin Venters.⁵ On 13 February 1754, he sold this 20-acre parcel of land to Barnabas Hamblin.⁶ A deed dated 24 April 1765 confirms that this is the senior Samuel, for his wife Sarah is a co-grantor. It is this deed that provides the best clue as to Sarah's identity. Samuel Gates of Dutchess County, and Sarah his wife, for 40 shillings, sold to John Rockwell their share in the land allotted to Benjamin Wilson in the fourth 10-acre division.⁷ On this basis, I propose that Samuel's second wife was Sarah Wilson, the

¹ Clarence Almon Torrey, "Stephen Gates of Hingham, Lancaster and Cambridge, Mass., and some of his descendants," *NEHGR* v. 120 (1966):261–262 and v. 121(1967):251–252.

² Norwalk land records, vol. 5, p. 573 (viewed on Family History Library Film #5002).

³ Ridgefield register of deeds, vol. 2, folio 105 (FHL Film #5496)

⁴ Ridgefield deeds, 1:214; transcribed in *The Barbour Collection*, v. 36, p. 179.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 3:231 (FHL Film #5497)

⁶ *Ibid.*, 4:86.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 5:3 (FHL Film #5498).

daughter of Benjamin and Jane Wilson, born on 24 September 1698 at Norwalk.⁸ Benjamin Wilson was one of the original proprietors of Ridgefield. This would make Sarah's age to be in her mid-30s when Samuel Gates arrived in town, quite old for the first marriage of a woman in those days, but evidently not too old to give birth to four children. Alternatively, Sarah may have already married and lost a first husband prior to her marriage to Samuel Gates ca. 1733.

Of the children of Samuel Gates Sr., there is only record at Ridgefield of his son Samuel; but through him, the Gates family was established at Ridgefield for several generations. He married there, on 1 April 1734, a Rachel (maiden name not given in the record), whom Torrey suggests was the daughter of James and Mary (Allen) Hayes of Norwalk, born 4 March 1711.⁹ This identity is confirmed by a pair of deeds in Norwalk: On 18 February 1746/47, James Hayes of Norwalk, "for the consideration of the paternal love good-will and affection that I have and do bear towards my dutiful & loving daughters Eunice St. John the wife of John St. John, Mary the wife of Isaac Sherwood Junr., all of sd. Norwalk, and Rachel ye wife of Samuel. Gates, Allyn the wife of Joseph Northrup Junr., all of Ridgfield," gave them two parcels, 19 and 6 acres in area.¹⁰ On 27 December 1748 the two Ridgefield couples sold their share in the 25 acres to the two Norwalk couples.¹¹ Torrey lists their ten children, including known details about some of them. The Ridgefield land records shed further light on this family. One of the most interesting of these is one in which Rachel Gates of Ridgefield, on 28 October 1794, "in consideration of a certain bond which I sd Rachel have received of my five sons, viz. Jonathan Gates of Ridgefield, Samuel Gates of Norwalk, ... Thomas Gates, Elijah Gates of Lenox [Mass.], and James Gates of Hillsborough, county of Chittington [i.e., Chittenden] and State of Vermont, conditioned for the payment of £500 lawful money, for my support during my natural life," quit-claimed to the sons all right, title, etc. in and to "all my right of dower in and unto all the real estate which my beloved husband Samuel Gates late of sd Ridgfield died seized of."¹²

While most of Samuel and Rachel's children were moving elsewhere, Jonathan stayed in Ridgefield and raised a large family. His marriage was unrecorded, but his wife Sarah has been identified by Torrey as Sarah Keeler. Several deeds show him purchasing shares in a 35-acre parcel in Ridgebury, either owned by several descendants of Thomas Rockwell, or by those who had purchased from those heirs.¹³

On 22 October 1803, after Jonathan's death in 1803, widow Sarah Gates, "in consideration of that paternal love and regard which I have for my children, viz., Stephen Gates, Nehemiah, James, Samuel, Sarah, Abigail, Rachel and Lydia," quit-claimed to them all right, title, and interest ... to the use and improvement of two-thirds of the real estate which my beloved husband Jonathan Gates died seized of," which he had given her in his will.¹⁴ A set of deeds from the same time period, in which various of these children disposed of their holdings, informs us as to where they had moved: Nehemiah Gates was of Manlius, Onondaga Co., N.Y.,

⁸ Norwalk vital records, v. 2-3, p. 72; transcribed in *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records*, edited by Lorraine Cook White (Baltimore, Maryland : Genealogical Pub. Co., 1994-2002), v. 32, p. 154.

⁹ Torrey, *NEHGR*, v. 121, p. 251.

¹⁰ Norwalk deeds, vol. 9, p. 534 (FHL Film #5004)

¹¹ *Ibid.*, 10:132 (FHL Film #5005)

¹² Ridgefield deeds, 8:95 (FHL Film #5499).

¹³ *Ibid.*, 4:148, 4:183; 4:186; 4:207; 5:187.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, 9:55 (FHL Film #5500).

and James Gates was of Cambridge, Washington Co., N.Y., as of 24 October 1803, when they quit-claimed to their brother, Stephen Gates of Ridgefield;¹⁵ Abigail and her husband Israel Stone were of Litchfield, Conn., as of 1 December 1804;¹⁶ and Lydia Gates was still of Ridgefield as of 7 February 1807.¹⁷ This last deed refers to adjacent land owned by her mother "Sarah Stevens," indicating the remarriage of Jonathan's widow. (No such marriage was recorded in the Ridgefield vital records, and no further deeds provide her husband's identity.) Two other daughters filed similar quit-claim deeds along with their husbands: Sarah's husband is named in a deed dated 25 October 1803 as Edmund Thompson;¹⁸ while Rachel's husband was Levi Taylor.¹⁹ These deeds do not give places of residence. The 1800 census shows an Edmund Thompson at Kent, Litchfield Co., Conn., while men named Levi Taylor were recorded at both Norwalk and Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., as well as at Cornwall, Litchfield County. By 1 February 1822, Edmund M. Thompson and wife Sarah were of Reading, Steuben Co., N.Y., when they quit-claimed to Eli Gates (son of her brother Stephen) all rights to the estate of her mother.²⁰

Stephen Gates, son of Jonathan and Sarah, headed the family that represented the next generation of Gateses in Ridgefield. He married at Ridgefield, 22 November 1789, Mary Abbott (b. 1767; d. 9 Dec. 1838, daughter of Lemuel and Rebeckah Abbott). The distribution of his father's estate allots to him, "together with his own share, the shares of his two brothers, viz. Nehemiah and James Gates, and also the share of Sarah Tomson, which they the said Nehemiah, James and Sarah had given acquittances of unto him ... before distribution of said estate..."²¹ He died relatively young, on 21 April 1812. As his estate was found to be insolvent, the Danbury Probate Court ordered the sale of real estate to pay debts.²² On 12 April 1814, the administrators on the estate, widow Mary Gates and Gamaliel Benedict, sold two parcels of land to the eldest son, Eli Gates.²³

Genealogical summary of the Gates family of Richfield, as found in the Ridgefield vital records and other sources as noted:

1. Samuel Gates, born 11 August 1681 in Cambridge, Mass., son of Simon and Margaret (Barstow) Gates. He married (1), on 12 Feb. 1709, at Woodstock, Windham Co., Connecticut, Mary (Richards) (Fairbanks) (Truesdale); and settled at Pomfret, Windham Co., Conn., where several children were born. He purchased land at Ridgefield in 1729, moving his family there soon after. Mary d. there on 26 March 1732, and ca 1733 he married (2) Sarah, probably the daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Olmsted) Wilson of Ridgefield, born 1798. At some point after his last deed of sale, he moved with his wife and younger children to Dutchess County, N.Y. No record has been found of his death. Children of Samuel and Mary Gates, born at Pomfret:²⁴

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, 9:55.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, 10:78.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, 10:79

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, 9:55.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, 9:56.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, 12:281 (FHL Film #5501).

²¹ Danbury register of probate records, vol. 8, p. 372 (FHL Film #4027).

²² *Ibid.*, 11:303 (FHL Film #4028).

²³ Ridgefield deeds, 13:52 (FHL Film #5502).

²⁴ Pomfret vital records, v. 1, pp. 29–30, quoted by Torrey in *NEHGR* v. 120, pp. 261–262.

- a. Samuel Gates, birth not recorded, though some online trees put forth an exact date of 29 March 1710. (2)
- b. Jonathan Gates, b. 4 June 1712; d. 5 March 1719/20.
- c. Abigail Gates, b. 7 August 1714.
- d. David Gates, b. 7 September 1716; d. 16 Sept. 1716.
- e. Lucy Gates, b. 13 December 1717. No further record.
- f. Martha Gates, b. 8 April 1722. Torrey speculates that she married Nathan Barlow at Granville, Mass., in 1748, and died in April of 1765. If so, however, one must wonder how they met, given that she would likely have gone with her parents to Ridgefield ca. 1729, when she was less than 7 years old.

Children of Samuel and Sarah (Wilson) Gates, born at Ridgefield:²⁵

- g. Sarah Gates, b. 10 September 1733.
- h. Stephen Gates, b. 11 July 1737.
- i. Phebe Gates, b. 20 July 1739.
- j. Daniel Gates, b. 20 October 1741.

2. Samuel Gates, son of Samuel and Mary Gates, born ca. 1710 at Pomfret. He came to Ridgefield with his father and married, 1 April 1734, Rachel Hayes, who was born 4 March 1710/11. They settled at Ridgefield, where Samuel died 30 September 1793. Children born at Ridgefield:²⁶

- a. Jonathan Gates, born 5 December 1734. (3)
- b. Samuel Gates, born 3 December 1736. He settled at Wilton, where he married, 19 November 1758, Ruth Olmsted (b. 2 July 1738, dau. of James and Hannah Olmsted). The family eventually moved to Malta, Saratoga Co., N.Y.
- c. Mary Gates, b. 27 January 1738/39 at Ridgefield.
- d. Thomas Gates, b. 6 January 1740/41 at Ridgefield. Torrey states that he married twice, first to a woman whose name is unknown, and second in 1795 to Phebe (Beecher) Northrup, who died in Lenox, Mass., in 1833.
- e. Rachel Gates, b. 16 April 1743 at Ridgefield. Torrey says she m. 7 Dec. 1763 to Zachariah Stevens, and died before he m. (2) in 1768.
- f. Abigail Gates, b. 10 September 1746 at Ridgefield.
- g. Betty Gates, b. 7 April 1748 at Ridgefield.
- h. Elijah Gates, b. 16 March 1749 at Ridgefield. Torrey identifies him as a Revolutionary War soldier who resided in Lenox, Mass.
- i. James Gates, b. 15 August 1749 at Ridgefield. He settled in Litchfield Co., Conn., marrying Polly Whitney in 1779 and having 3 ch. b. at Salisbury.
- j. David Gates, b. June 1753 at Ridgefield. Torrey says he m. at Ridgefield on 22 Dec. 1774, Jerusha Whitney, and they moved to Hinesburg, Vermont, where he d. on 19 June 1793. On 8 July 1789, David sold to his father four acres that his

²⁵ Ridgefield land records v. 1, pp. 218–19, 233, quoted by Torrey in *NEHGR* v. 120, p. 262.

²⁶ Ridgefield vital records, from *The Barbour Collection*, vol. 36, pp. 178–179.

father had previously sold him for fifty shillings on 16 February 1784.²⁷ Seven children reportedly born of this union at Ridgebury from 1776 to 1788, according to the Whitney genealogy,²⁸ but these were not recorded in Ridgefield's records.

3. Jonathan Gates, son of Samuel and Rachel (Hayes) Gates, born 5 December 1734 at Ridgefield; d. there on 6 January 1803, though he signed a will on 9 October 1789, claiming to be "weak of body." The will was probated on 26 January 1803.²⁹ A distribution of his real estate was made on 23 November 1803.³⁰ He married Sarah Keeler. 9 children:³¹
 - a. Stephen Gates, b. 31 December 1767; d. 21 April 1812. He is likely the one of that name who married at Ridgefield, on 21 November 1789, Mary "Gates" (who perhaps had a different maiden name). (4)
 - b. Sarah Gates, b. 23 October 1768. She married Edmund Thompson. They quit-claimed her share in Jonathan's estate to her brother Stephen, and her claims to her mother's estate to nephew Eli Gates. They lived at Reading, Steuben Co., N.Y., in 1822.
 - c. Nehemiah Gates, b. 25 Aug. 1770. He quit-claimed his share in the estate to his brother Stephen.
 - d. Abigail Gates, b. 20 August 1772. She married, 23 June 1796 at Ridgefield, Israel Stone (b. 5 June 1775 at Litchfield, Conn.). They lived at Litchfield, where six children's births were recorded, 1801–1815.
 - e. James Gates, b. 19 July 1774.
 - f. Rachel Gates, b. 22 August 1776. She was named in her father's 1789 will but not mentioned in the distribution of his real estate in 1803, so she must have died during that interval.
 - g. Lydia Gates, b. 7 September 1778. She was unmarried at the time of the distribution in 1803.
 - h. Mary Gates, b. 10 October 1781. She was not mentioned in her father's will, so she evidently died before 1789.
 - i. Samuel Gates, b. 21 May 1783.

4. Stephen Gates, b. 31 December 1767, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Keeler) Gates. He married at Ridgefield, 22 November 1789, Mary Abbott (b. 1767; d. 9 Dec. 1838, daughter of Lemuel and Rebeckah Abbott). Children:³²
 - a. Eli Gates, b. 15 August 1791; d. 28 Jun 1860 at Ridgefield. He married Sally Gray (b. 8 Jan. 1791, daughter of Joseph and Lydia Gray; d. 7 January 1862 at Ridgefield.)
 - b. Levi Gates, b. 20 February 1794
 - c. Mary P. Gates, b. 28 September 1796.
 - d. Amos Gates, b. 30 December 1797.

²⁷ Ridgefield deeds, 7:82 and 6:118.

²⁸ S. Whitney Phoenix, *The Whitney family and its affiliations* (1878), vol. 1, p. 190–191.

²⁹ Danbury probate register, vol. 8, pp. 239–240.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, 8:371–374.

³¹ Ridgefield vital records, from: *Barbour Collection*, 36:178–179.

³² *Ibid.*

- e. Lydia Gates, b. 10 August, 1800. She m. 20 January 1823, Solomon Wood (b. 2 January 1802 at Ridgefield). They moved to Sullivan Township, Tioga Co., Penn., where four children were born.
- f. Harvey Gates, b. 6 September 1802.
- g. Anne Gates, b. 15 May 1804. She m. 14 March 1832 at Ridgefield, Ira Keeler.³³
- h. Stephen Gates, b. 26 July 1806.
- i. Lyman Gates, b. 26 April 1809. While not recorded at Ridgefield, there are online pedigrees that show a son "Simon" born on this date. Several deeds show Lyman, rather than Simon. For example, on 8 March 1836, Lyman Gates of Southeast, Putnam Co., N.Y., quit-claimed to Harvey Gates of Ridgefield all his rights in the real estate "of my late father Stephen Gates."³⁴

³³ Ibid.

³⁴ Ridgefield deeds 15:317 (FHL Film #5503).

Mischief in Newtown School Records

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George Scott, carpenter, was committeeman of the South Center School District in Newtown, CT, when, on 7 Jun 1848 he reported a son, Albert S. Scott, born to himself and his wife Almira, both aged 30. Unable to restrain his ebullience over this event, he reported the colors of the parents to be "fancy" and "speckled," and the clerk duly made these entries on the vital records form, which was by school district for this period.

Heirs of Jonathan Olmsted of Ridgefield (1723–c1755): Land Records as a Substitute for Probate Records

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Continuing my investigations into genealogical clues hiding in the Ridgefield land records, I noted several records in the index for “Jacob Keeler and wife.” The deeds identify her name as Betty. According to Wesley B. Keeler, this Jacob Keeler, the son of Isaac and Mary (Morehouse) Keeler, was born in 1743 and had a wife Betty, but she is not further identified, and no children are listed for them.¹

The first transaction for this couple recorded in the deed books is dated 13 February 1768. Jacob Keeler and wife Betty, residents of Ridgefield, sold to Ambrose Olmsted a two-acre tract in Ridgefield, “it being ye whole that was distributed to sd. Betty in that place.” The tract was bound on the south by land of Benjamin Benedict, on the east by land of Benjamin Stebbins, Jr., on the north by land of Hannah Olmsted, and on the west by highway.² The wording of this deed clearly indicates that it came to Betty Keeler as an inheritance, but, disappointingly, the name of the estate is not given.

In such circumstances, it may help to investigate the purchaser and the neighbors of the adjacent properties. It was common for relatives to purchase small inherited tracts, assembling them into larger, more productive farms; and if Betty had any siblings, they may have inherited adjacent property. Given that the name of Olmsted belongs to both the purchaser and a neighbor, this seemed a promising direction to pursue. Turning to the Olmsted genealogy, we find a very hopeful situation: Ambrose Olmsted had a brother named Jonathan, whose only listed children were a Betty and a Hannah. Jonathan Olmsted was born 8 December 1723, son of Daniel and Hannah (Ketchum) Olmsted of Ridgefield, and he died “before Dec. 22, 1755.” His wife was identified as Betty Wood, who, in May of 1758, married, secondly, John Northrup, Jr. The two daughters are not traced.³ Probate records for Jonathan Olmsted are lacking.

Acting on the theory that the neighbor named Hannah Olmsted is Betty’s sister and co-heir to Jonathan’s estate, I wondered if Ambrose Olmsted purchased her land as well. Looking him up in the index of grantees, I found a listing for a purchase from Matthew Delavan (spelled “Delivan”) and wife in 1769. Happily, the wife’s name is given in the deed as Hannah. They lived in Westchester County when, on 28 August 1769, they sold to Ambrose Olmsted a parcel of 3 acres, 53 rods, bound on the west by highway, on the north by Benjamin Stebbins’s land, on the east by land of Benjamin Stebbins, Jr., and on the south by Ambrose Olmsted’s land. While this deed does not use language referring to an estate’s distribution, everything fits for this to be the parcel named as the northern neighbor to the tract sold the previous year.⁴

¹ Wesley B. Keeler, *Keeler family: Ralph Keeler of Norwalk, Connecticut and some of his descendants*, 2nd edition (Baltimore: Gateway Press, c2000), p. 33.

² Ridgefield register of deeds, vol. 5, folio 54.

³ Henry King Olmsted, *Genealogy of the Olmsted family in America: embracing the descendants of James and Richard Olmsted and covering a period of nearly three centuries, 1632-1912* (New York: A.T. De la Mare Printing and Publishing, 1912), p. 198.

⁴ Ridgefield deeds, vol. 5, folio 84

The Delavans also sold another parcel to Ambrose Olmsted. On 5 April 1770, they sold a parcel near West Mountain in Ridgefield containing 21 acres, 1 rood, 17 rods of land, whose southern boundary abutted "lands belonging to the heirs of Jonathan Olmsted, dec'd."⁵ No similar deed is found for this adjacent land, probably owned by Jacob and Betty Keeler, but it is possible that Ambrose Olmsted obtained it as well and neglected to have the deed recorded.

The Keelers and the Delavans made several other sales as couples, in each case suggesting land that Betty and Hannah had inherited. Two are particularly interesting because they are a matching pair of sorts. On 5 April 1773, Jacob and Betty Keeler "of Cortlands Manor" quit-claimed to John Watrous of Ridgefield all their right and title to "one equal fifth part of the undivided land" in Ridgefield; and on 8 April 1773, Matthew and Hannah Delavan also quit-claimed to Watrous their share in "one equal fifth part of a right of land in the common or undivided land in Ridgefield."⁶ The partial right was no doubt Jonathan Olmsted's share in the right originally granted to his father, Daniel Olmsted, an original Proprietor of Ridgefield.

Another deed of particular interest is one dated 13 December 1768, when John and Betty Northrup sold to Jacob and Betty Keeler "all title to land distributed in the estate of Jonathan Olmsted, dec'd." This land was evidently distributed to Betty (Wood) Olmsted, Jonathan's widow, who married John Olmsted. Now it was sold to her daughter and son-in-law; and the Keelers sold it the same day to Benjamin Keeler.⁷ This deed, along with the others involving the Keelers and Delavans, serve as a surrogate for the proceedings of the probate of Jonathan Olmsted's estate, which were never recorded.

We may also assume that Jonathan Olmsted has descendants through his two daughters. While untraced in the published genealogies, we find both families at North Salem, Westchester County, New York, in 1790. The Delavan household had two males 16 years or older, five males under sixteen, and four females; and the Keeler household had three males sixteen years or more old and seven females. The surnames continue in the area during subsequent censuses, although some of the families may descend from siblings of Jacob Keeler and Matthew Delavan. The Westchester County probate records do not contain proceedings for the estates of either of these men or for their wives. There are numerous land records involving Keelers and Delavans, including Jacob Keeler's initial purchase of land on 7 May 1773⁸ and several deeds and mortgages involving Matthew and Hannah Delavan, but none that clearly identify others as their descendants. It may prove difficult to trace descent from the Olmsted sisters in the absence of good vital records from New York, but one may hope that a descendant tracing back to the North Salem area will manage to make the connection.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 5:101.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 5:168 and 164.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 5:64.

⁸ Westchester County (N.Y.) deeds, vol. I, pp. 162-164.

A Query on Daniel Olmsted, a Founder of Ridgefield

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The Ridgefield Historical Society received a genealogical query about the Olmsteds, one of the founding families of Ridgefield. The inquirer hoped to find a date of death or burial for original Proprietor Daniel Olmsted. The manager of the Society's Scott House, Nancy McDaniel, sent this query on to me, a member who has volunteered to do basic genealogical research for the Society. As a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, I have access to many of the primary sources for such work via the LDS Family History Library.

A check of the town vital records confirmed that the requested death was not recorded there. The records of the Congregational Church (the only church in town for the first fifty years) would be a logical place to find a death recorded. Unfortunately, the records prior to 1761 have been lost. No probate records were recorded for him, either, and the index for the Hale Collection of cemetery inscriptions shows no headstone for this Daniel Olmsted.

So these vital dates may not exist for descendants to find and record. There is always a chance that these details may turn up in a more obscure source, such as a private journal or Bible record. When any new documentation will arise is anybody's guess. For now, we must be content with what the extant records do tell us.

The inquirer had the understanding that Daniel Olmsted died "before 1749." An examination of the land records, however, suggests that he lived for at least five more years. On 23 November 1748, in one of many distributions of common land to the town's Proprietors and their family, a committee of the Proprietors granted 23 acres to Daniel Olmsted and his sons, Samuel, Nathan, Ambrose, and Jonathan. This land, lying east of Asproom Mountain, was described as the 12th allotment in the 7th 20-acre division.¹ Interestingly, one of the three committee members was Daniel himself. Further grants from the Proprietors to all five of these Olmsteds were recorded on 23 February 1750/51 and on 26 June 1753.² In these two deeds, the father is referred to as "Captain Daniel Olmsted," no doubt his rank in the local militia. The Olmsted genealogy only noted his appointment as Ensign of the Ridgefield Train Band in 1732, but he evidently had received a promotion in the following years.³

There are other deeds in which Daniel Olmsted is the grantor, including one in which he sold land to his son Samuel on 26 March 1748.⁴ Many later deeds concern his nephew Daniel, the son of Richard, another original Proprietor and brother of Captain Daniel.

But as late as the spring of 1754 our Daniel was alive, for on 19 March of that year Jonathan Olmsted of Ridgefield, "for a valuable consideration me hereunto moving & received to my full satisfaction, do hereby lease & farm lett unto my father Daniel Olmsted of sd

¹ Ridgefield register of deeds, vol. 3, folio 233, from Family History Library Film #5497.

² *Ibid.*, 3:311-314 and 4:51.

³ Henry King Olmsted, *Genealogy of the Olmsted family in America: embracing the descendants of James and Richard Olmsted and covering a period of nearly three centuries, 1632-1912* (New York: A.T. De la Mare Printing and Publishing, 1912), p. 193.

⁴ Ridgefield deeds, 3:225.

Ridgefield ye home lott whereon my sd Father now lives with ye Dwelling house & barn standing thereon, it being in quantity about six acres & a half... with all ye other lands both divided & undivided, which said father hath conveyed to me by a Deed of sale bearing even date with these presents; also forty acres of land lying at the lower end of Titicus Mountain so called, westward of & joyning to ye homsted of my Brother Ambrose Olmsted, all of which land and premises abovesaid lyeth in sd Ridgfield, I say I have leased ye abovesaid land and premises to my said Father from ye date hereof, during ye term of his natural life..."⁵ And on 16 May 1754, the same Jonathan, "for ye consideration of ye love & respect that I have & do bear unto my Honoured father Daniel Olmsted of said Ridgfield, do remise, release & farm lett unto him my sd father five acres of land lying in sd Ridgfield at Titicus so called & is bounded south by ye land of Benjamin Benedict, East by ye land of Benjamin Stebbins Junr., North by ye land of Benjamin Stebbins Junr., & West by highway, with my barn standing thereon, to use, occupy & improve ye same from ye date hereof, so long as ye natural life of him my sd father, in what way & manner to my sd father shall see good without any let hindrance or molestation from me or any persons whatsoever, acting by or for me."⁶ This deed proves to be the last one involving Captain Daniel Olmsted, so we cannot be sure how long it would be in effect. But the son Jonathan was not long for this world; this record is also his last deed, and the Olmsted genealogy states that he died "before Dec. 22, 1755."⁷ No further record is found of this parcel until Jonathan's two daughters and their husbands sold their shares in the parcel in 1768 and 1769.⁸

⁵ Ibid., 4:79.

⁶ Ibid., 4:107.

⁷ Olmsted family, p. 178.

⁸ Ridgefield deeds, 5: 54 and 84 (FHL Film #5498). For further about this family, see my article, "Heirs of Jonathan Olmsted of Ridgefield (1723–c1755)," in this issue of Connecticut Ancestry.

Distinguishing between Two Samuel Olmsteads of Wilton, CT

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As a part of my research into the Barnes family of Fairfield County I came across a Samuel Olmstead, known as “Blind Sam,” who married into this family. The *Genealogy of the Olmsted Family in America* (hereinafter *Olmsted family*) does note a Samuel who married, second, Esther Barnes.¹ This information agrees with a Barnes manuscript which states that Esther Barnes, widow of “Mr. Sturdevant”, married “Blind Sam” Olmstead as his second wife.² An almost exact contemporary Samuel is identified in *Olmsted family* as Samuel Dunning Olmsted but the similarity of their unreferenced birth and death dates led me to question their identifications.

Several censuses were useful to help distinguish between the two. In both the 1830 and 1840 censuses there is column to be marked identifying persons who were blind. In the 1830 census of Wilton is “Samuel Olmstead jr.,” with a check mark on the right-hand sheet for a “white person who is blind.”³ He was aged 50-59, living with a male 30-39 and a female 60-69, probably his wife Esther, sister of the person listed next on the page, Joseph Barnes. In the 1840 census of Wilton is Samuel Olmstead, aged 60-69, living with a female of the same age, and two other females aged 20-29 and 30-39, respectively.⁴ In the right hand columns are two marks for this family, one indicating a blind person and another indicating an “idiot,” privately supported.

According to the Barnes manuscript,⁵ Fanny Barnes (born ca. 1803), was a “foolish person,” incapable of supporting herself. She was a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Harrison) Barnes, and niece of Esther (Barnes) Olmstead. Her father died before 19 May 1834, according to Joseph’s probate which indicated a surviving spouse.⁶ I believe that Anna Harrison Barnes (not Anna Barnes Harrison as named in *Olmsted family*) then married “Blind Sam” Olmstead and Fanny became part of his household.

In the 1830 census of Wilton is also a Samuel Olmstead aged 50-59 living with a female aged 30-39.⁷ The fifth name down from his is that of Walter S. Olmstead, a son from his first

¹ Olmstead, Henry King and George Kemp Ward, *Genealogy of the Olmsted family in America*, New York: A.T. DeLaMare, 1912 (full-text searchable at <http://googlebooks>). The surname is spelled throughout as “Olmsted.” Since its sequential numbering can be difficult to follow, page numbers will also be supplied. In the summary, I have traced the third cousins back only to their common ancestor, Captain Richard Olmsted, a settler of Norwalk.

² [Barnes family], manuscript by David H. Van Hoosear, Van Hoosear file, Special Collections, the Fairfield Museum and History Center, 370 Beach Road, Fairfield CT. Abner Sturdevant is listed adjacent to Joseph Barnes in both the 1800 and 1810 census in Norwalk, but not found in later Connecticut censuses. He may be the “Mr. Sturdevant” who married Esther Barnes. “Blind Sam” is also identified in *Fillow, Philo and Philleo genealogy*, by D.H. Van Hoosear, Albany: J. Munsell’s Sons, 1888, p. 123. This book includes description and local lore of Cranbury Plain, Poplar Plain and Chestnut Hill. Sam’s grandfather Gardner Olmstead is noted on p. 38 as having been a loyalist in mid-life. *St. John Genealogy*, by Orlin St. John Alexander, New York: Grafton Press, 1907, also cites “Blind Sam of Chestnut Hill, Wilton” on p. 161.

³ 1830 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Wilton, NARA microfilm M19, roll 6, p. 253. HeritageQuest image used online for this and later census references.

⁴ 1840 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Wilton, NARA microfilm M704, roll 158, p. 21.

⁵ [Barnes family], op cit.

⁶ Norwalk Probate, v. 5, p. 179. Estate of Joseph Barnes, appointment of administrator, recorded 19 May 1834.

⁷ 1830 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Wilton, NARA microfilm M19, roll 6, p. 222.

marriage. Next to Walter is a neighbor, Powell Batterson – a useful place marker due to his unusual name. At the top of p. 21 in the 1840 census is listed Samuel D. Olmstead, aged 60-69, living with a female 40-49.⁸ I believe he is the same Samuel Olmstead listed on p. 222 in the 1830 census as evidenced by the proximity of Powell Batterson and Walter Olmstead, preceding and following Samuel, respectively.

“Blind” Samuel is not found in the 1850 census⁹ but at approximately the same location,¹⁰ Anna Olmstead, age 72, is listed living with Fanny, 43 (Olmstead is implied as her surname), an “idiot.” In the next household are Bezaleel Brown, 41, and his wife Clarissa, 39. According to Norwalk records Clarissa Barnes married Bezaleel Brown on 18 Nov 1844.¹¹ They apparently had no children. It is likely that Clarissa was the other female adult in the Olmstead household in 1840, marrying late perhaps due to caring for her handicapped sister. In 1850 Samuel D. Olmstead, 74, was living with Laura, 59.¹²

In the 1860 census of Wilton,¹³ “Beazel” Brown, 51, is living with Clarissa, 47, Fanny Barnes, 60, “idiot,” and Ann Olmstead, 82, “pauper.” The accumulated evidence leads me to believe that “Blind Sam” Olmstead died between 1840 and 1848, not in 1863 as claimed in *Olmsted family*, whose author may have confused him with his cousin. In 1860, Samuel D. Olmstead, 86, was living with Laura, age 65.¹⁴

An October 1905 article in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* identifies five Samuel Olmsteads living in the Norwalk/Wilton area in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.¹⁵ The No. 1 Samuel noted in this article as born in 1706, son of Nathan but without an identified wife was listed in *Olmsted family* as Lt. Samuel who married Sarah Fairchild. It was he who was father to Samuel No. 2, cited below as the husband of Ann Dunning and therefore father of Samuel No. 5, the Samuel D. Olmstead who married Mercy Keeler. Samuel No. 3 according to Hammond, citing his second marriage to Betsey Disbrow, is the father of “Blind Sam.” The remaining Samuel (No. 4) married Rachel St. John of Norwalk. *Olmsted family* identifies him as son of Silas, a brother to Samuel No. 2. Hammond was being cautious in placing these Samuels saying, “Nothing could be found on Norwalk Town Records to definitely fix the parentage of any of these.” While the author of *Olmsted family* doubtless had the advantage of correspondence and a wider range of available sources, his lack of published citations for many vital events led me to seek what corroboration I could find. In any event,

⁸ 1840 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Wilton, NARA microfilm M704, roll 158, p. 21.

⁹ 1850 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Wilton, NARA microfilm M432, roll 38, p. 111.

¹⁰ Map: Town of Wilton, Fairfield County, Conn. (Peterson Collection) Scale 1:32,000. [Geo-referenced version available for download as TIFF]. www.flickr.com/photos/uconnlibrariesmagic/3439190688.

This historical map of Wilton displaying home sites with owners' names, along with a modern street map, was used to estimate locations of the properties cited here. The former Blind Sam's homestead occupied by B[ezeleel] Brown was on what is now Grumman Hill Road, Chestnut Hill, south Wilton. Samuel D. Olmstead's homestead was on what is now Nod Hill Road, north Wilton, near Georgetown.

¹¹ *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records*, v. 1-55, Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1994-2002, (hereinafter *Barbour*), Norwalk Vital Records, p. 5. Barnes, Clarissa, m. Bezeleel Brown, both of Norwalk.

¹² 1850 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Wilton, NARA microfilm M432, roll 38, p. 120.

¹³ 1860 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Wilton, NARA microfilm M653 roll 75, p. 44.

¹⁴ 1860 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Wilton, NARA microfilm M653 roll 75, p. 24.

¹⁵ Hammond, Frederick Stam, “Descendants of Captain Richard Olmstead of Fairfield, Conn.,” *Register*, v. 59(Oct 1905), p. 355-360.

having identified "Blind Sam" more precisely, one more Samuel is added to Hammond's list!

In summary:

SAMUEL "BLIND SAM"⁵ OLMSTEAD (*Samuel⁴, Gard[i]ner³, Joseph², Richard¹*) born supposedly on 23 Nov 1774, probably in Norwalk,¹⁶ son of Samuel and Sarah (Green) Olmstead,¹⁷ died between 1840 and 1848. He married first, (____); second, **ESTHER (BARNES) STURDEVANT** after 1805, probably in Norwalk, and third, **ANNA (HARRISON) BARNES** after 1834, probably in Norwalk. She died in Wilton in 1860.¹⁸

Children of Samuel and (____):¹⁹

- I. ELIJAH, b. 12 Oct 1794, m. MARY RIDER
- II. JESSE, b. 27 Dec 1798, m. (1) ABBY JANE DISBROW; (2) ESTHER ALLEN
- III. NOAH, b. _____, m. MARY STURDEVANT
- IV. WILLIAM, b. 28 June 1805, m. (1) ABIGAIL B. MEEKER; (2) MARY JANE MANGER; (3) CATHERINE SMITH

SAMUEL DUNNING⁵ OLMSTEAD (*Samuel⁴, Lt. Samuel³, Nathan², Richard¹*) born Norwalk, 17 Dec 1774,²⁰ son of Samuel and Anne (Dunning) Olmstead, died 20 Feb 1863 in Wilton. He married first, **MERCY KEELER** on 12 Nov 1795 in Norwalk and second, **LAURA EDMONDS** on 30 Sept 1822 in Wilton.²¹

Children of Samuel and Mercy (Keeler) Olmstead:²²

- i. LEWIS, b. 25 Feb 1797, m. SARAH DE FOREST
- ii. RUFUS KEELER, b. 27 Oct 1799, m. (1) SARAH LOCKWOOD; (2) BETSEY LOUNSBURY
- iii. SHELDON JAMES, b. 28 May 1804; d. 16 May 1814
- iv. WALTER SMITH (twin), b. 1 June 1807, m. HESTER GRUMMAN
- v. SMITH WALTER (twin), b. 1 June 1807, m. CAROLINE REED

¹⁶ I have not found a source for the given birth date of "Blind Sam." (4241, p. 219). It is difficult to understand why Redding as a place follows his entry in *Olmsted family*. His father resided in Poplar Plains (Norwalk/Westport). Sam's marriages, though not documented, likely took place in Norwalk, and he apparently died in Chestnut Hill (south Wilton). The only Samuel Olmstead I can find connected to Redding before 1800 married Sarah Bartram there on 21 Dec 1763. *Olmsted family* does not further identify him. Their son Bartram relocated to New York.

¹⁷ Samuel⁴ (4037, p. 202) married second, Betsey Disbrow, 9 Aug 1793 in Greens Farms. Her twin Reuben married "Ezebel" (Isabel) Olmstead 24 June 1796 in Wilton (F.W. Bailey, *Early Connecticut marriages as found on ancient church records prior to 1800*, New Haven: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1896-1906, book 3, Fairfield/Westport, p. 165; Wilton, p. 65). The twins' births are cited in D.L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, (reprinted), Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1991, v. 2, p. 309.

¹⁸ The first wife of "Blind Sam" (4241, p. 219) is not identified in either *Olmsted family* or [Barnes family]. His second and third wives are also named in [Barnes family]. Wilton Vital records, 1852-1866: p. 57, death of Anna Olmstead, 24 Aug 1860, widow, age 82.

¹⁹ As cited in *Olmsted family*, p. 219 and p. 257.

²⁰ *Barbour*, Norwalk, p. 102, Olmstead/Olmsted, Samuel, s. Samuel & Anne, b. 17 Dec 1774. Samuel's (4257, p. 220) given birth date of 17 Oct 1775 in *Olmsted family* is an apparent attempt to calculate back from his age at death which would have given an accurate result if the correct death date of 20 Feb was used. His father Samuel (4048, p. 203) is identified as a Revolutionary War veteran, state legislator and Wilton selectman.

²¹ Wilton Vital Records, 1852-1866: p. 59, death of Samuel D. Olmstead, 20 Feb 1863, age 88-2-3 (not 20 Dec as stated in *Olmsted family*). Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions, Wilton, Hillside Cemetery, p. 63. *Barbour*, Norwalk, p. 102, Olmstead/Olmsted, Samuel, 5th to Mercy Keeler, 12 Nov 1795. Wilton Vital Records, 1726-1852, p. 6, marriage of Samuel D. Olmstead and Laury [sic] Edmonds, 30 Sept 1822.

²² As cited in *Olmsted family*, p. 220 and p. 261-262.

St. John Cemetery, Darien CT – Headstones with Irish Place Names

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This cemetery has served as the burial place for most of Stamford's Irish population since 1871, when it was opened. St. John Roman Catholic parish was established in 1851, with early burials taking place near the Meadow Street location of the first church building. Many of the bodies and headstones were removed to the new cemetery when the first church property was replaced by the present St. John Church – from "Springdale Remembered, 1640-1949," by Rosemary H. Burns, Stamford Historical Society, 1982.

Irish place names were checked against Brian Mitchell's "A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland," (2nd ed.) and the IREAtlas database at www.seanruad.com, with suggested corrections placed within brackets. Additional data found in the Hale Collection (1934) is added in italics. The Hale number for this cemetery is 405-3.

<u>Surname(s)</u>	<u>Inscription</u>
Bamrick	Hugh Bamrick, Co. of Queens, in memory of his wife Bridget Hammill, native of the parish of Inniskern [Inishkeen?], Co. Monaghan; b. May 8, 1834, d. July 29, 1877
Barry	Martin Barry, b. in the parish Ardmor[e], Co. Waterford, d. Aug. 30, 1873, æ 24 yrs, 9 mos
Berney	In memory of Bridget Berney, b. in Killarue [Killyrue?] Co. Cavan, d. Stamford Ct Aug. 22, 1874 æ 27 yrs, 6 mos
Brady	Bridget Brady, wife of William Connoude, native of Balladuffe [Ballyduffy?], Co. Longford, d. April 25, 1881 æ 38 yrs
Broderick	Thomas Broderick, b. in Ballyvanahan [Ballyvannan?], Co. Clare, d. in Stamford Ct, Dec. 28, 1894 æ 28 yrs
Brown	See Staughton
Burnes	John Burnes, b. in Co. Wicklow, d. Dec. 13, 1878 æ 62 yrs; his wife Catherine, b. in Co. Kildare, d. Jan. 27, 1886 æ 56 yrs
Carroll	Morris Carroll, Co. G ... Regt., C.V., d. July 19, 1861, native of the parish Rull--on, Co. Kerry ... his uncle Thomas Staughton d. July 19, 1861
Clark	Erected by Ann Clark in memory of her husband Patrick Clark, native of the parish Nob---- [Nobber], Co. Meath, who d. May 8, 1870 æ 29 yrs
Connell	Martin Connell, b. in Co. Galway, d. June 16, 1916; Mary E. Keating, his wife, b. Co. Clare May 15, 1854, d. June 22, 1900
Conniff	See Feeney
Connors	See White

- Connoude Joseph Connoude, native of the parish of Rahan, Kings Co., d. Sept. 1, 1881 æ 37 yrs; Catherine, wife of Joseph, d. July 28, 1914
- Connoude See also Brady
- Conroy John Conroy, b. in Mountmellick, Queens Co., April 7, 1837; d. June 29, 1909; Mary McCran his wife, d. Aug. 21, 1875 æ 36 yrs; Margaret Delaney his wife d. March 12, 1893 æ 57 yrs
- Corlies Michael Corlies, b. in Co. Galway; Ellen wife of Michael, b. in Co. Galway; d. Feb. 17, 1888 æ 65 yrs
- Coughlin Bridget, wife of James Coughlin, b. in Kings Co., d. Aug 29, 1882 æ 48 yrs
- Coyne Andrew Coyne d. Sept. 8, 1924 æ 70 yrs; Mary Minich wife of Andrew Coyne, b. 1842 in Rahan, Kings Co., d. April 27, 1928
- Creighton See Hall
- Croles Michael Corles, d. April 10, 1880, æ 62 yrs; native of the parish Kinvarra, Co. Galway
- Cronan Michael Cronan, native of parish Ballydonahue, Co. Kerry, d. March 1, 1884 æ 60 yrs; his wife Bridget Griffen Cronan, native of parish Dargren [Drangan?], Co. Tipperary, d. May 13, 1882 æ 50 yrs
- Cronin Michael Cronin, native of parish Ballydonahue, Co. Kerry, d. Jan. 31, 1870 æ 28 yrs; erected by D.L. Hanrahan
- Cronin Patrick Cronin, native of Co. Kerry d. June 5, 1920; Nellie his wife, native of Co. Cork, d. April 21, 1928
- Cuddy Patrick Cuddy d. Oct. 28, 1897 æ 73 yrs; Catherine wife of Patrick, b. in Co. Leitrim, d. Dec. 29, 1886
- Culhoon Bridget wife of Michael Culhoon, b. in the Co. of Leitrim, d. in Stamford Ct Nov. 24, 1888 æ 45 yrs
- Cunningham Ellen Cunningham, d. May 29, 1881 æ 40 yrs; native of Dublin
- Daly James Daly, b. in Cadamstown, Kings Co., d. May 1, 1907 æ 69 yrs; Catherine Daly, 1858-1933
- Degnan Thomas Degnan, b. June 17, 1831 in Co. Westmeath, d. Nov. 29, 1900; Margaret, wife of Thomas, b. Feb. 8, 1844 in Co. Westmeath, d. April 12, 1892
- Delaney Patrick Delaney d. April 23, 1883 æ 46 yrs; his wife Mary d. Oct. 9, 1885 æ 46 yrs, native of the parish Lixnaw, Co. Kerry
- Delaney See also Conroy
- Desmond Michael Desmond, native of parish Conna, Co. Cork, d. May 8, 1887 æ 58 yrs; Mary his wife, b. in Co. Cork July 30, 1844, d. Aug. 31, 1908

- Donahue Erected by Mary Donahue in memory of her bro. Matthias Donahue, native of Bell Harbour, Burren, Co. Clare, d. July 23, 1889 æ 31 yrs
- Donahue John Donahue, b. in Co. Monaghan, d. Dec. 23, 1891 æ 74 yrs; Mary his wife, b. in Co. Monaghan, d. Dec. 20, 1891 æ 73 yrs. Joseph Donahue, b. in Co. Monaghan, d. Feb. 5, 1887 æ 38 yrs
- Donnelly Michael Donnelly, b. in Co. Mayo 1834, d. Nov. 19, 1909; Ellen his wife, b. in Co Mayo in 1845, d. July 2, 1896; Joseph F., son, b. Lancaster, Eng., 1874, d. Nov. 6, 1909; Mary, dau., b. in Co. Mayo, d. July 19, 1882 æ 20 yrs, 4 mos, 5 dys
- Donovan See Hamilton
- Dowling See Gray
- Downey Barney Downey, b. in Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, d. Dec. 21, 1882 æ 59 yrs
- Downey Timothy Downey, d. March 12, 1889 æ 68 yrs; b. in Newcastle West, Co. Limerick
- Downing See Higgins
- Dunn James Dunn, b. Enfield, Co. Meath, d. April 10, 1879 æ 55 yrs
- Eagan See Kennedy
- Egan Erected by John & Mary A. Egan, natives of Clooncellen [Cloonsellan], Co. Roscommon, in memory of their dau. Anne, d. Dec. 27, 1886 æ 17 yrs, 6 mos; John Egan d. May 27, 1898 æ 63 yrs; Mary A. Egan d. July 27, 1927 æ 80 yrs
- Everett In memory of Ann, wife of Geo. Everett, b. in the parish of Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, d. March 18, 1895 æ 69 yrs, 9 mos, 5 dy
- Everett George Everett, b. in the parish of Thomastown, Co Kilkenny, d. Aug. 7, 1870 æ 47 yrs
- Fagan Matthew Fagan, native Co. Westmeath, d. Oct. 9, 1890 æ 64 yrs, 7 mos; Catherine Smith, wife of Matthew, native Co. Cavan, d. May 10, 1869 æ 40 yrs
- Fahey Patrick Fahey, native of Kinvarra, Galway, d. Dec. 4, 1898 æ 45 yrs; Bridget Kane, d. Oct. 10, 1924
- Farrell Bridget Farrell wife of Patrick, b. in the parish Kileeron, Co. Roscommon, d. May 20, 1873 æ 49 yrs
- Feeney Michael Feeney, native of the village of Rynn [Rinville?], Co. Galway, b. Sept. 4, 1796, d. Jan. 5, 1867; Margaret Conniff, his wife, b. April 20, 1821, d. Sept. 25, 1894 [modern stone]

- Finley Thomas F. Finley, native of Co. Tipperary, 1855-1932; his wife Josephine, native of Co. Kerry, b. 1858, d. March 18, 1898. Margaret Weed, native of Co. Kerry, d. Oct. 2, 1886; John H. Hedden, her son, b. Oct. 17, 1877, d. June 23, 1878
- Finn Bartholomew Finn, d. April 1, 1877 æ 35 yrs; Ann McCarty, b. Co Waterford, d. March 7, 1909 æ 66 yrs
- Fitzgerald Michael Fitzgerald, b. in the parish of AGLISH, Co. Waterford, Sept. 29, 1780, d. Stamford Ct Nov. 20, 1874
- Fitzgerald Martin Fitzgerald, native of Co. Waterford, d. March 4, 1867 æ 45 yrs; Ellen his wife, native of Co. Limerick, d. Dec. 6, 1871 æ 38 yrs. Ellen Fitzgerald d. March 29, 1879 æ 70 yrs
- Flanagan Patrick H. Flanagan, b. Co. Galway, d. March 21, 1921 æ 67 yrs; Mary Leonard wife of Patrick, b. Co. Clare, d. Feb. 6, 1909 æ 52 yrs
- Ford Thomas Ford, b. in the parish of Cloncoe [Clonco?], Co. Galway 1848, d. Aug. 18, 1890 æ 42 yrs
- Foy Daniel Foy, b. Nov. 20, 184_?, d. Nov. 1872; native of parish Rhode, Kings Co.
- Francis Fergus Francis, b. in Co. Clare, d. Feb. 7, 1887 æ 28 yrs; Nellie Francis, b. in Co. Clare, d. Feb. 23, 1898 æ 30 yrs
- Gaynor Thomas Gaynor, b. in the parish of Tinraylen [Tinriland?], Co. Carlow, d. in South Norwalk Ct, Feb. 8, 1875 æ 24 yrs
- Gorman Michael Gorman native of Co. Galway, d. Feb. 5, 1869 æ 45 yrs
- Grace Patrick Grace, native of Tullerone, Co. Kilkenny, d. Sept. 25, 1888 æ 30 yrs
- Graham Thomas Graham d. Jan. 30, 1903 æ 80, native of Co. Wicklow; Bridget wife of Thomas, native of Co. Wicklow, d. April 4, 1878 æ 33 yrs
- Graham Patrick Graham, b. in Queens Co., d. July 15, 1879 æ 59 yrs
- Gray Patrick Gray, native of parish Navin, Co. Meath, d. Oct. 23, 1877 æ 72 yrs; Mary Dowling, wife of Patrick, native of parish Ballahocket, Co. Carlow, d. Dec. 4, 1894 æ 66 yrs
- Grffen See Cronan
- Hall James Hall, b. Co. West Meath, d. Aug. 13, 1911; Julia, his wife, b. Co West Meath, d. July 22, 1920. George Creighton, native of Co. West Meath, d. Jan. 13, 1894 æ 86 yrs; Katherine Creighton, native of Co. West Meath, d. Oct. 28, 1914
- Halloran Thomas Halloran, native of the parish of Kinvarra, Co. Galway... in memory of his beloved children ... Thomas d. Nov. 26, 1876, æ 41 yrs
- Hamilton Catherine Hamilton, wife of James Donovan, b. in the parish of Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, d. Feb. 3, 1892 æ 57 yrs

- Hammill See Bamrick
- Hanrahan Johanna Hanrahan, native of Listowel, Co. Kerry, d. March 26, 1890 æ 40 yrs
- Hanrahan Charles Hanrahan, native of the parish Lixnaw, Co. Kerry, d. March 20, 1882 æ 32
- Hanrahan See also Cronin
- Hedden See Finley
- Herbert James Herbert, native of Co. Kildare, b. Nov. 10, 1828, d. Dec. 22, 1898; Mary, his wife, b. July 27, 1837, d. May 7, 1916
- Higgins Ann Higgins d. June 22, 1882 æ 54 yrs, b. in Mullinmahan, parish of Ballymore, Co. Westmeath. Erected by her sister Ellen Downing
- Hines Martin Hines, d. Oct. 29, 1918; Susan Lane, his wife, native of Co. Galway, d. Aug. 16, 1898
- Hogan Erected by Sarah Hogan in memory of Thomas Hogan, native of Roscrea, Co. Tipperary who d. Aug. 5, 1871 æ 62 yrs
- Howell Catherine M. Howell, b. at parish of Fahey, Co. Galway, d. Sept. 28, 1913 æ 63 yrs [Killeen on stone]
- Hudson Timothy Hudson, b. March 12, [no year] in Co. Dublin, d. Sept. 18, 1909; his wife Margaret, 1868-1895
- Hyland Catherine [*relict*] of William Hyland d. [*Dec. 18, 1862*] at ----- Conn., of the parish Bal ---- E-----, Co. Kildare [*æ 59 yrs*]
- Jordan Catherine Jordan, native of Nogra, parish of Kinvarra, Co. Galway, d. April 3, 1895 æ 22 yrs; John Jordan, native of Nogra, parish of Kinvarra, Co. Galway, d. May 4, 1897 æ 28 yrs
- Kane Honora Kane wife of Cha's, b. in the parish of Glenarigan, Co. Clare, d. at Westport Ct Aug. 3, 1871 æ 56 yrs; erected by her sons John and Charles Kane
- Kane See also Fahey
- Kearns Martin Kearns, b. in Co. Clare, d. May 22, 1885 æ 85 yrs; Bridget wife of Martin, b. in Co. Clare, d. May 1855 æ 29 yrs; Mary wife of Martin, d. Dec 1890 æ 60 yrs
- Kearns Patrick Kearns, b. in the parish of Clonariga [Glenarigan?], Co. Clare, d. March 2, 1877 æ 51yrs
- Kearns Our Mother Bridget Kearns, [*relict*] of Jeremiah Kearns, who d. Nov. 22, 1868, æ 87 yrs, native of Co. Galway; erected by her son John Kearns [on next stone John Kearns d. Sept. 6, 1894 æ 70 yrs]
- Kearns William Kearns, a native of Co. Clare, d. Nov. 27, 1894 æ 65 yrs. Rose wife of William, b. in Kinvarra, Co. Galway, d. July 26, 1886 æ 55 yrs

- Kearns Patrick Kearns, b. in the parish of Burne [Burren?], Co. Clare, d. Dec. 1, 1891 æ 56 yrs; Mary Lane, his wife, b. in the parish of Ballindereen, Co. Galway, d. Oct. 22, 1910
- Keating See Connell
- Kelley See Moore
- Kelly Erected by Mary Kelly in memory of her sister Winford Kelly, who d. Feb. 6, 1872 æ 32 yrs, dau. of John & Mary Kelly, Co. Roscommon, parish Kilone
- Kelly John Kelly, native of Co. Louth, d. Dec. 5, 1890 æ 84 yrs, 8 mos; Mary, wife of John, native of parish Kilgarvan, Co. Kerry, d. Jan. 16, 1887 æ 52 yrs, 5 mos
- Kenealy John Kenealy, native of the parish of Ardmore, Co. Waterford, b. Dec. 18, 1818, d. Feb. 1, 1892; Mrs. Ann Sanford, b. in parish AGLISH, Co. Waterford, d. Sept. 9, 1876 æ 69 yrs
- Kennedy John Kennedy ... Co. Waterford, d. Jan 22, 1853/1[?] æ 46 yrs [stone worn]
- Kennedy Erected by Catherine Kennedy, native of Queens Co., parish Clonahadoo, Mountmellick, dau. of John & Ellen [E]jagan, b. April 29, 1819, d. [blank]
- Kennedy Frank Kennedy, d. in Tipperary æ 41 yrs; Catherine, wife of Frank, d. Aug. 25, 1892 æ 58 yrs
- Kerigen Margaret Kerigen, b. in Co. Kildare, d. Dec. 26, 1890 æ 51 yrs. Mary L. wife of Christopher Kerigen, b. in Co. Kildare Jan 20, 1864, d. Feb. 20, 1924
- Kierce In memory of Katie Kierce, native of the parish of Kinvarra, Co. Galway, d. June 11, 1913 and her bro. Thomas [modern stone]
- Kinsella See Nevens
- Kivel See McDevitt
- Lake Patrick Lake, b. in Co. Kerry, June 26, 1834, d. Nov. 27, 1909; Julia, his wife, b. 1842, d. Jan. 14, 1898
- Lane Martin Lane, native of the parish of Ballindereen, Co. Galway, d. Nov. 22, 1867 æ 31 yrs
- Lane See also Hines
- Law Margaret Law, who d. Jan. 25, 1879 æ 82 yrs, native of Co. Westmeath
- Lawless Michael Lawless, d. Jan. 9, 1904; Margaret, wife of Michael, native of Co. Monaghan, d. Jan. 23, 1894 æ 66 yrs
- Leonard See Flanagan
- Lynch John Lynch, b. in Co. Cork. 1865- [blank]

- Malloy Patrick Malloy, native of Co. Galway, d. Jan. 31, 1900 æ 76 yrs; erected by Margaret E. Stokes, d. Dec. 18, 1916
- Mason Fergus Mason, native of Ballyahan, Co. Clare, d. Oct. 11, 1892 æ 57 yrs; Mary, wife of Fergus, native of Glenarigan, Co. Clare, d. Nov. 12, 1877 æ 35 yrs. Bridget, wife of John Mason, native of parish Glenarigan, Co. Clare, d. April 28, 1889 æ 22 yrs
- McCaffrey Catherine McCaffrey, native of Terone [Tyrone?], b. 1813, d. Dec. 13, 1884
- McCann Bridget McCann, b. in Co. Kildare, d. Nov. 13, 1908
- McCarty See Finn
- McCran See Conroy
- McDevitt Cornelius McDevitt, b. Nov. 30, 1848; d. April 16, 1911. Ann Kivel McDevitt wife of Cornelius, b. in Co. Mayo, Feb. 23, 1847; d. Nov. 30, 1890 æ 43 yrs
- McDonald Patrick McDonald, native of Co. Limerick, d. April 18, 1903 æ 72 yrs
- McDonald See also Tooher
- McGarr Patrick McGarr, b. in Kings Co., 1832, d. Feb. 19, 1887
- McGraw Paterick [sic] McGraw, d. March 14, 1894 æ 80 yrs; Bridget wife of Paterick [sic], native of Co. Westmeath, d. April 25, 1891 æ 85 yrs
- Minich See Coyne
- Moore John Moore, b. in Stradbally, Queens Co., May 1, 1842, d. Oct 27, 1909; his wife Maria Kelley 1844-1934
- Moran Thomas Moran, native of Co. Roscommon, d. Feb. 17, 1875 æ 40 yrs; erected by his wife Bridget Moran
- Moran John F. Moran, native Co. Galway, d. Dec. 20, 1885, æ 35 yrs; Rose, wife of John F., native Co. Galway, d. June 17, 1905 æ 56 yrs
- Morgan Erected by Patrick Morgan in memory of his wife Margaret, who d. Nov. 25, 1871, native of Co. Longford
- Morgan Francis Morgan, b. in Newry, Co. Down, Feb. 2, 1853, d. Jan. 29, 1899; Margaret, wife of Francis Morgan, d. July 21, 1900 æ 51 yrs
- Mulcahey Margaret Mulcahey, d. Dec. 28, 1885 æ 40 yrs, native of Co. Waterford
- Murphy Thomas Murphy, native of Co. Kilkenny, b. March 25, 1838, d. Feb. 5, 1899; his wife Bridget Rudden, 1840-1927
- Murphy See also Smith
- Murray Margaret Murray, wife of John O'Donnell, native of Co. Mayo, d. Sept. 21, 1875 æ 50 yrs; Owen O'Donnell, native of Co. Mayo, d. Sept. 15, 1874 æ 32 yrs

- Nevens Erected by Mary Nevens in memory of John Nevens who d. Jan. 10, 1869 æ 44 yrs, parish of Rarah [Rahara?], Co. Roscommon; Mary Kinsella, wife of John, d. June 25, 1896
- O'Brien Simon O'Brien, son of John & Rosa O'Brien, b. in Boontown [N.J.?], d. in Stamford, Feb 15, 1873 æ 17 yrs, 5 mos. Erected by his father John O'Brien who was born in the parish Gar---, Co. Dublin
- O'Brien Martin O'Brien, native of Co. Tipperary, d. Aug. 28, 1900 æ 51 yrs
- O'Donnell See Murray
- O'Keefe Arthur O'Keefe, native of the parish of Donareil, Co. Cork, d. May 27, 1873 æ 47 yrs; Elizabeth O'Keefe wife of Arthur, native of parish Mallow, Co. Cork, d. Jan. 22, 1888 æ 57 yrs
- O'Meara Daniel O'Meara, b. in Kings Co., d. April 10, 1883 æ 77 yrs; Mary wife of Daniel, d. June 5, 1889 æ 75 yrs
- O'Neill Jane, wid. of Joshua O'Neill, d. Dec. 17, 1870 æ 80 yrs; her dau. Sarah d. March 1, 1888 æ 45 yrs, natives of Mountmellick, Queens; erected by her dau. Mary Ann
- O'Neill Edward O'Neill d. Nov. 3, 1875 æ 63 yrs; Hannorah O'Neill d. Dec. 29, 1869 æ 61 yrs; both natives of Co. Waterford
- O'Neill Patrick O'Neill, b. in Kings Co., d. Feb. 15, 1889 æ 69 yrs. Eliza, wife of Patrick, native of Port Arlington, Kings Co., d. Dec. 3, 1882 æ 55 yrs [Hanley name also on stone]
- Owens Erected by James Owens in memory of Hugh Owens, native of Clonitric, parish of Olrenish, Co. Fermanagh, d. March 14, 1885 æ 62 yrs; wife Alice Owens d. Nov. 30, 1890 æ 60 yrs. In memory of James Owens, native of Clonitric, Co. Fermanagh, d. Oct. 13, 1907 æ 87 yrs; his wife Mary Owens, native of Glenmore, Co. Kerry, d. Jan. 7, 1904 æ 83 yrs
- Owens Morris Owens d. July 8, 1870 æ 85 yrs, native of Cluntric, parish Cloonish, Co. Fermanagh
- Rafferty Patrick Rafferty, b. Ballinasloe[, Galway], d. March 7, 1878 æ 41 yrs
- Reardon John Reardon, native Co. Cork, d. Sept. 20, 1882 æ 68 yrs; Ellen wife of John, d. Dec. 18, 1886 æ 71 yrs
- Reardon John Reardon, son of Michael Reardon of Geerth [Gearagh?], Co. Cork, d. Dec. 15, 1889 æ 57 yrs; erected by his wife Jane Reardon d. Aug. 6, 1905
- Reilly In memory of Denis Reilly, native of the parish of Cleanna [Cleanagh?], Queens Co., d. July 24, 1890 æ 68 yrs
- Rudden See Murphy; See also Ryan

- Russell Erected by George Russell in memory of his father William Russell who was b. in the parish of Dunkerin, Co. Tipperary, d. May 19, 1885 æ 86 yrs. George Russell d. Dec. 7, 1897 æ 59 yrs; Mary, his wife, d. Dec. 15, 1909 æ 58 yrs
- Ryan John Ryan d. Aug. 29, 1903; his wife Mary, b. Co. West-Meath, d. April 19, 1887 æ 46 yrs. Edward Ryan, b. in Co. Tipperary, d. Sept. 29, 1875 æ 25 yrs
- Ryan James Ryan d. [Jan.] 8, 1871 ... Co. Limerick ...[æ 27 yrs] [stone worn]
- Ryan In memory of John Ryan, b. Limerick, d. Sept. 26, 1882 æ 52 yrs; wife Catherine Rudden, b. Cavan, d. Dec. 4, 1916
- Ryle Patrick J. Ryle, native of Co. Kerry, d. June 28, 1909; Johanna his wife, d. July 20, 1930
- Sanford James Sanford, b. at Creigue, parish of Aglish, Co. Waterford, d. at New Haven Ct, May 2, 1879 æ 32 yrs
- Sanford See also Kenealy
- Shelly John Shelly, d. Jan. 13, 1886 æ 67 yrs, 8 mos; native of Co. Clare; Else, wife of John, d. Sept. 24, 1892 æ 67 yrs, 9 mos
- Smith Thomas Smith, b. in Co. Clare, d. June 26, 1889 æ 63 yrs; Mary wife of Thomas, d. Oct. 8, 1886 æ 50 yrs
- Smith Mary A. Smith, b. in Co. Monaghan, 1860-1926 [on Murphy / Clark / Mulreed stone]
- Smith See also Fagan; See also Walsh
- Staughton Ann Staughton wife of Edward Brown, of the parish Rattoo, Co Kerry, d. March 12, 1875 æ 48 yrs
- Staughton See also Carroll
- Stokes See Malloy
- Sullivan Mary Ann Sullivan, b. in Co. Cork, d. July 20, 1886 æ 65 yrs
- Sullivan In memory of Jeremiah Sullivan, b. in Glenmore, parish of Tousist [Tuosist], Co. Kerry, d. May 30, 1890, 82 yrs of his age
- Tobin Michael Tobin, b. in Co. Waterford, d. in Stamford Ct, Feb, 26, 1892 æ 41 yrs; erected by his wife Maria
- Tobin Margaret, wife of Michael Tobin, b. parish Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny March 17, 1837, d. July 24, 1891 æ 54 yrs; Michael Tobin, b. in Ballyduff, Co. Waterford, d. March 1, 1897 æ 62 yrs
- Tooher John Tooher, native of Kings Co., b. Sept. 12, 1858, d. Oct. 3, 1908; Bridget Alice McDonald, his wife, 1859-1923

- Walsh Eliza Walsh, native of Co. Leitrim, parish Fenagh, d. Jan. 30, 1877 æ 53 yrs; erected by Robert Walsh, native of Co. Cork, parish of Ballinainana, in memory of his wife.
- Walsh Mary Smith Walsh wife of Robert Walsh, native of Co. Monaghan, d. Dec. 12, 1889 æ 48 yrs
- Weed See Finley
- White John White, b. in Tralee, Co. Kerry, d. May 27, 1907 æ 70 yrs; Michael, d. Dec. 3, 1863 æ 6 mos; John, d. Oct 14, 1864 æ 10 wks; Sarah, d. June 29, 1872 æ 3 dys, children of John and Catherine White
- White Martin White, b. Aug. 10, 1849, d. Feb. 2, 1906, native Co. Galway; Ellen Connors, wife of Martin, b. Feb. 16, 1854, d. July 17, 1887, native Co. Clare
- Winkle Martin Winkle, native of Kinvarra, Co. Galway, d. June [8], 1890 æ 26 [24] yrs
- Winters Ann Winters, b. Glenmore, Co. Kerry, May 10, 1840, d. June 22, 1905

Pound Ridge, New York, Road Lists

Pound Ridge, New York, Road Lists for Years 1798, 1799, 1806-1830, transcribed by Richard Major. Pound Ridge Historical Society, January 2011.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries in New York all property owners, including widows, were responsible for laboring or providing labor to maintain the roads in their part of town. The number of days assessed was related to the value of their property. Other adult males were also assessed for day labor on the roads.

The "road lists" of those assessed provide a valuable tool for genealogists in this period when there was no requirement that all deeds be registered. It identifies all the adult males and other property owners, the relative value of their property, and the assessment district, which helps to locate the family within the town.

Dick Major and his colleagues are to be commended for making these road lists more accessible. Print quantities are quite limited but inquiries may be made at the Pound Ridge Historical Society, 914 764-4333 or prhsmuseum@earthlink.net.

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Newtown, Connecticut, Deaths 1890 – 1899

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The loss of the Federal Census of 1890 is a serious hindrance to family historians trying to document their families in this period. Databases which help to overcome this difficulty, including school records, tax records, and voting records for the town of Newtown, were described in an earlier issue of this journal.¹ Supplementing these, a database of deaths during the years 1890-1899 has been developed, making information from the vital records books more accessible for any of the 570 people whose deaths occurred in Newtown during that decade.

A printout of the Newtown Deaths 1890-1899 database is available in the C.H. Booth Library's genealogy room, in the Town Historian's Office located at Edmond Town Hall, Main Street, Newtown, CT, and on-line through Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ctgnc/>. The database contains the following information: name, date of death, age at death, marital status, place of birth, cause of death, occupation, color, and, in most cases, names of the deceased's parents including mother's maiden name.

By year, the number of Newtown Deaths were: 1890 – 66; 1891 – 57; 1892 – 81; 1893 – 55; 1894 – 55; 1895 – 36; 1896 – 51; 1897 – 57; 1898 – 46; 1899 – 66.

In a project such as this it is only natural to be curious about the people, their occupations and their cause of death. Consequently, we paused when we found that Edward B. Hawley's cause of death was, "fractured skull by cars." We didn't think there were many automobiles in Newtown in 1890, so we checked *The Newtown Bee* and found the story behind this and several other untimely deaths.

Edward B. Hawley

The vital record states: Edward B. Hawley died December 27, 1890. He was 19 years, 5 months, 8 days old. Edward was single, born in Newtown, CT, and cause of death was fractured skull by cars. He was a farmer, white, and the son of William E. and Mary L. Hawley.

The Newtown Bee reports: "Returning from his daily trip to the creamery at Newtown...Edward B., son of William E. Hawley and the team he drove were killed at the crossing near Patrick Houlihan's, about half a mile east of Hawleyville, by the 10:52 passenger train north. The train came to a stop as soon as possible, but, having seen the young man leap from the sled, went on to the station, where the accident was reported. Edward was found lying in the railroad ditch...face down in the snow, close by a small rock." Edward did not regain consciousness and died minutes after being removed to the house. Both horses perished in the accident. A coroner's inquest proceeding was begun.²

¹ Ray and Mary Maki, Substitute 1890 Census for Newtown, CT, *Connecticut Ancestry*, 48(August 2005):26-28.

² *The Newtown Bee*, 2 January 1891.

Another railroad accident that caught our attention was that of Maggie Houlihan.

Margaret Houlihan

The vital record states: Margaret "Maggie" Houlihan died February 9, 1894. She was 26 years, 6 months, 1 day old. Maggie was single, born in Newtown, CT, and cause of death was railroad accident. No occupation given, she was white and her parents were Patrick and Bridget Houlihan.

The Newtown Bee reports: Twenty-six-year-old Margaret Houlihan worked as a hat trimmer in Danbury, Connecticut until she received a "partial shock" which caused her to convalesce at home for several weeks. She tried to return to work, but her sickness affected her brain and she would become irrational. She could not continue to work. On a Friday afternoon in early February 1894, Maggie spoke of visiting her friends the Misses Brennan. Her parents discouraged her. But, "About 6 o'clock... she said she was going on an errand. Shortly afterward her parents heard the milk train whistle and stop and Mr. Houlihan ran down to see what was the matter, only to find his daughter had been struck by the engine and was in a dying condition... She was taken to the house where she soon died. Whether Miss Houlihan deliberately threw herself in front of the engine or whether she still had it in her mind to call on the Misses Brennan, and becoming confused fell on the track will never be known."³

Because Irish immigrants worked in the factories along the Pootatuck River, a database was published in *Connecticut Ancestry* (Nov. 2005; Vol. 48, #2) of "Place Names on Irish Tombstones, St. Rose Cemetery, Sandy Hook, CT." A few Irish workers found factory work and the nearby river could be dangerous. One such person was John W. Kilbride.

John W. Kilbride

The vital record states: John W. Kilbride died June 20, 1892. He was 26 years old. He was born in Newtown, CT, and cause of death was accidental drowning. He was a rubber worker, white, and the son of Michael and Mary D. Kilbride.

The Newtown Bee reports: On June 20, 1892, twenty-six-year-old John Kilbride was the third person within twelve years to succumb to the dark waters of the Pootatuck River. Somers Croffut found Kilbride's hat by the rubber factory pond. Telegrams were sent to New Jersey, Danbury and elsewhere. Eyes then went to the water near the rubber plant. Thomas Curtin dove into the water, finding nothing. After shop hours William Egan and Curtin took a boat out onto the pond and dragged for the body. Their rake finally caught on something, which turned out to be John Kilbride's body. "The theory is that Mr. Kilbride was searching for his hat in the dark and rolled down the bank under the rail, being in no condition, probably, to save himself after he once started down that sharp pitch."⁴

³ *The Newtown Bee*, 16 February 1894.

⁴ *The Newtown Bee*, 24 June 1892.

A year after John Kilbride's body was pulled from the water near the rubber factory, nineteen-year-old John Purtill's body was found in the Lower Rubber Factory Pond.

John Purtill

The vital record states: John Purtill died July 13, 1893. He was 19 years old, single, born in Ireland, and cause of death was accidental drowning. He was white, no occupation given, and his parents were James and Mary Purtill.

The Newtown Bee reports: The Irish born lad lived with his parents on the west side of the Rubber Pond. John was subject to fits that disrupted his ability to reason. It was not unusual for him to visit friends for an overnight, so his parents did not worry until he was away a couple of days. Neighbors were contacted and it was learned John was seen by Michael McCarty on Walnut Tree Hill, and then by Daniel Honan as he returned from work by the Walnut Tree Hill Schoolhouse. As William Egan and William Lester prepared to drag the lower pond, Purtill's body was found floating in an erect position near Black Bridge. It was supposed that as Purtill was walking near the pond, he may have had one of his fits, slipped and fell into the deep waters. The cause was ruled death by drowning.⁵

Three years earlier in January 1890, John's sister, eighteen-year-old Katie Purtill, had died of consumption. She was a mill hand.

And then we came upon Mary E. Hawley, not Newtown's benefactress, but another Mary Hawley who suffered a terrible death.

Mary E. Hawley

The vital record states: Mary E. Hawley died January 30, 1893. She was 49 years, 9 months old. She was married, born in Ireland, and cause of death was accident by burning. She was a housewife; white, no parent's names given.

The Newtown Bee reports: Isaac and Mary Hawley lived in the last house at the top of Hawleyville hill. On January 30, 1893 Isaac left the house early to milk his cows. At about 7 o'clock he thought he heard a cat mewing. The second time he heard that sound, he thought he heard his name. He ran from the barn towards the house to find his wife lying in the snow with her garments burned away. "Hastily summoning help from the nearest neighbors, all effort was made to relieve her terrible agony, but before medical aid arrived, her sufferings were at an end and she passed away." Mary E. Hawley suffered from nervous temperament and had become addicted to the drugs that were to help her. She dealt with her sleeplessness by sitting up by her stove, but this morning she apparently sat too close.⁶

According to the Hale Tombstone Collection both Isaac and Mary Hawley are buried in Land's End Cemetery, Newtown, CT.

⁵ *The Newtown Bee*, 21 July 1893.

⁶ *The Newtown Bee*, 3 February 1893.

Newtown businessman James Hobart Warner's mother's maiden name is found in both the vital record and in his obituary.

John Hobart Warner

The vital record states: James Hobart Warner died January 3, 1899. He was 63 years, 2 months old. He was married, born in Newtown, CT, and cause of death was paralysis. He was a merchant, white, and the son of Charles C. & Ann M. Clark Warner.

The Newtown Bee reports: "One of Newtown's Best Known Citizens." James Hobart Warner was "a son of Charles Camp Warner and Ann Clark Warner." James Hobart Warner began his career at the age of 17 as a clerk in the store of William B. Glover of Sandy Hook. He was eventually taken in as a partner of the brick store as it was best known. Mr. Warner had failing health for a year before he passed away, traveling West and South hoping a change would be beneficial. "In 1863 he married Florence J. Beers, who survives him. Their union, which was a most happy one, was blessed with six children, four of whom are living, Miss Mary S. Warner, Miss Florence A. Warner, Hobart G. Warner...Paul B. Warner, who is in business at Chicago."⁷

William Burr

The vital Record states: William A. Burr died July 15, 1893. He was 76 years old. He was married, born in Fairfield, CT, and cause of death was asthma. He was a farmer, black, and no parents' names were given.

The Newtown Bee reports: "Capt. William Burr, an aged colored man living in Hopewell District, Newtown, died Saturday morning, July 15, at the age of 76 years, after an illness of six months with consumption. He was highly respected in the community where he lived. He leaves four children, George and Eli Burr, Mrs. Dora Deloney and Mrs. Sarah Riley. The funeral was held from his late residence on Tuesday, the interment being in Bethel."⁸

And then we found intriguing stories such as this one about someone whose death is not included in Newtown's vital records.

John J. Ready

The Newtown Bee reports: Hawleyville residents were shocked that yard clerk John J. Ready was killed by railroad cars in Danbury. Ready was seen with Hawleyville resident Michael Keenan just hours before his death. What actually happened to Ready later that day is a mystery. It was thought that while walking on the top of a boxcar, he fell and was ground to pieces. Leroy Bronson, working at Merritt's factory reported the accident. Upon investigation, there was little blood, which made authorities think there may have been foul play.⁹

According to the Hale Tombstone Collection, John J. Ready was buried in St. Rose Cemetery, Sandy Hook, CT. He was born 18 April 1873; died 1 July 1893; and was the son of Patrick and Jane Ready.

⁷ *The Newtown Bee*, 6 January 1899.

⁸ *The Newtown Bee*, 21 July 1893.

⁹ *The Newtown Bee*, 21 July 1893.

Connecticut Probate Courts Undergo Major Reorganization

Nora Galvin

Connecticut's probate court system has been in place for over 350 years. New probate districts have been created and the system has been reorganized many times over the centuries. January 5, 2011, was the first day in a new era. A reorganization has reduced the number of courts by over 50 percent, consolidating many smaller courts to create fewer but larger courts.

Reasons for the restructuring

Each court is responsible for generating enough revenue from its proceedings to support itself, but some courts were chronically unable to meet this requirement. Several years ago the General Assembly named a commission to create a plan for a more efficient system. The plan reduced the number of probate courts from 117 to 54 and created some new regulations for records storage.

Table 1 lists the new districts and their component towns, giving the population in each district.¹ Cities which have retained their own courts have populations of at least 40,000. Predictably, the areas of the state with the lowest population density are affected the most by these changes.

Effects on Fairfield County

Prior to the reorganization each Fairfield County town had its own probate court. Now there are only 13 districts in the county, six of them regional (one includes towns from Litchfield County):

District 44 Bridgewater, Brookfield, New Fairfield, New Milford, Sherman

District 45 Bethel, Newtown, Ridgefield, Redding

District 46 Easton, Monroe, Trumbull

District 50 Weston, Westport

District 51 Norwalk, Wilton

District 52 Darien, New Canaan

Bridgeport, Danbury, Fairfield, Greenwich, Shelton, Stamford and Stratford have retained their own courts.

Disposition of records of closed courts

Part of the reorganization plan includes moving older probate records to the State Archives. Whether or not a court was affected by the reorganization, all probate files (also called packets or loose papers) created prior to 1976 and all record books created prior to 1920 are required to be housed in the State Archives. Exceptions can be made if a judge feels it is important to keep the records at the local court. Numerous courts have transferred their records to Hartford in recent years (listed in Table 2). Other districts have plans to do so in the coming months.

Year obtained	Office of Origin	Type of Record	Dates
2007	Southington	Papers	1867 - 1973
2009	New Milford	Books	1787 - 2006
2009	Woodstock	Papers	1930 - 1975
2009	Sherman	Papers	1935 - 1976
2010	Tolland	Books	1830 - 1920
2010	New Milford	Books	1804 - 1894

¹Adapted from http://www.jud.ct.gov/probate/Redistrict/54_court_plan.pdf . A map of the districts can be found at http://www.jud.ct.gov/probate/Redistrict/2011_Probate_Dist_Map.pdf

Year obtained	Office of Origin	Type of Record	Dates
2010	Brookfield	Books and Papers	1851 - 1976
2011	Stafford	Books	1759 - 1935
2011	Somers	Books	1834 - 1947
2011	Simsbury	Books and Papers	1769 - 1942
2011	Bridgeport	Books	1840 - 1955
2011	Stratford	Books	1782 - 1840
2011	Weston	Books	1832 - 1878
2011	Harwinton	Books and Papers	1835 - 1976
2011	Bristol	Books	1830 - 1921
2011	East Windsor	Papers	1900 - 1976
2011	Windham	Books	1719 - 1958
2011	East Windsor	Books	1782 - 1925
2011	Canton	Books	1841 - 1940
2011	Canton	Papers	1922 - 1976
2011	Lyme	Papers	1900 - 1976
2011	Torrington	Books	1847 - 1935

Table 2. Probate records recently moved to the Connecticut State Archives.²

Effects on Researchers

Since many probate courts' older records are no longer stored locally, researchers will need to go to Hartford to do their work. There are two ways to view Connecticut probate records.

1. Microfilm. Most loose papers and selected record books dated to about 1915, with the exception of some loose papers dated after 1880, have been microfilmed. The microfilms can be viewed at the State Library or at any Family History Library.

2. Original papers and record books: The original records can be requested from the archives for research in the State Library by patrons with a researchers card. It takes a day to get these records pulled, so be sure to call in your request the day before you need them.

Finding Aid

The State Library staff are taking this opportunity to create a new finding aid for probate records at the archives. They are going through every shelf and every drawer, creating a complete inventory of the record books and of the ranges of surnames on packets in drawers. This is a work in progress and will not be completed for some time. There is a finding aid online which contains useful information.³ However, it is not accurate in its information about previous jurisdictional changes. This finding aid will not be updated until it is replaced by the new one.⁴

Research at local probate courts

If you wish to research records in one of the new districts, it would be a good idea to call ahead to make sure the records are accessible. The redistricting is new and in some cases relocation and organization of records is still under way.

²Information about the probate records at the archives, the particular records that have been microfilmed and the creation of the new probate-record finding aid came from Mel Smith, Librarian, History and Genealogy Unit, Connecticut State Library, Hartford. Any errors are due to my misinterpretation of his explanation.

³<http://www.cslib.org/probate/index.htm>

⁴Mel Smith.

Table 1.

No.	Towns/Cities in the District	Population
1	Hartford	124,563
2	West Hartford	60,486
3	Bloomfield, East Granby, Suffield, Windsor Locks	53,410
4	East Windsor, South Windsor, Windsor	65,311
5	East Hartford	48,697
6	Glastonbury, Hebron	42,401
7	Newington, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield	74,208
8	Berlin, New Britain	90,918
9	Avon, Canton, Granby, Simsbury	62,293
10	Burlington, Farmington	34,227
11	Enfield, Somers, Stafford	67,647
12	Ellington, Vernon	44,046
13	Andover, Bolton, Columbia, Manchester	69,485
14	East Haddam, East Hampton, Marlborough, Portland	37,288
15	Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown	72,975
16	Meriden	59,225
17	Wallingford	44,679
18	Cheshire, Southington	70,975
19	Bristol, Plainville, Plymouth	90,115
20	Waterbury, Wolcott	123,581
21	Beacon Falls, Naugatuck, Middlebury, Prospect	54,226
22	Bethlehem, Oxford, Roxbury, Southbury, Washington, Watertown, Woodbury	73,526
23	Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Goshen, Hartland, New Hartford, Torrington, Winchester	63,324
24	Canaan, Cornwall, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Thomaston, Warren	43,501
25	Coventry, Mansfield, Tolland, Willington	57,846
26	Ashford, Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, Union, Woodstock	45,755
27	Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield, Sterling	41,985
28	Colchester, Chaplin, Hampton, Lebanon, Scotland, Windham	52,898
29	Bozrah, Franklin, Griswold, Lisbon, Norwich, Preston, Sprague, Voluntown	66,857
30	Groton, Ledyard, North Stonington, Stonington	80,976
31	New London, Waterford	44,698
32	East Lyme, Montville, Old Lyme, Salem	49,920
33	Chester/Saybrook, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook	62,314
34	Guilford, Madison	41,166
35	Branford, North Branford	43,390
36	East Haven, North Haven	52,634
37	Bethany, Hamden	63,412
38	New Haven	123,932
39	West Haven	52,676
40	Milford, Orange	69,258
41	Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, Woodbridge	56,425
42	Shelton	40,011
43	Danbury	79,226
44	Bridgewater, Brookfield, New Fairfield, New Milford, Sherman	64,946
45	Bethel, Newtown, Ridgefield, Redding	78,016
46	Easton, Monroe, Trumbull	61,520
47	Stratford	49,015
48	Bridgeport	136,695
49	Fairfield	57,548
50	Weston, Westport	36,708
51	Norwalk, Wilton	101,171
52	Darien, New Canaan	40,136
53	Stamford	118,475
54	Greenwich	61,871

Table 1. 54-Court Probate Plan

Alphabetical List of Probate Districts*

*Adapted from <http://www.jud.ct.gov/probate/Redistrict/Directory2011.pdf>

BERLIN
 Probate District (PD-08)
 One Liberty Square,
 New Britain, CT 06050
 Tel. (860) 826-2696

**BRANFORD - NORTH
 BRANFORD**
 Probate District (PD-35)
 1019 Main Street Branford,
 CT 06405
 Tel. (203) 488-0318

BRIDGEPORT
 Probate District (PD-48)
 202 State St., McLevy Hall,
 3rd FL.
 Bridgeport, CT 06604
 Tel. (203) 576-3945

**CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
 REGIONAL CHILDREN'S**
 Probate District (PD-56)
 1501 East Main Street, S203
 Meriden, CT 06450
 Tel. (203) 235-1014

**CHESHIRE -
 SOUTHLINGTON**
 Probate District (PD-18)
 84 South Main Street
 Cheshire, CT 06410
 Tel. (203) 271-6608

DANBURY
 Probate District (PD-43)
 City Hall Building
 155 Deer Hill Ave.
 Danbury, CT 06810
 Tel. (203) 797-4521

DARIEN - NEW CANAAN
 Probate District (PD-52)
 Town Hall
 2 Renshaw Road
 Darien, CT 06820
 Tel. (203) 656-7342

DERBY
 Probate District (PD-41)
 City Hall, 253 Main Street,
 2nd Fl.
 Ansonia, CT 06401
 Tel. (203) 734-1277

EAST HARTFORD
 Probate District (PD-05)
 Town Hall, 740 Main St.
 East Hartford, CT 06108
 Tel. (860) 291-7278

**EAST HAVEN - NORTH
 HAVEN**
 Probate District (PD-36)
 Town Hall, 250 Main St.
 East Haven, CT 06512
 Tel. (203) 468-3895

ELLINGTON
 Probate District (PD-12)
 14 Park Place
 Vernon, CT 06066
 Tel. (860) 872-0519

FAIRFIELD
 Probate District (PD-49)
 Sullivan Independence Hall
 725 Old Post Road
 Fairfield, CT 06824
 Tel. (203) 256-3041

**FARMINGTON -
 BURLINGTON**
 Probate District (PD-10)
 One Monteith Drive
 Farmington, CT 06032
 Tel. (860) 675-2360

**GLASTONBURY -
 HEBRON**
 Probate District (PD-06)
 2155 Main St. Glastonbury,
 CT 06033
 Tel. (860) 652-7629

GREATER MANCHESTER
 Probate District (PD-13)
 66 Center St.
 Manchester, CT 06040
 Tel. (860) 647-3227

GREATER WINDSOR
 Probate District (PD-04)
 Town Hall
 1540 Sullivan Avenue
 South Windsor, CT 06074
 Tel. (860)644-2511 x371

GREENWICH
 Probate District (PD-54)
 Town Hall, 101 Field Point
 Rd.
 Greenwich, CT 06836
 Tel. (203) 622-7879

HAMDEN - BETHANY
 Probate District (PD-37)
 Gov't Center
 2750 Dixwell Avenue
 Hamden, CT 06518
 Tel. (203) 287-7082

HARTFORD

Probate District (PD-01)
250 Constitution Plaza, 3rd
Fl.
Hartford, CT 06103
Tel. (860) 757-9150

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Book Review

Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, *Descendants of John Mills of Stamford, Connecticut* (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2010, 556 pp., indexed), \$44.95 from the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

The author is undoubtedly the most prolific writer of genealogical materials that our Society has ever (proudly) had as an active member. This book is her latest release in what seems to be an ever-increasing flurry of activity. Her *Colony of Connecticut Minutes of the Court of Assistants 1669-1711*, just appeared a year ago in 2009, and her *Hartford County, Connecticut, County Court Minutes Volumes 3 and 4 1663-1687, 1697*, arrived only 4 years before that in 2005, not even counting many other books and manuscripts, and numerous articles in a variety of journals. This present volume is a welcome companion to her Jacobus Award-winning *Descendants of Peter Mills of Windsor, Connecticut, Formerly Named Pieter Wouterse vander Meulen*, of 1998.

The first 4 generations (76 pages) of this new genealogy have already appeared in installments in our own journal, *Connecticut Ancestry*. The subject John Mills, probably a son of Robert¹ Mills of York, Maine, first appeared in Stamford as an adult in 1687, and many of his descendants have continued to live in our focus area ever since. Readers who have noticed or suspected connections with this particular Mills family will now be able to follow their lines of interest down to the 9th generation, generally born in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

As usual, Helen's genealogical style and content are both exemplary. As Associate Editor and Book Review Coordinator for the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, she regularly helps others with these matters, and her own work always sets an example for all of us who keep trying to "get it right."¹ Her informative footnotes and the 14-page Bibliography should be studied as guides and clues to additional resources by all researchers of Fairfield County families.

Wives of Mills husbands are indexed under their maiden surname as well as under the Mills heading. But some additional features of the 46-page index are downright outstanding. All location names have been indexed, alphabetically under headings of state and country names. Researchers wondering what family events may have happened, say, in Albany, New York, are immediately referred to pages 59 and 427. Similarly, all occupations have also been indexed so that researchers who are interested in, for example, what descendants may have become oystermen (and there were lots of them) may quickly find them on 14 specific pages. These features are tremendously useful in many research situations, and it's unfortunate that more authors do not take the extra time to provide them as Helen has done.

My only recommendation for improvement regards illustrations. This book includes only three, and two of them are old, hard to read documents. We genealogists tend to use fewer illustrations than biographers do, and we should all do better. Even the simplest illustration (an original signature, a small chart or map, an old post card, etc.) can make a page come alive, adding understanding and perspective to the text itself. But this is a minor detail - the bottom line here is that the author has contributed a major new genealogy, expertly written, of an interesting family from our focus area.

--- Frederick C. Hart Jr., CG, FASG

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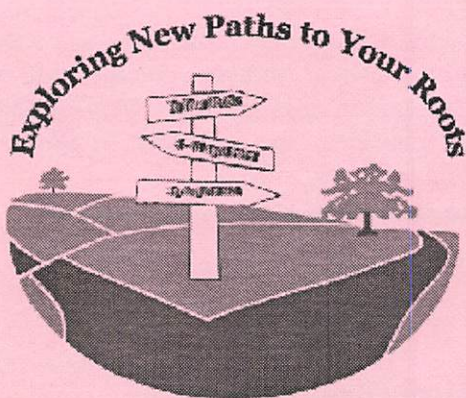
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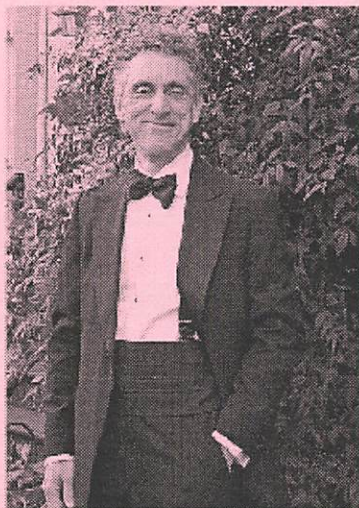
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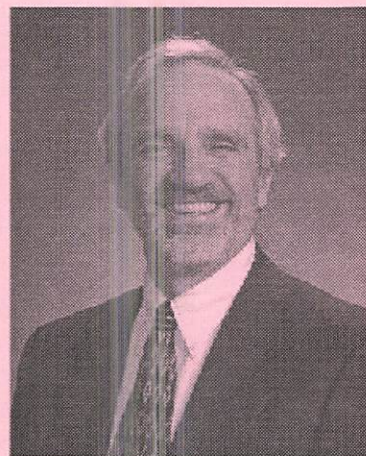


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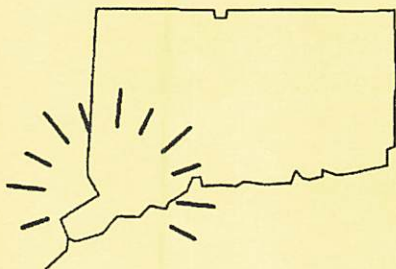
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This last issue of our membership year begins a new series which we expect to be of significant value to all Connecticut researchers. In the period 1847 to 1852 vital records in Connecticut were kept by the school district committeemen. That means a page each for births, marriages, and deaths for each of the numerous rural school districts (14 in Newtown and 8 in Monroe, for example). None of these are in the Barbour Collection which nominally continues to 1850. The records offer much more detail than the earlier family group records or the series of marriage records which began in 1820.

This issue begins with an overview of these records. There are now 23 towns in Fairfield County. Bethel was established in 1855, after the period of these records, and New Fairfield records, including these, were destroyed in an 1868 fire. The school district records for 16 of the remaining 21 towns are available on microfilm, but only those for Fairfield, Norwalk, Stamford, and Westport have been indexed.

Included in this issue are all the school district records for Newtown in the 1847-1852 period, a total of some 220 births, 110 marriages, and 180 deaths, sorted into alphabetical order. In future issues we hope to include transcriptions of these records for others of the Fairfield County towns, and we would welcome any offers to help with the transcription effort.

This issue includes a review of a new, self-published book on the descendants of Francis Hall, an early Fairfield County immigrant. And it concludes with the every-name issue for the volume year.

Harlan R. Jessup

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Vital Records of Fairfield County Towns to 1900 with a Focus on Records of 1847-1852

Harlan R. Jessup

Beginning in 1640 Connecticut colony statutes required the recording of births, marriages, and deaths by all town clerks. Only a few towns fully complied and these only for a few years. Later in the 17th century most towns began to keep records by family group, listing marriages, the births of children, and a few deaths. (Among Fairfield County towns only Newtown recorded all deaths in a separate Bill of Mortality beginning in 1797.) In many towns these early vital records are entered in the back of deed books.

The Barbour Collection of Vital Records, indexed for each town in Connecticut, missed just a few of the early records. For Fairfield County the records omitted from Barbour have been transcribed and have been published in this journal and in *The Connecticut Nutmegger* as follows:

“Darien Vital Records, Book I: Another Barbour Omission” *Connecticut Ancestry*, 44 (November 2001): 55-59.

“Easton, Connecticut, Marriages, 1845-1854,” *Connecticut Ancestry*, 50 (February 2008): 137-141.

“Newtown, CT - Bills of Mortality, 1797-1821: A Supplement to the Barbour Index,” *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, 29 (December 1996): 395-407.

“Early Vital Records of Redding, CT, a Recent Discovery,” *Connecticut Ancestry*, 50 (August 2007): 34-35.

“Huntington (Shelton) Marriages, 1820-1827,” *Connecticut Ancestry* 43 (May 2001): 143-146.

“Trumbull Vital Records – 1734-1841,” *Connecticut Ancestry*, 49 (May 2007): 151-176.¹

In 1820 a new statute required all marriages to be recorded, and most towns complied. For Fairfield County these are all included in the Barbour Collection with the exception of Shelton and Easton as noted above. In some towns these marriage records continue into the 1850's or even later, sometimes duplicating the school district records described below. They include only dates and names of the married couple and the reporting officiant, omitting ages, occupations, and towns of birth and residence as found in the school district records.

Beginning in August 1847, towns were required to keep records of births, marriages, and deaths by school district. Though the Barbour Collection nominally includes records to "about 1850," *none* of this series of records is included for Fairfield County. In a few cases the towns did not comply or the records have been lost. Those vital records by school district, 1847 to about 1852, are available on microfilm for the Fairfield County towns as noted below. Indexes are included on the microfilm only for Fairfield, Stamford, Westport, and for births in Norwalk.

¹ Of the records missed by Barbour only those for Trumbull have been microfilmed as LDS #1491334.

For most towns, transcriptions for the first year of these school district records, August 1847 to August 1848, were submitted to the state. These are found in the State Archives, Record Group 6, as indicated in the table below. For five Fairfield County towns, Brookfield, Easton, New Canaan, Ridgefield, and Sherman, these appear to be the only extant copies of vital records for this period.

The Beers Atlas of 1867 shows the school districts for each Fairfield County town,² and these records, where available, will give a more precise location for each family in the record. The school district records of Newtown are published in this issue, and it is hoped that such records from other towns will be transcribed and published in future issues of *Connecticut Ancestry*.

Town, date est.	1847-8 Records in State Archives	1847-52 Film #	Notes
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Brookfield, 1788	x		
Danbury, 1687		#1435525	Transcription omits name of school district.
Darien, 1820	x	#1434227	
Easton, 1845	x		
Fairfield, 1639	x	#1434093	Film includes index
Greenwich, 1665	x	#1444365	Uses school district forms, but may not accurately specify district.
Monroe, 1823		#1435631	
New Canaan, 1801	x		
New Fairfield, 1740			Vital records destroyed in 1868 fire.
Newtown, 1711	x	#1435629	
Norwalk, 1651	x	#1434302	Film includes index to births.
Redding, 1767	x	#1435589	Transcription omits name of school district.
Ridgefield, 1709	x		
Shelton, 1789 (was Huntington)	x	#1435632	Transcription omits name of school district.
Sherman, 1802	x		
Stamford, 1641	x	#1434311	Film includes index
Stratford, 1639	x	#1428083	
Trumbull, 1797		#1491335	
Weston, 1787	x	#1435804	
Westport, 1835	x	#1480168	Film includes index
Wilton, 1802	x	#1435805	Transcription omits name of school district.

² *Atlas of New York and Vicinity*, F. W. Beers, New York, 1867.

In 1852 a new statute required that vital records be kept in ledger books by the town clerk, and most towns did comply. In several towns these entries are on the same forms as the school district records, omitting separate reporting by district. In 1876 the vital records ledgers were amended to include additional data such as the maiden names of mothers in birth records and names of parents in death records. There is no statewide index for vital records after the Barbour Collection ends—for the school district records, the ledger book series of 1852, or the series of 1876.

Almost all of the records from the earliest to 1900, and sometimes for a few years beyond, have been microfilmed by the Family History Library. Omissions from the microfilm series, in addition to those listed above, include early records from the following two towns (though these are part of the Barbour Collection):

From Fairfield, a volume labeled "Vital Records, Book 1," and

From Greenwich, three volumes, "Book of Early Records, 1640-1754," "Common Place Book 1671-1754," and "Vital Records, Volume 1."

Beginning in July 1897 towns were required to submit copies of all birth, marriage, and death records to the State Board of Health, and a statewide index to these records is available at the Vital Records office in Hartford.

Vital Records of Newtown, CT, by School District, 1847-1852

Harlan R. Jessup

From the first Monday in August, 1847, to the first Monday in August, 1852, records of vital events were required to be submitted by the school district committeemen for all Connecticut towns. For each of the fourteen school districts and for each school year there was a four-page report, one page each for births, marriages, and deaths, and one for certification by the committeeman. These are now bound in a single volume for the entire period.

Transcribed on the following pages, the reports for Newtown's fourteen districts have been sorted in alphabetical order by surname. Some of the reports may have been lost, as not every district is reported for each year. It is also readily apparent that some committeemen were more conscientious and some had a better understanding of how data were to be entered on the forms.

As required by statute, beginning in 1853 all births, marriages, and deaths were recorded in a new ledger book by the town clerk, and these records appear quite complete. Note, however, that no vital events were recorded in Newtown from the end of the school year in August 1852 until the new records begin in January 1853.

Births, Newtown, CT, 1847-1852

* School Districts: 1 - Middle, 2 - South Center, 3 - North Center, 4 - Sandy Hook, 5 - Zoar, 6 - Hanover, 7 - Lake George, 8 - Grays Plain, 9 - Huntington, 10 - Flat Swamp, 11 - Head of Meadow, 12 - Hopewell, 13 - Toddy Hill, 14 - Pootatuck, 15 - Middle Gate, 16 - Palestine, 17 - Gregory's Orchard, 18 - Halfway River, 19 - Taunton, 20 - Lands End

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16	Jun 1851	[blank]	[blank]	John [blank] [blank]		White	Laborer	Newtown
14	17 Feb [1850]	Alden	Henry B.	Henry A. Alden Mary N. "		White	Manufacturer	Newtown
4	23 Nov 1850	Andrews	Frances Caroline	George Andrews [Blank]		White	Mechanic	Newtown
4	16 May 1849	Andrews	Geo. Edward	Geo. A. Andrews Nancy "	24 17	White "	Hatter	Newtown "
17	23 Jan 1849	Arnnol[<i>si</i> <i>c Arnold</i>]	Francis J.	Albert A. Arnnol Caroline "		White	Hat maker	Newtown
7	25 Feb 1850	Bailey	Harriet E.	Reuben B. Bailey Harriet Bailey	30 29	White	Farmer	Newtown
7	4 Jun [1848]	Baily	Not named	Reuben B. Baily Harriet "		White "	Farmer	Newtown "
8	12 Mar 1851	Barnes	Baby female	Cyrus Barnes [blank]		White	Stone mason	Newtown
10	12 Jan 1851	Barnum	Male	Horace Barnum Laura Ann "	30 22	White "	Farmer	Newtown
11	12 Oct [1847]	Bassett	[blank]	George Bassett Cloa [<i>sic</i>] "		White		Newtown
3	24 May 1849	Beardslee	Not named	Abel F. Beardslee Hannah "	32 29	White "	Farmer	Newtown
5	21 Jul [1849]	Beardslee	Not named	Edwin Beardslee Susan A. "	28 27	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "

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5	17 Dec 1847	Beers	Ann	A. B. Beers Elizabeth "		White "	Farmer	Newtown "
1	10 Apr 1850	Beers	Infant female	Chas. Beers Mary A. "	53 35	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
1	2 Aug 1847	Beers	John	Charles Beers Mary A. "	52 39	White "	Farmer	Newtown "
13	7 Mar 1850	Beers	Mary E.	David H. Beers Lucy "	34 30	White	Agriculture	Newtown
16	2 Dec 1848	Beers	Warren Elias	Norman Beers Betsey "		White "	Farmer	Newtown
1	4 Nov [1848]	Belden	Infant son	David H. Belden Ann "	52 30	White "	Attorney	Newtown
1	28 Aug 1849	Belden	Reuben Booth	David H. Belden Ann C. "	50 35	White "	Attorney at law	Newtown
3	20 May 1851	Bell	Anna	A. N. Bell Julia "		White	Mechanic	Newtown
3	14 May 1849	Bell	Mary Frances	Agrippa A. Bell Juliana "	29 29	White "	Physician	Newtown
17	23 Aug 1850	Benedict	Baby female	Gord [sic] Benedict Delia "		White		Newtown
17	10 Jun 1848	Benedict	Georgianna I.	Luke Benedict Mary "	34 23	White "	Mechanic	
3	16 Feb 1851	Blackman	Female	Joseph Blackman Mary "		White	Farmer	Newtown
7	1 Sep 1848	Blackman	Frances E.	James Blackman Harriett "	42 41	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
7	1 Mar [1848]	Blackman	Not named	Bennet Blackman Hepsa "		White "	Mechanic	Newtown "

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3	15 Sep 1850	Blackman	Wm. B. Glover	Henry B. Glover Eliza M. "		White	Farmer	Newtown
1	13 Sep 1849	Booth	Ann Maria	Lewis Booth Elizabeth "	29 30	White "	Farmer	Newtown
9	Apr 1850	Booth	Infant female	Carlos B. Booth [blank]		White	Farmer	Newtown
17	2 Dec 1849	Booth	Sophia Ann	Orville Booth Anis "	35 37	White	Mason	Newtown
15	27 May 1850	Botsford	Baby female	Heman Botsford Harriet "	24 18	White	Merchant	Newtown
3	27 Sep [1849]	Botsford	Charlotte	Abel Botsford Charlotte "	40 38	White "	Farmer	Newtown
14	18 Oct 1848	Botsford	Edward [twin]	George Botsford Harriett "		White	Farmer	Newtown
14	18 Oct 1848	Botsford	Fredrick [twin]	George Botsford Harriett "		White	Farmer	Newtown
9	22 May 1850	Botsford	Infant female	Heman Botsford [blank]		White	Merchant	Newtown
18	25 Dec [1848]	Bradley	Elen A.	Wm A. Bradley Clarissa "		White	Merchant	Newtown
8	12 Nov 1850	Bradley	Eunisa	George W. Bradley [blank]		White	Farmer	Newtown
13	22 Jul 1849	Bradley	Mary Jane	W. Bradley I. "		White		Newtown
4	11 Sep 1847	Brett	William Fiske	Edgar Brett Maria A. "	33 33	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
19	27 Jan [1850]	Brisco	Alfred Mead	Isaac Brisco Cornelia "	23 21	White "	Butcher	Newtown
17	31 Jan 1848	Brisco	Mary J.	Harry Brisco Carioline "	35 33	White "	Mechanic	

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3	10 Nov [1849]	Buckley	Eugene	Brunzon Buckley Polly "	39 37	White "	Carpenter & joiner	Newtown
6	16 Apr 1850	Buckley	Infant girl	Widow Buckley	25	White		Newtown
4	16 Mar 1851	Burnett	Infant female	George Burnett [blank]		White	Mechanic	Newtown
3	12 Jan [1849]	Burr	Edgar	Uriah Burr Catharine "	35 32	White "	Combmaker	Newtown
6	17 Nov [1848]	Butcher	Mary Amelia	William Butcher Unice "	34 30	White "	Farmer	Newtown "
19	29 Sep [1849]	Cables	Juliette [twin]	Nathaniel J. Cables Phebe "	26 22	White "	Hatter	Newtown
19	29 Sep [1849]	Cables	Julius [twin]	Nathaniel J. Cables Phebe "	26 22	White "	Hatter	Newtown
19	12 Jan 1850	Camp	Catharine Frances	Beach Camp Catharine "	44 40	White "	Farmer	Newtown
19	3 Feb [1850]	Camp	Infant male	Hiram Eliza	42 41	White "	Farmer	Newtown
3	11 Jun [1850?]	Carley	Mary A.	James Carley Bridget "	32 31	White "	Laborer	Newtown
2	14 Jul 1851	Cathorn	Baby	John Cathorn [blank]		White	Clothier	Newtown
5	29 Apr [1850]	Cato	Stillborn	Henry Cato Dinah "	40 38	Black "	Day labourer	Newtown
1	21 Aug [1849]	Clark	Infant female	Philo Clark Minerva "	30 26	White "	Farmer	Newtown
9	14 Apr 1850	Clarke	Sherwood	James Clarke [blank]		White	Shoe manu- facturer	Newtown
4	19 Feb [1850]	Conklin	Baby female	A. Conklin Anne "		White	Hatter	Newtown

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1	19 Jun 1851	Corbit	Female illeg.	Margaret Corbit	20	White	Servant	Newtown
3	19 Nov 1850	Couch	Ann E.	Chas. Couch Patience "		Black	Laborer	Newtown
4	12 Nov 1850	Couch	George R.	Nathan Couch Betsey "		White	Mechanic	Newtown
8	[1850/51]	Curtis	Baby female	Cyrenius Curtis [blank]		White	Farmer	Newtown
5	8 Apr 1850	Curtis	Ezra W.	Julius C. Curtis Jane "	26 25	White "	Button maker	Newtown
5	8 Dec [1848]	Curtis	Henry Gould	Samuel Curtis Mary "	32 21	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
8	Apr 1849	Curtis	Not named	Nehemiah Curtis [blank]	38	White	Farmer	Newtown
5	28 May [1850]	Curtis	William E.	William Curtis Wife "	28 28	White "	Tinner	Newtown
4	3 Jul [1850]	Dick	J. J.	Wm J. Dick Caroline "	27 22	White	Manufacturer	Newtown
5	24 Jul 1851	Donlan	Thomas G.	Bernard Donlan Mary "		White	Laborer	Newtown
12	29 Dec 1850	Doran	Charles	John Doran Mary "	36 25	White "	Farmer	Newtown
19	Jun [1849]	Duffee	Catharine	Patrick Duffee Catharine "		White "	Farmer	Newtown "
3	28 May 1849	Dunn	Peter	John Dunn Ann "		White "	Farmer	Newtown
20	31 Jul 1848	Edmond	Baby	James Edmond Eliza "	41 41	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
4	20 Apr [1850]	Ely	F. E. female	Thos. Ely Ann E. "		White	Hatter	Newtown

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3	27 Aug [1849]	Fairchild	Baby female	Marcus Fayette Fairchild Mary "	27 20	White "	Shoemaker	Newtown
6	Mar 1851	Fairchild	Baby male	Lewis H. Fairchild Jane "			Mechanic	Newtown
19	29 Jun [1850]	Fairchild	Catharine	Henry Fairchild Caroline "	32 30	White "	Farmer	Newtown
1	30 Nov 1847	Fairchild	Henry	Mathew H. Fairchild Maryette "	36 33	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
19	4 Feb [1850]	Fairchild	Infant male	Legrand Fairchild Emily "	30 30	White "	Carpenter & Joiner	Newtown
19	3 Dec 1848	Fairchild	Julia A.	David W. Fairchild Emeline "	37 28	White "	Carpenter	Newtown "
6	29 Jun 1851	Fairchild	Julia A.	Edmond Fairchild Lois "	37 34	White	Farmer	Newtown
19	24 Aug 1847	Fairchild	Julius B.	Legrand Fairchild Emily "	28 27	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
1	10 Feb 1850	Fairchild	Male	Matthew Fairchild Maryette "	38 35	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
3	21 Aug 1849	Fairman	Annie	Chas. Fairman Eliza "	40 39	White "	Shoemaker	Newtown
3	3 Apr 1848	Fairman	Sarah E.	Charles Fairman Eliza "	38 38	White "	Shoemaker	Newtown "
20	2 Sep 1848	Farrel	Margaret	Laurence Farrel Frances "	38 32	White "	Farmer	Newtown
4	28 Nov 1850	Farrell	Juliann	William Farrell [blank]		White	Mechanic	Newtown
12	6 Nov 1849	Ferry	Augustus H.	Milo Ferry Caroline "		White "	Farmer	Newtown

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3	30 Aug 1849	Foote	Eunice M.	Joseph Foote Elizabeth "	24 23	White "	Shoemaker	Newtown
3	4 Dec 1848	Foote	Francis H.	Hepsa Foote	32	White	Seamstress	Newtown
10	28 Jul 1848	Franklin	Annamella [?]	James Franklin [blank]	26	White	Farmer	Newtown
4	5 Oct 1850	Gibson	Child male	E. Gibson [blank]		White	Merchant	New York
9	23 Mar 1849	Gilbert	Grace	George Gilbert Julia Ann "		White "		Newtown "
9	Jan 1851	Gilbert	Issabel [sic]	George Gilbert Julia "		White	Mechanic	Newtown
9	29 Jan 1849	Gilbert	Martha A.	Horace Gilbert Amanda "		White "		Newtown "
4	1 Jun 1849	Gilbert	Not named	Wanzer Gilbert Marinda "	43 42	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
4	Jun [1850]	Glover	Baby female	D. J. Glover Ann "		White	Carpenter	Newtown
6	15 Apr 1848	Glover	No name	Norman B. Glover Amelia "	40 38	White "	Farmer	Newtown "
6	16 Oct [1848]	Glover	Walter H.	Benjamin N. Glover Harriet A. "	37 28	White "	Farmer	Newtown "
12	11 May 1850	Godfrey	Abzina	Austin Godfrey Esther B. "		White "	Shoemaker	Newtown
12	25 Sep 1848	Godfrey	Not named	Austin Godfrey Wife "		White "	Mechanic	Newtown
12	30 Dec 1850	Goodsill	Mary E.	Samuel B. Goodsill Polly W. "		White	Farmer	Newtown
8	16 Sep [1847]	Graton	Jane A.	John W. Graton Jane "	25 21	White "	Merchant	New York

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4	3 May 1849	Gray	Catharine M.	Harrison Gray Mary Ann "	18 24	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
15	25 Apr 1850	Gray	Mary Esther	Plumb B. Gray Mary J. "	29 26	White	Farmer	Newtown
10	20 May 1851	Gregory	Female	Daniel Gregory Catharine "	30 22	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
15	Nov 1848	Griffin	Brisco A.	John Griffin Julia A. "	25 28	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
2	21 Aug 1850 [sic, but 1849?]	Griswold	Julia F.	Zalmon M. Griswold Lena "		White "	Hatter	Newtown
4	8 Dec 1850	Hall	Chas. H.	Daniel Hall Sarah "		White	Mechanic	Newtown
11	27 Sep 1850	Hall	Elizabeth N.	Duranzel Hall Maranda "		White	Tailor	Bridgeport, CT
4	23 Jul 1848	Hall	No name	Daniel Hall Sarah "	25 26	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
11	May 1851	Hard	Emily E.	Alphonzo Hard Eliza "		White	Mechanic	Newtown
4	1 Aug 1848	Hard	Infant	Graham Hard Polly "		White "	Pedlar	Newtown "
4	9 Aug 1848	Hard	Josephine	Graham Hard Polly "	32 33	White "	Pedlar	Newtown "
4	29 Oct 1850	Hart	Florence	John Hart [blank]		White	Mechanic	Newtown
20	14 Feb 1851	Hawley	Arthur	Isaac N. Hawley [blank]		White	Farmer	Newtown
6	19 Jan 1848	Hawley	Fredrick	Charles G. Hawley Anah [sic] "	31 29	White "	Farmer	Newtown "

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20	30 Sep 1848	Hawley	Harriette S.	Robert N. Hawley Harriette "	36 31	White "	Farmer	Newtown
20	25 Jan 1849	Hawley	Henry S.	Daniel B. Hawley Olive "	44 34	White "	Farmer	Newtown
6	3 Mar 1850	Hawley	Thomas	Charles. G. Hawley Anna "	35 30	White "	Shoemaker	Newtown "
2	23 Jan [1850]	Henderson	James H.	Daniel K. Henderson Dorithy "		White "	Shoemaker	Newtown
2	15 Jun [1849]	Henderson	Unknown	Stephen Henderson Roxanna "	21 18	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
3	22 Sep [1849]	Hills	Juliann	Jeremiah Hills Emiline "	37	White "	Combmaker	Newtown
17	12 Mar 1851	Hinman	Baby male	William Hinman Polly A. "		White		Newtown
6	20 Dec 1850	Hogan	Catharine A.	Patrick Hogan Rosanna "	26 22		Labourer	Newtown
14	[1850/51]	Hough	Infant male	Gustavus A. Hough Jane "		White	Mechanic	Newtown
4	24 Oct 1850	Hoyt	George	Ira S. Hoyt [blank]		White	Mechanic	Newtown
4	22 Oct [1849]	Hubbell	Chas. H.	Horace Hubbell Eunice "		White	Manufacturer	Newtown
5	18 Jul 1848	Hull	Mary A.	Laurin Hull Hannah Tongue		White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
1	13 Mar 1848	Hull	Mary Frances	David H. Hull Mary "		White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
3	18 Dec 1848	Jefferson	Thomas	Thomas Jefferson Betsey "	42 40	Black "	Farmer	Newtown

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4	28 Jan 1848	Jones	Catharine A.	David W. Jones Catharine W. "	34 33	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
3	15 Jan 1849	Judson	Martha J	Munroe[?] Judson Sarah "	29 25	White "	Physician	Newtown
4	6 Jul 1848	Judson	No name	John Judson Caroline "	30 33	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
3	11 Jun 1848	Keeler	Baby	Nathan W. Keeler Susan K. "	27 24	White "	Tailor	Newtown "
1	31 Jul [1848]	Keeler	Infant daut.	Elizur W. Keeler Clara A. "	40 35	White "	Teacher	Newtown
5	23 Mar 1851	Keeler	Sarah E.	John Keeler Mary A. "	36	White	Mechanic	Newtown
5	18 Apr [1850]	Keeler	Stillborn	John Keeler Wife "	35 30	White "	Combmaker	Newtown
14	26 Mar 1850	Kilbride	John	Patrick Kilbride Margaret "		White	Labourer	Newtown
10	[1848/9]	Knapp	Geo.	Geo. Knapp [blank]			Blacksmith	Newtown
16	3 Oct 1850	Lake	Delia Rebecca	Joseph R. Lake Emiline Lake		White	Mechanic	Newtown
17	23 Dec 1849	Lattin	James	Harvey Lattin Phebe "	42 33	White	Hatter	Newtown
20	18 Dec 1848	Lavey	Catharine	Michael Lavey Ann "	34 31	White "	Rail Road Agent	Newtown "
1	24 Nov 1850	Lawrence	Infant female	George Lawrence Mabel "	29	White	Mechanic	Newtown
3	5 Dec 1850	Loper	Emily J.	David Loper Mary "		White	Mechanic	Newtown
18	12 Sep 1847	Loveland	Fredrick H.	Giles Loveland Luvanda "	47 48	White	Farmer	Newtown

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12	4 Aug 1848	Lyon	Elizabeth	A. Morris Lyon Abigail "		White "	Mechanic	Newtown
12	Jul 1848	Lyon	Infant	Morehouse Lyon Nabby "	35 35	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
3	26 May 1849	Madigan	Mary	Patrick Madigan Margaret "		White "	Farmer	Newtown
4	29 Jun 1849	Mants[?]	Henry	Joseph Mants Sally "	38 33	White "	Hatter	Newtown "
1	14 Jun 1850	McCan	John	Joseph McCan Catharine "	25 26	White "	Farmer	Newtown
16	30 Jun 1848	McHenry	Alex.	Alex McHenry Wife " [sic]		White "	Farmer	Newtown "
13	27 Jan 1849	McLane	Alonzo	Illegitimate McLane		White		Newtown
18	25 Jun [1849]	Miller	Columbus	Stub [sic] Miller Lydia "		White	Farmer	Newtown
18	21 Jan 1848	Miller	Wm. M.	Edward Miller Lydia "		Black "	Farmer	Newtown
10	4 Oct 1847	Morgan	Cornelia Jane	Ezra Morgan [blank]	47	White	Merchant	Newtown
10	18 Jul 1851	Morgan	Female	Ezra Morgan Hannah "	45 35	White "	Merchandise	Newtown
4	11 Mar 1849	Munson	Charles	George Munson Adelia "	22 19	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
2	11 Mar 1848	Munson	Charles J.	Fredrick A. Munson Maria "	40 36	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
2	30 Nov 1850	Munson	Emily A.	Frederick A. Munson [blank]	44	White	Shoemaker	Newtown
1	31 Mar [1848]	Nichols	Infant son	Isaac Nichols Louisa "	45 35	White	Farmer	Newtown

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9	25 Aug 1847	Nichols	Jerome	Henry Nichols	38	White	Mechanic	Newtown
				Polly Ann "	34	"		
15	Sep 1848	Nichols	Unknown	John Nichols	43	White	Teacher	Monroe
				Catharine "	24	"		
17	10 May 1851	Northrop	Baby male	Andrew Northrop Betsey "		White		Newtown
17	25 Dec 1849	Northrop	Ferdinand	David J. Northrop Sylvia "	30 28	White	Hat manu- facturer	Newtown
17	23 Jul 1849	Northrop	No name	Alonzo Northrop Mayantte[?] "		White	Farmer	Newtown
11	Jan [1849]	Northrup	Sarah	Walter Northrup, Jr. Emily "		White "	Farmer	Newtown
4	1 May 1851	Ocorr	Howard	Sheldon Ocorr [blank]		White	Mechanic	Newtown
17	26 Nov 1848	Parmlee	No name	Herman Parmlee Polly "		White	Carpenter	Newtown
4	2 Dec 1847	Parson	Thomas Arthur	Moses Parson Emily "	54 31	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
4	1 Dec 1850	Parsons	James E.	Moses Parsons [blank]		White	Mechanic	Newtown
17	27 Oct 1847	Patchin	Theodore	Isaac Patchin Abigail "	29 28	White "	Mechanic	
20	10 Nov 1847	Patterson	Susan E.	William Patterson Emma "	28 27	White "	Farmer	Wallingford
8	3 May [1848]	Payne	Robert	Harris (?) Payne Julia M. "	34 29	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
17	6 Feb 1851	Payne	Still born	Sebra [sic] Payne Caroline "		White		Newtown
1	Feb 1848	Pease	George Henry	John Pease Mary "	23 20	Colored "	Farmer	Newtown "

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3	10 Aug 1848	Pease	Not named	William Pease Annetta "		Black "	Farmer	Newtown
1	1 May 1850	Peck	Abigail	George Peck Ann "	35 35	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
4	20 Aug 1849	Peck	Edward L.	S. B. Peck Julia E. "	49 33	White	Farmer	Newtown
1	1 Jul 1850	Peck	Infant son	Lorrin Peck Jane A. "	35 32	White "	Farmer	Newtown
12	31 Jan 1851	Peck	James	John Peck Jemima "	35	White "	Farmer	Newtown
17	30 Jun 1849	Peck	No name	Fairman Peck Julia A. "		White	Mechanic	Newtown
8	1 Jun [1848]	Peck	Susan J.	Winthrop Peck Jennett "	28 34	White "	Farmer	Newtown
1	16 Mar [1848]	Platt	Annette	Louis L. Platt Jane "	28 25	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
12	Jul 1848	Platt	Infant	Philo T. Platt Jannett "		White "	Farmer	Newtown
18	12 Feb 1850	Plumb	Chas. R.	Chas. Plumb Maryette "	22	White	Shoemaker	Newtown
19	22 Jul [1849]	Polly	Not named	Joseph Polly Julia "	35 29	White "	Combmaker	Newtown "
15	Jun 1848	Powell	Unknown	David Powell Jane "	40 31	White "	Farmer	Easton
15	15 Sep 1847	Powell	Sherman Taylor	David Powell June "	38 28	White "	Farmer	Easton
2	9 Jun [1850]	Prindle	Boy	Abel S. Prindle		White "	Farmer	Newtown

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4	25 Jun 1849	Quinlvin	John	Daniel Quinlvin Catharine "	35 26	White "	Farmer	Newtown "
4	12 Sep 1850	Redstone	Ida L.	George Redstone [blank]		White	Mechanic	Newtown
4	10 Apr 1848	Reed	Ann Eliza	Martin Reed Mary "	34 30	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
4	10 Jul [1850]	Reed	Baby female	Martin Reed Mary "	32	White	Combmaker	Newtown
6	16 Nov 1850	Riley	Jane A.	Thomas Riley Julia "	46 36		Labourer	Newtown
6	13 Jul [1849]	Roswell	Sarah A. E.	William Roswell Rosanna "	29 27	White "	Farmer	Newtown "
5	19 Nov [1848]	Rowel	Not named	Harry Rowel Sarah A. "	40 30	White "	Farmer	Newtown "
1	29 Aug 1850	Sanford	Ann E.	Henry Sanford Mary "	29	White	Merchant	Newtown
4	22 Jan 1850	Sanford	Baby female	Julius Sanford Mary E. "		White	Hatter	Newtown
2	7 Jun 1848	Scott	Albert S.	George Scott Almira "	30 30	Fancy [sic] Speckled [sic]	Carpenter	Newtown "
10	6 Dec [1848]	Sharp	Sarah E.	A. N. Sharp [blank]				Newtown
1	10 May 1848	Shepard	Helen Sophronia	Charles Shepard Mary Jane "	22 19	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
10	20 Aug [1848]	Shepard	Unknown	Harry Shepard [blank]			Combmaker	Newtown
4	11 Dec 1850	Sherman	Ann E.	George Sherman [blank]		White	Mechanic	Newtown
2	23 Nov [1848]	Sherman	Frances A.	Jotham Sherman Mary Ann "	44 38	White "	Farmer	Newtown

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4	12 Aug [1849]	Sherman	Lucy	Ira Sherman Jane "		White	Joiner	Newtown
4	7 Apr 1848	Sherman	No name	Geo. H. Sherman Eliza "	27 27	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
5	14 Apr [1849]	Sherman	Not named	Marcus B. Sherman Julia A. "	37 22	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
8	Apr 1849	Sherman	Not named	Alonzo Sherman [blank]	40	White	Blacksmith	Newtown
18	5 Mar [1849]	Sherman	Sarah	Joel Sherman Sarah "		White	Farmer	Newtown
14	22Apr 1848	Sherwood	[blank]	Albert Sherwood Eleanor "		White "	Shoemaker	Newtown "
4	8 Jul 1849	Sherwood	Not named	George Sherwood Laura "	29 24	White "	Farmer	Newtown "
2	9 Jun [1850]	Sherwood	William Y.	Albert Sherwood Eleanor "		White "	Button maker	Newtown
17	14 Jul 1848	Short	Not named	Charles Short Julianna "	34 29	White	Mechanic	
10	10 Apr 1851	Smith	Female	Stiles Smith Juliette "	25 20	White	Mechanic	Newtown
6	3 Jun [1849]	Smith	Franklin	John Smith Mary "	28 24	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
4	5 Dec [1849]	Smith	Mary S.	Col [sic] Smith [blank]		White	Machinist	Newtown
2	3 Jan [1850]	Smith	Sarah E.	Edward E. Smith Rachel "		White "	Spinner	Newtown
18	11 Feb [1849]	Somers	Geo. H.	Stephen Somers Mary "		White	Shoemaker	Newtown
9	3 Aug 1850	Steadwell	Henry	Thomas Steadwell [blank]		White	Brick maker	Newtown

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17	26 Feb 1851	Stilson	Illegit. male	Betsey Stilson		White		Newtown
3	17 Apr 1851	Stratton	Three children males	Allen Stratton Eliza "		White	Mechanic	Newtown
15	30 Jul 1850	Summers	Baby female	Winters D. Summers Phebe "	25	White	Button maker	Newtown
17	8 Oct 1850	Summers	Baby female	David Summers Jane "		White		Newtown
17	22 Oct 1848	Summers	Harriette	David Summers Jane "		White	Gold digger	Newtown
17	26 Aug 1850	Taylor	Cornelius	William Taylor Polly "		White		Newtown
16	[1848/9]	Taylor	Louisa	Wm. B. Taylor Lucy "		White "	Mechanic	Newtown
4	18 Jun 1848	Terrill	Not named	Wm. Terrill Harriett "	28 25	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
19	24 Nov [1848]	Terrill	Still born	Henry B. Terrill Delia "	27 24	White "	Farmer	Newtown "
9	14 Sep 1847	Toucey	Mary Frances	Frederic Toucey Emily "	25 21	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
19	22 Oct 1847	Turner	Mary Elizabeth	Jessy Turner Sarah "	25 21	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
3	[1849/50]	Turney	Baby female	William E. Turney Sarah E. "			India rubber	Newtown
17	23 Sep 1850	Wakeley	Chas. J.	Ephraim Wakeley Mary "		White		Newtown
16	May 1848	Wakeley	Unknown	Sylvester Wakeley Sarah M. "		White "	Horse Jockey &c [sic]	Newtown
8	11 Apr [1848]	Warner	Anson	Deforest Warner Levisa "	35 28	White "	Pedlar	Newtown "

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1	22 Nov [1848]	Warner	Jane Marilla	John Warner Jane C. "	29 25	White "	Mechanic	Newtown
4	12 Apr [1850]	Wayland	William	Stephen Wayland [blank]		White	Shoemaker	Newtown
5	3 Sep [1849]	Wells	Arthur	Isaac Wells [blank]	35	White	Shoemaker	Newtown
5	25 Mar 1848	Wells	Esther	Isaac I. Wells Abigail "		White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
18	20 Mar [1849]	Wells	Unknown	Darias[?] S. Wells Delia "		White	Farmer	Newtown
3	4 Feb 1851	Wheeler	George B.	Chas. B. Wheeler Catharine "		White	Farmer	Newtown
6	27 Jun 1850	Wheeler	Infant boy	Marcus Wheeler Sally "	50 40	White "	Farmer	Newtown "
4	26 May 1848 3 o'clock, am	White	No name as yet	Ezra H. White Polly "	30 28	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "
4	24 Oct 1850	White	Wm. A.	Ezra White [blank]		White	Mechanic	Newtown
14	21 Jan 1849	Whitlock	Illegitimate female	Eveline J. Whitlock		White	Button maker	Newtown
5	25 Feb 1851	Whitlock	Ralph	Arestford G. Whitlock Mary Jane "	24	White	Mechanic	Newtown
17	23 Aug 1850	Winton	Charles H.	Samuel Winton Sarah "		White		Newtown
15	Apr 1849	Winton	Not named	J. B. Winton Cornelia "	34 30	White "	Farmer	Newtown

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2	18 Nov 1850	Agen Clarke	John	24	White	Farmer	Ireland	Newtown	
			Mary A.	25	"		Brooklyn, NY	"	
4	17 Feb 1848	Andrews Sherman	Geo.	23	White	Mechanic	Bethel, CT	Newtown	1
			Nancy	16	"		Newtown	"	1
13	[1847-8]	Banks Somers	Charles O.	21	White	Mechanic	Norwalk	Norwalk	1
			Cornelia	19	"		Newtown	Newtown	1
1	18 Oct [1847]	Barnum Lobdell	Joseph W.	22	White	Mechanic	Danbury	Brookfield	1
			Hannah	20	"			Newtown	1
6	24 Jul 1848	Beers Terrill	Daniel M.	22	White	Merchant	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Caroline	22	"		"	"	1
2	2 May [1849]	Beers Peck	George	24	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Sarah E.	21	"		"	"	1
17	25 Sep 1848	Benedict Mallet	Charles	21	White	Hat maker	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Jennett	18	"		Monroe	"	1
1	2 Apr [1849]	Berry Belden	J. D.	44	White	Clergyman	New Hampshire	Litchfield	1
			Susan J.	24	"		Newtown	"	1
1	10 May 1851	Birch Glover	Lamson	80	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	5
			Mary Ann	75	"				"
10	[1847-8]	Blackman Shepard	Clarke	25	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Sarah A.	18	"				"
4	4 Mar 1849	Blakeslee Beers	James B.	25	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Susan J.	20	"				"

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16	4 Mar 1849	Blakslee	James	26	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	1
		Beers	Susan J.	29	"		"	"	1
9	2 Oct 1849	Botsford Dimon	Heman Harriet	24 20	White	Merchant	Roxbury Newtown	Newtown "	1
11	2 Mar 1851	Brisco	Bradley D.	26	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	1
		Glover	Mary E.	20	"		"	"	1
19	5 Feb 1849	Brisco	Isaac	23	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	1
		Fairchild	Caroline	20	"		"	"	1
19	28 Sep 1848	Cables	Nathaniel J.	25	White	Mechanic	Monroe	Newtown	1
		Lawrence	Phebe	20	"		Newtown	"	1
3	9 Jun 1850	Cavenan	John	24	White	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland	1
		Cerephine[?]	Rosa	22	"		"	"	
1	4 Nov [1848]	Clarke	Edward	21	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	1
		Peck	Sylvia	20	"		"	"	1
13	15 Aug 1847	Coley	Aaron B.	40	White	Mechanic	Weston	Newtown	1
		Somers	Sarah A.	45	"		Newtown	"	2
3	20 Oct 1851	Couch Simons	Chas. Patience		Black	Laborer	Newtown	Newtown	1
10	15 Apr 1851	Crofut Crofut [sic]	Abijah Betsey		White	Mechanic	Monroe	Newtown	2
17	10 Nov 1850	Crofut	Benjamin	21	White	Hatter	Newtown	Newtown	1
		Morehouse	Caroline	18	"		Monroe	"	1
12	Nov 1848	Crofut	Olin	30	White	Farmer	Danbury	Danbury	1
		Weed	Sarah	30	"		"	"	1
2	5 Jan 1848	Curtis	Samuel	28	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	1
		Nichols	Mary	20	"		"	"	1
4	1850	Easterly[?] Lyon	John M. Mary		White	Mechanic	North Carolina Danbury	Newtown	1

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4	9 Jul 1848	Ely Sherman	Thos. C.	21	White	Mechanic	N York City	Newtown	1
			Ann E.	20	"		Newtown	"	1
5	23 Jul 1848	Fairchild Beers	Charles	30	White	Merchant	Oxford	Newtown	1
			Lucy	27	"		Newtown	"	1
6	25 Dec [1849]	Fairchild Peck	Edmund	35	White	farmer	Newtown	Newtown	2
			Lois	33	"		"	"	
6	25 Sep 1850	Fairchild Sanford	Merritt	25	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Susan C.	21	"		"	"	1
2	17 Sep [1848]	Fairchild Johnson	Wm.	26	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Adeline	20	"		"	"	1
12	29 Jul 1851	Ferry Ferry [sic]	Orvis	24	White	Hatter	Danbury	Newtown	1
			Lamira	20	"		Darien		
3	5 Nov 1848	Foote Miller	Joseph	23	White	Shoemaker Seamstress	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Elizabeth A.	16	"				"
4	20 Mar 1849	Freeman Nichols	Jason	25	Black		Huntington	State Prison	1
			Mariah	22	"		Newtown	Newtown	1
6	23 Feb 1848	Gilbert Glover	Henry D.	24	White	Tailor	Kent, CT	Newtown	1
			Ann E.	24	"		Newtown		"
19	21 Nov 1847	Glover Fairchild	Charles B.	22	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	
			Catharine	21	"		"		
3	30 Jul 1848	Glover Blakslee	Henry B.		White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Eliza M.		"		"		"
1	25 Sep [1848]	Glover Nichols	William B.	38	White	Merchant	Newtown	Newtown	2
			Susan	30	"		"		"
4	25 Sep 1849	Glover Nichols	Wm. B.	38	White	Merchant	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Susan	30	"		"		"
5	11 Jun 1851	Gorey Averts	Allen W.	28	White	Carpenter	Smithfield, RI	Newtown	2
			Ann E.	19					

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10	[1847-8]	Gregory Judd	Daniel	25	White	Mechanic	Ridgefield	Danbury	2
			Catharine	19	"		Newtown	Newtown	1
2	5 Mar 1848	Hard Lake	Amos	39	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	2
			Catharine	24	"		"	"	1
4	22 Sep 1850	Harris Glover	Isaac June A.		White	Mechanic	Herkimer Co., NY, & Newtown	Newtown	1
2	27 Jul 1851	Haugh [blank]	John [blank]	25	White	Farmer	Ireland	Newtown	1
12	Nov 1848	Hawley Smith	Daniel L.	45	White	Hatter	Newtown	Newtown	2
			Harriet	28	"		"	"	1
2	16 Jan 1848	Henderson Wetmore	Stephen	20	White	Mechanic	Hacketstown, NJ	Newtown	1
			Roxanna	18	"		Newtown	"	1
4	15 Sep 1850	Hough Daniels	Augustus Jane		White	Mechanic	New York New Jersey	Newtown	1
4	[1849-50]	Hough Wheeler	Clinton Jane	25 17	White	India rubber	Newtown	Newtown	1
5	25 Jun [1849]	Hubbard Lake	John S.	22	White	Joiner Good house keeper [sic]	Meriden	New Haven	1
			Hannah A.	21	"		Newtown		1
4	25 Dec 1848	Hubbell Sanford	David	22	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Hannah	22	"		Milford	"	1
6	28 Oct 1847	Hubbell Whitney	Truman Ruth A.	19 21	White "	Hatter Teacher	Monroe, CT Newtown	Monroe "	1 1
4	6 Oct 1849	Hyde Andrews	Albert Susan	25 17	White	Joiner	Newtown	Oswego, N. Y.	1
12	[1847-8]	Judd Weed	David H.	30	White	Combmaker	Redding	Newtown	1
			Phebe	22	"				1
19	25 Dec 1849	Kellogg [blank]	William June Ann	30 21	White "	Printer	New York Newtown	New York Newtown	1

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9	7 Nov 1847	Kirtland Dimon	John B.	21	White	Mechanic	Monroe, CT	Bridgeport	1
			Caroline A.	18	"		Newtown		1
9	21 May 1848	Knapp Griffin	Theodore	23	White	Mechanic	Monroe, CT	Monroe	1
			Mary E.	21	"		Newtown		1
7	25 Apr 1849	Lake Smith	Joseph T.	29	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Hannah B.	21	"		Brookfield	"	1
2	9 Nov [1848]	Lathrop Peck	Fredrick	28	White	Hatter	Not known	Roxbury	1
			Henrietta	23	"		Newtown	Newtown	1
19	2 Jul 1847[8?]	Lawrence Turner	Romain	21	White	Mechanic	N. York	Naugatuck	
			Sarah	20	"		Newtown	Newtown	
4	15 Sep 1850	Lee Daniels	John Aner		White	Mechanic	Philadelphia New Jersey	Brookfield	1
9	Apr 1849	Lyon Lyon	David	68	White	Shoemaker	Easton	Newtown	2
			Sarah	67	"		"	"	2
18	3 Dec 1849	McEwen Sharp	John Eliza	25 21	White "	Farmer	New Milford	New Milford	
17	9 Mar 1851	Morgan Peck	Chas.	30	White	Carpenter	Newtown	Newtown	2
			Polly	19	"		Weston	"	1
1	28 Jul 1851	Mygatt Brisco	Henry Harriet	25 24	White "	Gentleman	Newtown	California	1
15	Sep 1847	Nichols Fairchild	John	41	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Catharine	21	"		Brookfield	"	1
11	[1850/51]	Northrop Botsford	Walter	57	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	3
			Volucia	42	"		"	"	1
4	12 Mar 1848	Oakley Hempstead	Curtis	17	White	Mechanic	Redding, CT	Newtown	1
			Phebe E.	15	"		Stonington, CT	"	1
4	13 Jan 1850	Ocker[?] Somers	Sheldon Sarah A.	22 20	White	Cabinet maker	Washington New Milford	Newtown	1

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4	15 Oct 1849	Parsons Botsford	Edward A. Caroline	23 22	White	Hat manu- facturer	Newtown	Newtown	1
2	26 Jan 1851	Peck Hawley	Abel Huldah	40 36	White "	Farmer	Newtown Southbury	Newtown	1 2
1 & 2	17 Jan 1848	Peck Fairchild	Charles H. Hannah	20 20	White "	Farmer	Newtown "	Newtown "	1 1
2	18 May 1851	Peck Colt	John B. Charlotte C.	36 17	White "	Farmer	Newtown Harwington	Newtown	1 1
19	10 May 1849	Peck Parmelee	Lorin Jane	40 22	White "	Farmer	Newtown "	Newtown "	1 2 [sic]
1	12 May [1849]	Peck Parmelee	Lorin[?] Phebe A.	38 25	White "	Farmer	Newtown "	Newtown "	1 1
5	16 Apr 1851	Peck Curtis	Robert S. Elizabeth	36 27	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	3 1
3	25 Dec 1847	Peck Simons	William Rachel	48 63	Black "	Farmer	Southbury	Bridgeport	2 2
17	25 Sep 1848	Perry Turney	James Polly Ann	24 18	White "	Carpenter	Newtown "	Newtown "	1 1
18	27 Oct 1848	Plumb Sherman	Charles Margaret	21	White "	Shoemaker	New Haven Newtown	Wallingford Newtown	1 1
16	Jan 1848	Pratt Wood	John Caroline		White "		Danbury "	Danbury "	1 1
16	Jun 1848	Pratt Hawley	William Abby		White "		Danbury "	Danbury "	1 1
15	22 Jun 1848	Purdy Beers	John Polly	25 27	White "	Mechanic	St of New York Newtown	St of New York Newtown	1 1
6	[1849-50]	Sanford Baldwin	Amos E. Emeline	51 44	White "	Farmer	Newtown "	Newtown "	2

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4	4 Oct 1848	Sanford Parson	Julius Mary	24 23	White "	Mechanic	Newtown "	Newtown "	1 1
18	28 Nov 1849	Sharp Hawkins	Mymot H. Jane E.	22 22	White "	Clerk in store	Newtown Oxford	Seymour "	
10	[1848-9]	Shepard Morgan	Henry Adaline			Combmaker	Newtown Danbury	Newtown "	1 1
18	[1850-51]	Sherman Tomlinson	John Caroline	20 22	White	Farmer	Newtown Huntington	Newtown	1
3	[1848-9]	Simons Simons	Geo. Charlotte		Black "	Farmer	Newtown "	Newtown "	1 1
4	[1849-50]	Smith Morris	Beers Kate	27 24	Col ^d	Hackman	Newtown	Bridgeport	1
4	1 Jul [1848]	Smith Sherwood	John Mary	27 22	White "	Miller	Brookfield Bethany	Newtown "	
10	[1847-8]	Smith Judd	Stiles Juliette	25 18	White "	Mechanic	Brookfield Newtown	Brookfield Newtown	1 1
4	March 1848	Squires Sanford	Seth Hannah	27 40	White "	Farmer	Redding, CT "	Newtown "	
9	28 Oct 1849	Steadwell Combs	Thomas Deborah	37 24	White	Brick maker	Lord only knows [sic]	Newtown "	2
7	1 Dec 1847	Stephens Blackman	Henry S. Ann E.	24 20	White "	Mechanic	Brookfield Newtown	Bridgeport "	
1	14 Oct 1849	Summers Sherman	Winters D. Phebe	22 20	White	Mechanic	Newtown Danbury	Newtown	1
19	8 Dec 1847	Terrill Fairchild	Harry B. Delia	25 23	White "	Farmer	Newtown "	Newtown "	
7	29 Feb 1850	Thorp Lake	Mason H. Lamira A.	19 21	White	Clerk	Danbury Newtown	Newtown	1

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14	1 Oct 1848	Turney Tuckington	Wm. E.	29	White	Mechanic	Woodbury	Newtown	1
			Sarah	25	"		Redding	"	1
13	10 Jan 1851	Wakelee Ogden	Chas.	25	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Sarah	18	"		Monroe	"	
2	11 May 1851	Wakeley [blank]	Chas. H.	31	White	Iron founder	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Lavinia	20	"				
9	30 Apr 1848	Ward Crofut	Joseph H.	24	White	Mechanic	Pleasant Hills,NY	So. Salem, NY	1
			Lucy Ann	27	"		Newtown	Newtown	1
5	Sep 1847	Wells Whitlock	Isaac I.	31	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Abigail	25	"		Southbury	"	1
1	18 Oct [1847]	Welton Foote	Walter	23	White	Teacher	New Milford	New Milford	1
			Jane	23	"		Newtown	Newtown	1
4	May [1850]	Wheeler Sanford	George	22	White	Hatter	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Charlotte	21					
4	May 1849	Wheeler Tucker	H. L.	25	White	Teacher	Monroe	Newtown	1
			Sally	38	"		Newtown	"	1
4	11 Jun 1848	Whitney Sherman	Ruggles N.	22	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Jane	21	"		"	"	1
18	25 Dec 1848	Wilcoxon Sherman	Geo.		White	Tack maker	Derby	Derby	1
			Caroline	23	"		Newtown	Newtown	1
18	25 Apr 1848	Winton Jordan	Oscar F.	21	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	1
			Eliza	22	"				
17	Sep 1848	Wood Beers	James	48	White	Farmer	Danbury	Newtown	1
			Mrs. [sic]	51	"		Easton	"	1

Deaths, Newtown, CT, 1847-1852

Alone among Fairfield County towns, the clerk in Newtown kept a record of deaths, called a "Bill of Mortality," for the period 1797 to 1870, and this is abstracted in the Barbour Collection of Vital Records. But more than 40% of the separate records by school district committeemen, abstracted below, are *not* found in Barbour. Moreover, the records abstracted in Barbour often omit the given names of women and children decedents, listing them only as wife, son, or daughter of the head of household.

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19	4 Feb 1850	[blank]	Infant male	1 dy	White		Newtown	Newtown	Want of breath
3	10 Sep [1849]	[blank]	Infant male	1	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dysentery
1	4 Nov [1848]	[blank]	Infant son		White		Newtown	Newtown	Still born
1	15 Jan [1849]	[blank]	Infant son	1	Black		Newtown	Newtown	Hooping Cough
3	20 Feb [1849]	[blank]	Infant son	2 mo	White		Newtown	Newtown	Fever
12	Jun 1849	[blank]	Not named	1 mo	White		Newtown	Newtown	Unknown
4	Dec 1847	Andrews	Thomas	20	White	Mechanic	Bethel, CT	Newtown	Consumption
3	11 Mar 1847	Baldwin	Amy		White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
20	10 Feb 1849	Baldwin	Donald B.	22	White	Shoemaker	Newtown	Newtown	
12	Aug 1848	Beardslee	Abraham		White	Farmer		Newtown	Fit
10	13 Oct 1850	Beardsley	Asa B.	66	White	Farmer	Monroe	Newtown	Typhus fever
16	Apr [1851]	Beardsley	Easter	60	White		Newtown	Newtown	
10	19 Sep 1850	Beardsley	Elijah A.	77	White	Farmer	Monroe	Newtown	Typhus fever
10	26 Oct 1850	Beardsley	Henrietta	6	White		Newtown	Newtown	Typhus fever
13	20 Nov 1850	Beardsley	Molly	88	White		Newtown	Newtown	Old age
8	6 Jan 1849	Beardsley	Mrs. Beach	35	White		Newtown	Newtown	Swelling
19	18 Jun 1849	Beers	Benjamin	57	White	Farmer	Weston	Newtown	Bilious fever

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1	5 Aug 1848	Beers	Naomi	83	White			Newtown	Old age
13	22 Aug 1850	Beers	Phebe	62	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
17	18 May 1851	Beers	Roswell	55	White	Farmer	New Milford	Newtown	Lung fever
16	22 Sep 1848	Beers	W ^d Betty	78	White		Newtown	Newtown	Scrofula
17	24 Apr 1849	Benedict	Julia E.	2	white		Newtown	Newtown	Croup
2	15 Apr [1850]	Benedict	Loisha [sic]	23	White		Bethel, CT	Newtown	Consumption
17	11 Nov 1850	Benedict	Samantha	22	White		Danbury	Newtown	Disease of heart
3	19 Aug [1849]	Benedict [orig. blank]	Infant female [dau. of Abel]	2	White		Newtown	Newtown	Measles
8	16 May [1848]	Berry	Dr. Kellogg	85	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
18	14 May 1848	Bissel	Sarah	8			No. Hadley, Mass.	Newtown	Drowned
1	26 Jul 1848	Blackman	Caroline	48	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
13	14 Nov 1849	Blackman	Daniel B.	4	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dysentery
1	8 Mar 1850	Bokok [Bocock]	Daughter of Mrs.	2½			Newtown	Newtown	Affection of the stomach
15	Dec 1848	Botsford	Edwin	45	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	Fever
15	Jan 1849	Botsford	Emily A.	16	White		Newtown	Newtown	Fever
15	Jan 1849	Botsford	Geo. E.	8	White		Newtown	Newtown	Fever
15	Dec 1848	Botsford	Isaac E.	13	White		Newtown	Newtown	Fever
14	20 Sep 1849	Botsford	Phebe J.	14	White		Newtown	Newtown	Erysipelas
13	5 Jul 1847	Bradley	Albert W.	5	White		Newtown	Newtown	Croup
1	1 Apr 1851	Bradley	Sturges	46	White	Labourer	Fairfield	Fairfield	Consumtion
18	Mar 1851	Bradley	Susan	5	White		Newtown	Newtown	Croup
16	Jan 1848	Bradley	Bartram	47	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	
13	6 Nov [1849]	Bradly	Eliphalet B.	72	White	Agriculture	Weston	Newtown	Apoplexy

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17	24 Sep 1848	Brisco	Joseph	71	White	Blacksmith	Newtown	Newtown	Old age
2	28 Jan 1848	Brisco	W ^d Anna	64	White		Newtown	Newtown	Palsy
11	6 Apr [1848]	Bulkley	Ann H.	69	White	Housework	Greenfield	Newtown	Old age
1	27 Dec 1850	Burch	Joanna	75	White		Newtown	Newtown	Apoplexy
4	9 Sep [1849]	Cables	Mary	2	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dysentery
3	24 Sep 1849	Carley	Mary	7	White		Kingston, NY	Newtown	Dysentery
3	25 Mar 1851	Carmichael	Harriet	43	White			Newtown	Small pox
18	15 Nov 1849	Carr [?]	Reuben	63	Black	Basket maker			Frozen to death
3	May 1851	Catin	Margaret	20	White		Ireland	Newtown	Fever
3	27 Sep 1847	Clarke	Amanda	6	White		Newtown	Newtown	Scarlet fever
8	25 Sep 1850	Clarke	Grandison	57	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
18	10 Mar 1851	Clarke	Hannah	69	White		Bridgewater	Newtown	Consumption
8	11 Mar [1848]	Clarke	Mrs. Polly	84	White		Monroe	Newtown	Consumption
8	22 Aug [1847]	Clarke	Polly	3	White		Newtown	Newtown	Fits
9	6 Mar 1851	Coley	Ann	17	White		Weston	Newtown	Burning
4	22 Sep 1849	Couch	Mary E.	1 yr, 2 mo	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dysentery
10	10 Mar 1851	Crofut	Isaac	84	White	Blacksmith	Newtown	Newtown	Old age
8	27 Aug 1850	Curtis	Alfred	33	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Dysentery
8	Sep 1850	Curtis	Alfred D.	67	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Dysentery
8	1850	Curtis	Alfred, Jr.	12	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dysentery
5	1 Mar [1849]	Curtis	Ezra	74	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Old age
5	1 Nov 1847	Curtis	Polly	71	White		Newtown	Newtown	Old age
1	13 Aug 1849	Curtis	Sarah Francis	18	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
8	1850	Curtis	William	9	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dysentery

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13	28 Nov 1849	Devonshire	Flora	73	Black		Newtown	Newtown	Old age
13	28 Aug [1849]	Devonshire	Levi	70	Black		Newtown	Newtown	Old age
19	Mar 1850	Dibble	Frederick	38	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
19	2 May [1850]	Dibble	Orson	46	White	Comb maker	Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
19	Aug 1848	Duncomb	Maritte	21	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
3	29 Mar [1849]	Edwards	Elizabeth	2	Black		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
3	27 Sep [1849]	English	Jas.	21	White		Alabama	Newtown	Apoplexy
19	16 Jun 1849	Fairchild	Clement	85	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Old age
19	4 Aug 1848	Fairchild	Emily J.	9	White		Newtown	Newtown	Lung fever
15	Jan 1849	Fairchild	Geo.	22	White	School teacher	Bridgeport	Monroe	Consumption
6	[1848/9]	Fairchild	Harriet	33	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
19	20 Feb [1850]	Fairchild	Infant of L.	16 dy	White		Newtown	Newtown	Bowel complaint
6	[1848/9]	Fairchild	Julia	9	White		Newtown	Newtown	Croup
19	26 Mar 1848	Fairchild	Mariah	39	White		Trumbull	Newtown	Liver complaint
6	Oct 1850	Fairchild	Susan C.	22	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
6	March [1851]	Fairchild [orig. blank]	Baby	5 da	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dropsy on the brain
3	8 Apr [1850]	Fairman	James B.	78	White	Shoemaker	Newtown	Newtown	Old age
1	29 Mar 1850	Farrell	Mary	65	White		Ireland	Bridgeport	Fever & Erysipelas
4	19 Mar 1849	Fayerwether	Ruth	84	White		Huntingtown	Newtown	Old age
16	Jan 1848	Ferris	Daniel	77	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Casualty
16	Jun 1849	Ferris	Joseph G.	39	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
16	Aug 1850	Ferris	Ruth	75	White		Newtown	Newtown	Apoplexy
4	11 Oct 1848	Finnell [?]	Polly	63	White		Not known	Newtown	Dysentery

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20	25 Jan 1849	Fox	Emily Ann	1½	White		Newtown	Newtown	
10	[1848/9]	Franklin	Amanda	1	Black		Newtown	Newtown	Dropsy in Head
13	18 Jan 1850	Freeman	Henry	65	black		Newtown	Newtown	Old age
1	11 Apr 1851	Gilbert	Albert H.	5½	White		Newtown	Newtown	Croup
4	25 Jun [1850]	Gilbert	Elisha	73	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dropsy
9	26 May 1849	Gilbert	Martha A.	4 mo	White		Newtown	Newtown	
19	21 Oct 1848	Glover	Child of Charles	37 days	White		Newtown	Newtown	Chorea infantum
3	7 Mar 1848	Glover	Rebecca	75	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Paralysis
6	8 Sep 1847	Glover	Walter	47	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
12	Feb 1848	Gray	Polly	50	White	Farmer		Newtown	Casualty
19	11 May 1849	Griffin	Betsy	84	White		Newtown	Newtown	Old age
9	30 Oct 1849	Griffin	David W.	65	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Liver complaint
3	9 Jan[1850]	Griffin	Sarah	62	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dropsy
2	11 Jul 1850	Griswold	Charles G.	6½	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dropsy in brain
4	4 Oct [1849]	Hall	Ann M.	3	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dysentery
20	28 Mar 1849	Hawley	Abel S.	63	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	
20	24 May 1848	Hawley	Olive	84	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Old Age
20	[1850/51]	Hawley	Ruby	90	White		Newtown	Newtown	Apoplexy
20	4 Apr 1848	Hawley	Trowbridge	48	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Taking opium
4	3 Mar 1851	Hayes	William	49	White	Miller	Monroe	Newtown	Consumption
9	4 Jun 1850	Hotchkiss	Chas.	67	White	Blacksmith	Newtown	Newtown	Dropsy Heart
6	31 Dec 1850	Hoyt	George M.	2 mo	White		Newtown	Newtown	Croup
4	9 Sep [1849]	Hoyt	Theo.	83	White		Danbury	Newtown	Dysentery
8	8 May 1849	Hull	John	69	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Erysipelas
1	6 Apr 1848	Hull	Mary	20	White		Newtown	Newtown	Child bed fever

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8	2 Jul 1849	Hull	Mrs. John	68	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
17	20 Sep 1850	Jarvis	Jonathan	65	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Fits
3	3 Dec 1848	Jefferson	Charles	20	Black	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Typhus fever
3	14 Jul 1850	Jefferson	Julia	7	Black		Newtown	Newtown	Putrid sore throat
19	11 Jun 1848	Jennings	Amy	70	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dropsy
10	[1847-8]	Judd	Mary	41	White			Newtown	
4	Feb 1848	Judson	Abner	73	White	Mechanic	Newtown	Newtown	Apoplexy
10	[1847-8]	King	Henry O.		White			Transient	Frozen
18	27 Oct 1849	Lattin	Sarah M.	79	White		Monroe	Monroe	Dropsy
19	23 May [1850]	Lawrence	Sarah	22	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
2	15 Apr [1850]	Marshall	Isaac	35	White	Shoemaker	Derby, Conn.	Newtown	Consumption
3	22 Mar [1850]	Mathews	Mary	97	White			Newtown	Old age
18	28 Nov 1849	McEwen	Hiram	55	White	Farmer	Monroe	Monroe	Consumption
13	10 Nov [1849]	McLain	Alonzo	1	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dysentery
13	24 Jan 1849	Merritt	Mrs. Deborah	84	White		Unknown	Toddy Hill	Consumption
17	26 Dec 1850	Morgan	Jane	26	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
8	28 Feb [1848]	Morris	Mrs. Mary	83	White	Unknown	Newtown	Newtown	Lung fever
2	18 Mar 1848	Munson	Cha ^s B.	1	White		Newtown	Newtown	Teething
1	23 Jun [1849]	Nichols	Ann Maria	20	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
13	19 Jun 1851	Nichols	Hermas [sic]	52	White	Farmer	Monroe	Newtown	From a fracture of the arm
15	30 Jul 1850	Nichols	Luzon	53	White	Farmer	Monroe	Monroe	Consumption
13	27 Jun 1847	Northrop	Reuben	50	White	Carpenter	Newtown	Newtown	Cancer
10	[1848/9]	Ogden	Isaac	16	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Drowned
4	21 Jul [1850]	Oviet	John	4	White		New Milford	Newtown	Putrid sore throat
20	27 Jan 1848	Patterson	Emma	27	White	Farmer	Unknown	Wallingford	Infl ^m Bowels

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17	6 Feb 1851	Payne	Caroline	32	White		Newtown	Newtown	Small pox
17	29 Jan 1851	Payne	Shelton	1	White		Newtown	Newtown	Small pox
17	7 Feb 1851	Payne	William	2	White		Newtown	Newtown	Small pox
3	[1848/9]	Peck	Marietta		Black	Laborer	Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
2	13 Jul [1850]	Peck	Marsha B.	46	White		Newtown	Newtown	Inflammation of the stomach
3	31 Jan[1850]	Peck	Mary	29	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
17	4 May 1849	Perry	Polly Ann	19	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
6	21 Jun 1851	Peters	Nancy D.	91	Color ^d			Newtown	Old age
4	Mar 1848	Platt	Infant of L.L.		White		Newtown	Newtown	Scarlatina
12	25 Jun 1849	Platt	Susan	53	White	Farmer	Redding	Redding	Consumption
2	18 May 1848	Porter	Zachariah	50	White	Mechanic	Boston, MA	Newtown	Consumption
1	Aug 1848	Prince	Cha ^s Henry	1	White		Brooklyn, NY	Brooklyn, NY	Cholera infantum
18	19 Dec 1851	Prindle	Lewis B.	63	White	Miller	Newtown	Newtown	Dropsy of the chest
4	12 Sep 1851	Redstone	Lucretia	30	White		Newtown	Newtown	Child bed
4	20 Jul [1850]	Reed	Mary	32	White		Redding	Newtown	Child bed
18	29 Mar 1850	Roberts	Sylvia	2	Black			Newtown	
8	18 Aug 1850	Rogers	Amanda	19	White				Dysentery
5	15 Apr 1850	Rowell	Harvey	34	White	Farmer	Trumbull	Newtown	Consumption
4	16 Oct [1849]	Sanford	Amy	91	White		New Haven	Newtown	Old age
6	2 Feb 1851	Sanford	Ann M.	20	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
6	6 Apr [1849]	Sanford	Betsey	49	White		Southbury	Newtown	Consumption
4	24 Oct [1849]	Sanford	Elijah	62	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dysntery
4	24 May 1851	Sanford	George	13	White		Newtown	Newtown	Accidental death
14	14 Mar 1848	Sanford	Harris	41	White	Farmer	Woodbridge	Newtown	Lung fever

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4	15 Nov 1848	Sanford	Isaac	81	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Old age
13	30 Sep 1847	Sanford	Noamy [sic]	86	White		Newtown	Newtown	Old age
5	3 Mar 1848	Sherman	Catharine	33	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
5	15 Jun [1849]	Sherman	Child of M.B.		White		Newtown	Newtown	Lung fever
2	15 Dec [1848]	Sherman	Frances	22	White		Newtown	Newtown	Congestion of bowels
18	[1850/51]	Sherman	Sarah	5	White		Newtown	Newtown	
6	10 Mar 1851	Sherwood	Josephine	1	White		Newtown	Newtown	Fits
3	4 Oct 1847	Simons	Cummy [?]	62	Black	Farmer	Southbury	Newtown	Consumption
3	12 Nov [1849]	Skidmore	Abel B.	45	White	Merchant	Newtown	Newtown	Apoplexy
4	10 Dec [1849]	Smith	M. E.	3	White		Newtown	Newtown	Croup
4	26 Mar 1851	Somers	Elisha	75	White	Farmer	Bridgewater	Newtown	Lung fever
17	30 Oct 1850	St. John	Phebe	93	White		Fairfield	Newtown	Cancer
4	18 Jan 1851	Staples	Clarissa	41	White		Newtown	Newtown	Disease of hearr
4	19 Mar 1850	Stilson	Betty	70	White		Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
2	21 Mar [1849]	Stilson	Isaac	45	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
3	17 Apr 1851	Stratton	Three children males		White		Newtown	Newtown	Want of breath
15	11 Feb 1848	Taylor	Elijah S.	60	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Dropsy
19	2 Dec 1847	Taylor	Sophia	19	White		Newtown	Newtown	Dropsy
3	27 Dec [1849]	Terrill	Isaac H.	38	White	Carpenter & joiner	Newtown	Newtown	Apoplexy
3	9 Feb 1847	Toucey	Camphy	75	White		Newtown	Newtown	Old age
9	24 Jul 1850	Tousey	Samuel	61	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Palsy
3	2 Feb 1851	Turner	Ebenezer	77	White	Farmer	Newtown	Newtown	Old age
13	27 May 1847	Wakeley	Timothy	60	Black	Hatter	Newtown	Newtown	Consumption

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8	1851	Warner	Charles	2	White		Newtown	Newtown	Chronic diarrhea
5	1 Oct [1849]	Wells	Martha J.	2	White				Lung fever
17	1 Feb 1851	Wells	Polly	60	White		Newtown	Newtown	Small pox
3	[1848/9]	Wheeler	Anise		White	Housewife	Newtown	Newtown	Consumption
14	Mar 1850	White	Mary	5	White		Newtown	Newtown	Drowned
4	4 Mar 1849	White	Nelson L.	9 mo	White		Newtown	Newtown	Infl ^m Bowels
17	10 Apr 1851	Winton	Hobart	22	White	Hatter	Monroe	Newtown	Consumption
8	25 Jul 1849	Winton	Mrs. Lockwood	86	White		Newtown	Newtown	Fit
10	28 Feb 1851	Yates	John	50	White	Carpenter	Oxford	Newtown	Lung fever

Book Review

Howard J. Hall, *Hall Descendants of Francis Hall; also Identifying his Known Ancestors in England*, (self-published, 2010; 522 pp., indexed); to purchase, contact the author at hjhall@verizon.net.

Hall descendants interested in their family history will be very happy to discover this book. Filling nearly 500 pages in a hard-bound volume, Howard Hall has amassed an impressive collection of genealogical data about his immigrant Hall ancestor and that man's many descendants. As a founder of New Haven Colony and a resident of Fairfield and Stratford, Francis Hall was an important character in the history of Connecticut.

Research for this book was conducted by Mr. Hall himself, by professional researchers in England and Canada, and by *Connecticut Ancestry* editor, Harlan Jessup, who also organized the material in *Register* style. In addition, Mr. Hall relied on research and family records from other Hall descendants named in the introduction. Information from the latter sources is not independently documented.

Francis Hall's parents and grandparents are identified from baptismal and marriage records of Warwickshire. His own baptism, that of his wife Elizabeth Pick, their marriage record from Leicestershire, and the baptisms of three of their children are also documented. Mr. Hall does not explain how he concluded that these particular people are the ones who emigrated to Connecticut. Husbands and children of Hall daughters are identified, when known, but, like many genealogies, this one follows descendants only of men with the surname Hall. There are 777 Halls with biographical data plus hundreds more with only names and dates.

The section called "First Generation" tells a remarkable tale. Francis Hall emerges from the limited extant records as a man with forceful personality and strong personal goals. Howard Hall weaves the bits together, starting with Francis embarking for New England aboard the *Hector* in 1637, and proceeding through various brushes with the law, personal conflict with his son, and amassing a fortune in real estate located in five Connecticut shoreline towns. This is interesting even to unrelated readers. The other 10 generations' sections are packed with data, anecdotes and illustrations as well. Some maps which were downloaded from the World Wide Web are not clear images, and a reader would appreciate a full URL in order to take a look at a better version. References to the Web pages of other researchers would benefit from full identification of URL as well so that a reader can view the evidence there and make a judgment about its reliability.

The appendices contain many interesting stories—letters and memoirs written by family members. The authors of most are identified, though dates are missing in some cases. An introduction to each piece using the identification number for the Hall descendants who are mentioned would help to link these interesting stories to the scholarly research.

The index of persons with the Hall surname is arranged first by generation, then alphabetically within each generation. This helps to keep the characters organized by generation, particularly in the first several generations where there are fewer individuals. It does, de facto, create eleven separate indices which might make it difficult to locate a particular person.

All in all, this is a useful book and a good addition to the genealogical literature and to the historical documentation of early Fairfield County residents.

—Nora Galvin

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Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, family history researchers consistently—

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- * seek original records, or reproduced images of them when there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basis for their research conclusions.
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- * state something as a fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.
- * limit with words like "probable" or "possible" any statement that is based on less than convincing evidence, and state the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.
- * avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.
- * state carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researchers' work.
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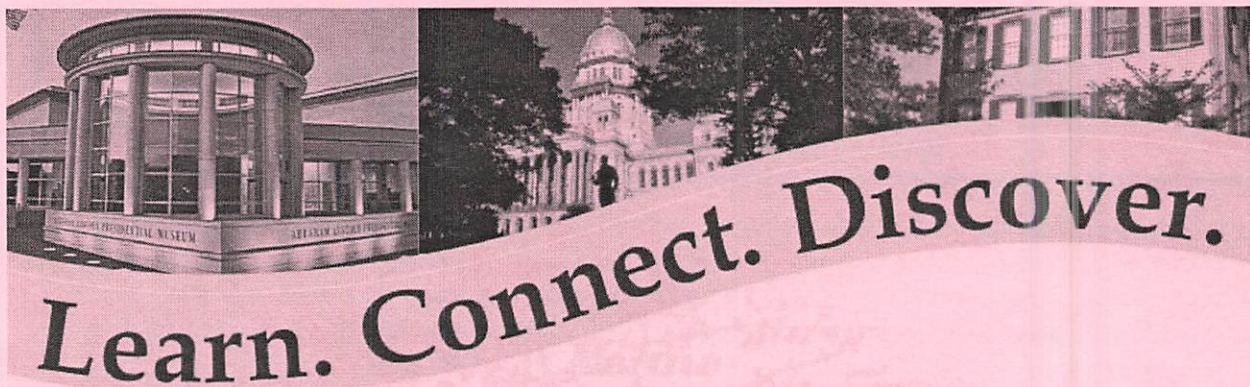
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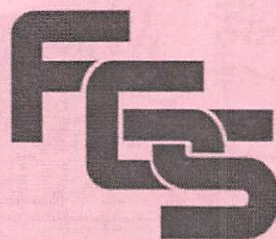
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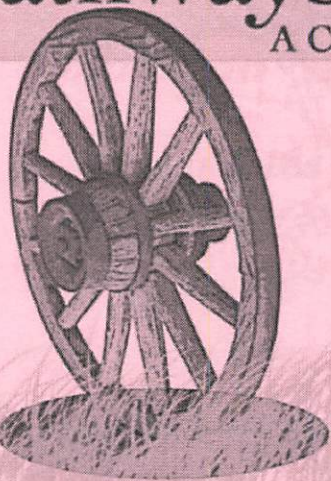


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