

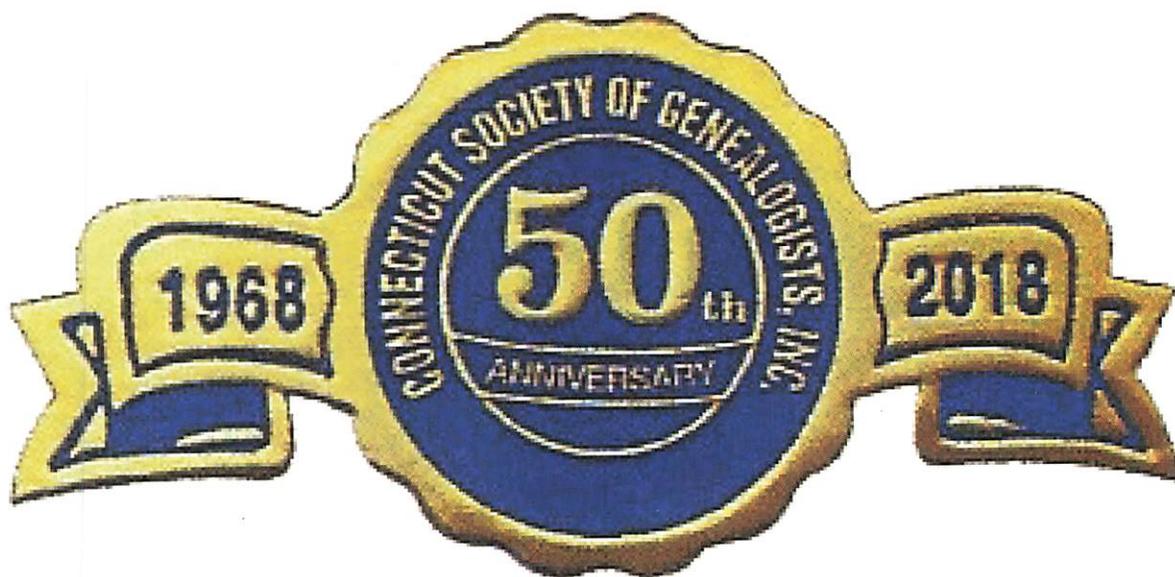
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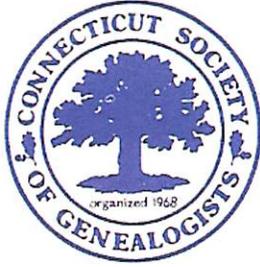
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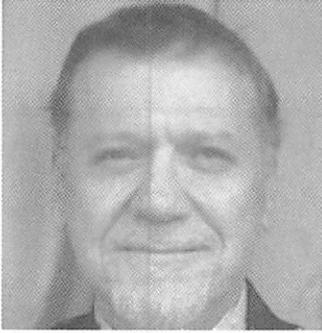
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President's Message



Who remembers 1968? I don't think I'm going out on a limb here, but I would suggest the answer is most of us! The year 1968 is, of course, the year that several forward thinking, community minded, avid genealogists formed the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. So much has changed since; so much has evolved!

Let's take a look.

Since I'm a bit of a car nut, my first thought came to seat belts. Our first year coincided with the year that a Federal law, Title 49 of the United States Code, Chapter 301, Motor Vehicle Safety Standards went into effect.

When I was a child, my "seat belt" was my father's arm swinging out to brace my sister and me to the seat. Front seat, of course. There was no law yet that put young children in the back seat in some form of child seat. Some will cynically state that without such laws, they survived all these government regulations such as bike helmets, seat belts, child seats and on and on. But my heart goes out to the families of those children who didn't survive in a pre-safety regulation world.

So, what else?

- Former Vice President Richard Nixon defeated incumbent Vice President Hubert Humphrey to replace Lyndon Baines Johnson who chose not to run.
- North Korea captured the *USS Pueblo* and held the crew for 11 months.
- Boeing introduced the 747, which is now being retired 50 years later.
- We lost Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy through assassination.
- The first televised interracial kiss was aired on the science fiction series, *Star Trek*.
- And just before the end of 1968, Apollo 8 became the first spacecraft to orbit the moon! The moon, Alice, the moon!!

The history of CSG doesn't carry with it international implications but is still rife with accomplishments.

We are now racing toward 2020, the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth. Although the death toll that first winter could have so completely crushed the spirit of those first colonists, they prevailed. They were able to prevent the absolute annihilation suffered by other settlements such as Jamestown first settled in 1607.

Now, what will you be up to in 2068? Mark your calendars for our 100th!

~ Dave Robison, President

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The History of The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

by Richard Tomlinson, CSG # 55

When an organization reaches its 50th year, the passage of time can make its birth and growth seem smooth and inevitable. The reality is often quite different. This brief history includes some of the lumps and bumps, but also the triumphs and successes.

Founding of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists (CSG)

In the pre-Internet era, genealogical research was very much a hands-on affair. It involved physical visits to places where information was stored, talking with relatives and fellow researchers, and corresponding by regular mail. A favorite gathering place for family history researchers was the Genealogy section of the Connecticut State Library (CSL), which was a beehive of research activity on Saturday mornings.

In the mid-1960s, three of these "Saturday morning family historians," George E. Williams, Elery B. Clark, and Randall M. Loomis decided that it might be useful to have some form of organization whereby people could get together to exchange data and discuss common problems.

George, a recently retired executive, took the initiative. He began circulating a sign-up sheet at CSL and quizzed everyone to get contact information on others who might be interested. In March of 1968, he sent out 100 letters inviting everyone on the list to an organizational meeting to be held on Saturday, March 23, 1968 in the auditorium of the Connecticut Historical Society (CHS) in Hartford.

Due to an unexpected March snowstorm, the meeting was rescheduled for April 20. This is considered the founding date of CSG. A slate of officers and directors was elected and installed. George Williams declined to be president; he thought he could do more as secretary. Randall M. Loomis was chosen as president and Elery B. Clark as vice president. Eugene Pellet was elected treasurer. The Board of Governors was created and included Dorothy Armistead, Lorraine Harlow and Margaret Hunt. Before the year was out, Vanda Spangle and Brainerd Peck joined the Board. Annual dues were set at \$5.00. It was agreed that anyone joining before

the end of the year 1968 would be considered a charter member. Membership grew to over 300 by then, so that anyone with a membership number up to 330 is considered a charter member.

George E. Williams

It seems unlikely that CSG could have been founded without George Williams. An interesting and private man, he was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1900 to Clarence Bolles and Anne Louise (Metcalf) Williams. Although George was already in his late sixties when CSG was founded, he had the boundless energy and enthusiasm of a much younger man. It was almost impossible to say "no" when he wanted you to do something. He would look over the top of his bifocals with a twinkle in his eye and say, "Now here is what I need you to do!"

Although he took on the role of executive secretary, there was no doubt that he was in charge. He ran the affairs of the Society from his home in West Hartford, devoting terrific energy to organizing the Society, launching its publications and building its membership. George asked and the Board approved an allowance for fuel to defray his costs of constant travel all over Connecticut to promote the Society.

The Board of Governors

The Society had adopted the following statement of objectives:

The objectives of the Society are locating, preserving and indexing public and private genealogical records and making such records and collections available to members and to the general public; acquiring genealogical and historical materials and contributing them to public libraries or historical or genealogical organizations; encouraging and instructing members in the art and practice of genealogical research and compilation; and maintaining and elevating genealogical standards.

However, it was not clear how this statement would be implemented, generating some heated discussions among the Board members. Elery Clark, for example, felt that George was shaping a passive social organization that focused on meetings and social interaction while providing George with a platform for self-promotion. They wanted a working organization that would tackle big projects like indexing genealogical books that did not have indexes.

The first woman to be elected to the Board as secretary was Lorraine Harlow in 1979. And in 1988, Judith Plummer became the first woman president of CSG. Women were active and vital members of the Society from the beginning, and those who served as Governors were strong, independent-minded individuals, so Board meetings were often lively. The first person to sign up at the April 1968 meeting was Dorothy Armistead. George would give her member number 2. Member number 1 was reserved as an honor for Donald Line Jacobus, the “dean of Connecticut genealogy.” Then elderly, Jacobus declined membership until it was explained that it was meant to honor him and that it did not require his active participation in the Society.

Challenges

A major challenge for CSG was gaining access to Connecticut birth records. The “Barbour Collection” provided vital records up to 1850, but access to more recent birth records was difficult. In the 1930s someone had unwisely published a genealogy with vital records data for living persons. These records revealed an out-of-wedlock birth that embarrassed the family. A family member, who was a state legislator, reacted by putting a bill through the Connecticut Legislature that severely restricted access to vital records. Under this law, only lawyers, title examiners and parents whose children were still minors could access the birth records. The Society, while agreeing that it was wrong to publicize sensitive information on a living person, believed that there should be some provision for genealogical research under suitable conditions.

Having incorporated CSG as a tax-exempt organization, CSG’s Board felt that the society could not directly lobby to change a law, but that we could do only so as individuals. Because none of the CSG Board members had any experience in submitting a bill, we turned to Jeanne Thornton, a state legislator in Glastonbury for help. The initial bill went to committee

for hearings where it was opposed by the State’s Health Department. The bill died in committee. In the 1971 legislative session, we re-introduced our bill, which was ultimately approved by both houses of the General Assembly and signed by the Governor, thereby becoming law. We were not quite certain why we won. We thought perhaps the committee realized that the genealogists would be back with another proposed bill every year until a bill was passed:

However, along the way the Public Health Committee did impose one restriction. They said that the State must have some control over the genealogy societies; so the bill limited access only to members of societies incorporated in Connecticut. At that time, there were only two such societies: CSG and the older Stamford Genealogical Society (now known as the Connecticut Ancestry Society). CSG did not support this provision, but it was imposed anyway. This provision greatly benefited CSG in obtaining members. We took some criticism for it, even though it was not our doing. Today there are fourteen incorporated organizations whose members may access State vital records.

Code of Conduct

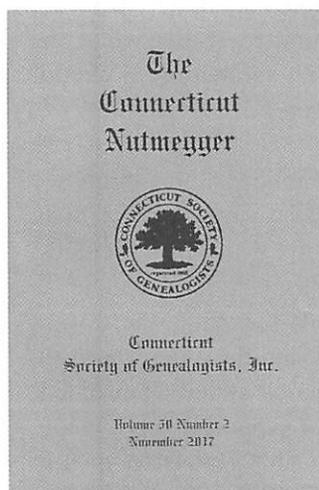
The Society adopted a Code of Conduct. As a condition of membership, each member reaffirms their adherence to this ethical code of conduct in which the members agreed, as a condition of membership, to “respect the privacy of the individuals whose information I encounter in my research.” This was too vague and did not encompass the needs of those who did professional genealogical research. The Code was modified to emphasize that access to vital records by members was only for legitimate genealogical and historical research, but that this research included work by both amateur and paid professional researchers.

There was also a pledge in the Code to treat records with care and respect. When a CSG member was accused and then admitted to defacing a vital record, the onus was on CSG to respond appropriately. The decision, after some discussion, was to rescind the member’s card, demonstrating to the town clerks that the Code had teeth. The code on our membership card, which must be signed by the member reads:

This is to certify that as a Research Genealogist, I will use the information I encounter for historic and genealogical

purposes only. I will respect:

1) the books and records which I am allowed to examine; 2) the privacy of the individuals whose information I encounter in my research; and 3) the custodians of the records. Violations of this pledge will be reported to the CSG Ethics Committee.



Publications

Publications have always been an important part of CSG. In May 1968, shortly after the founding, the Society issued a small, mimeographed publication called *The Bulletin*. Five issues were published the

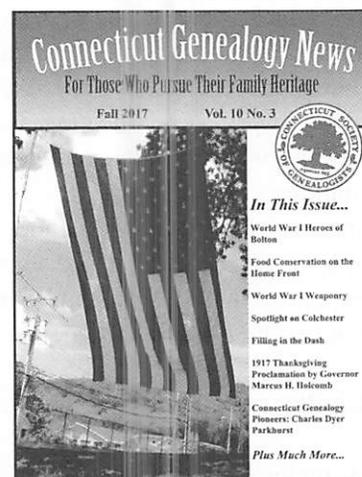
first year. The publication grew from two pages to sixty-eight pages. Nearly half the content was queries from members seeking help on specific ancestors. In the second year, 1969, the publication was renamed *The Nutmegger* and published as a quarterly. Queries still dominated; 53 of the pages were queries. Beginning with Volume 3, Number 1 (June 1970), *The Nutmegger* was renamed *The Connecticut Nutmegger* to avoid conflict with a previously registered publication.

At the same time, *The Nutmegger* launched the Ancestry Service. Members were strongly encouraged to submit their family five-generation charts and the Ancestry Service sought to inform members of the charts of other members containing shared ancestors. CSG began to publish serially an index to the Ancestry Service, but the database expanded so rapidly it outran the ability of CSG to keep up. The Ancestry Service ran for thirty-eight years. All indexes are available in the CSG library and some are available at the Connecticut State Library. However, they are no longer published individually.

The popular queries initially identified submitters only by the member's CSG membership number. Responding to the query required a copy of the member directory. Not only was this a logistical burden to keep current, but it meant that library shelves were filling up with queries that readers could not respond to. It was decided, after strong debate, to stop issuing directories and include the contact information along with the

query. Some board members were certain that this would cause the demise of CSG, but, obviously, it did not.

The purpose of *The Connecticut Nutmegger* is to provide an archival record for thoroughly researched and documented genealogical articles. For the routine news and operational information of the Society, CSG issued the *CSG Newsletter*, which was an unadorned news sheet. In 2008 CSG launched a magazine called *Connecticut Genealogy News*. *The Connecticut Nutmegger* continues to serve as the archival journal of record and *Connecticut Genealogy News* serves as a vehicle for lighter fare. *The CSG Newsletter* was incorporated into the



Connecticut Genealogy News was not greeted with universal enthusiasm. Some Board members felt that a slick news magazine with color illustrations

was not suitable for the gravitas of a serious genealogical society. Nevertheless, the magazine has thrived and is now in its tenth year. Recently, it has become a struggle to attract suitable material to fill both *The Connecticut Nutmegger* and *Connecticut Genealogy News*; fewer authors seem to be motivated to produce scholarly articles.

Growth

CSG was born into a genealogical world that hungered for a mechanism to exchange family history data. This not only powered the submission of queries, but also drove the growth of the Society. Again, it was George Williams who worked ceaselessly to fill the void. In its first eight years, the Society had seen uninterrupted growth to nearly 3,000 members. Then a phenomenon occurred. Alex Haley published his best-seller, *Roots*. This kicked-off a wave of excitement for genealogy. The book was made into a TV series which attracted 130 million viewers. Membership at CSG surged, and by 1980 exceeded 4,000.

In 1987, *The Connecticut Nutmegger* contained an article which may have been a harbinger of things to come. A new section called “Computer Users Column” appeared containing an article entitled “Computer Telecommunications.” In this article, the author Robert Barrows, explained what a modem was and how it might be useful for exchanging genealogical data. The demise of the importance of publishing queries was at hand.

Literary Awards

CSG has always encouraged its members to publish. It has also had the stated goal of “maintaining and elevating genealogical standards.” One means of achieving both these ends has been to hold an annual literary award contest to recognize and reward excellence in genealogical publishing. The first contest was held in 1987.



Over time the contest has evolved. Currently, awards are given in the categories of:

- Genealogy
- Family History
- Genealogical Resource

Each category receives a cash award, and the overall winner receives the Grand Prize which,

includes an engraved porringer. In 1997 the Family History Award was named the Brainerd T. Peck Award in memory of Brainerd, who was our second president and book reviewer. The contest now also includes an essay category called “Tell Me Your Family Story.”

Facilities

By 1975, with membership approaching 2,500, it was no longer feasible to operate the Society out of George Williams’ home. It was necessary to rent larger quarters and to hire a staff. Suitable space was found in the historic Welles-Chapman Tavern in the heart of Glastonbury, Connecticut.

As membership continued to grow, the Society soon needed even more room. After considerable debate, it was decided to purchase a building at 2906 Main St. in

Glastonbury in March 1977. This was a major step for CSG. Because very few genealogical societies owned their own building, there was concern that the expense of the mortgage and building maintenance might be too much. The counter argument was that, by putting down roots, CSG would both differentiate itself from other societies and ensure its long-term survival.

In December 1988, the Society purchased its current headquarters building at 175 Maple St. in East Hartford, Connecticut. This building had originally been constructed as a church. It provides 2,000 square feet of open space on the main floor which holds business operations, a research library and archival storage of genealogical material. The basement level, is dry and secure and provides another 2,000 square feet of storage. Thanks to the generous building fund contributions of members, the Society was able to “burn the mortgage” at the 1997 annual meeting.



Other CSG Publications

CSG has edited and published three books on early families of Hartford, Milford and Guilford, largely through the efforts of Jacquelyn L. Ricker. The Society has sponsored the publication of two references, *Connecting to Connecticut* by Betty Jean Morrison and the *Nutmegger Index* by Helen Schatvet Ullman, CG, FASG.

CSG’s Role in Other Societies – Federation of Genealogical Societies

George Williams was a man of soaring ambition, who saw the possibility of making CSG part of a national organization. In August 1976, George and his designated heir apparent as CSG executive secretary,

Herbert A. Hotchkiss, went to Cleveland, Ohio to attend the organizational meeting of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. CSG became one of the charter founding societies. Herb was elected as its first treasurer and George chosen as one of four regional vice presidents. FGS was chartered in Illinois in 1976 and qualified as a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code in June 1977.



David Voels presenting George Williams the FGS George E. Williams Award (photograph used with permission)

Herb, who was very active in the Boy Scouts of America, was also instrumental in initiating the BSA Genealogy merit badge. Tragically he fell gravely ill and, after a long illness, died in 1981.

George soldiered on, serving as FGS president from 1978-1979, held other offices, and chaired other FGS committees including those focusing on records preservation. In recognition of his many contributions to the organization, in October 1981 FGS established the George E. Williams award, “a plaque presented to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions within a single year to either FGS, a member organization, or both.” George was the first recipient.

CSG’s involvement in the founding FGS and the BSA merit badge are largely forgotten.

Hartford ‘83

From July 13-16, 1983, Hartford ‘83, the first National Conference for genealogists in the Northeast was held at the Parkview Hilton Hotel, hosted by the Connecticut Society of Genealogists in cooperation with the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Association of Professional Genealogists. Among its other contributions, CSG was responsible for the two-volumes of “Handouts, Bibliographies, Outlines or Paper,” and the CSG name and logo were featured prominently on the covers. The conference drew over 720 genealogists from all over the country and led directly to another spurt of new CSG members. Another outgrowth of the conference was the formation of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, which held an organizational meeting during the conference.

New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC)

Inspired by the success of Hartford ‘83, representatives of genealogical societies throughout New England worked together to organize a regional conference in Sturbridge, Massachusetts in 1992. Based on the success of that conference, an association of genealogical societies was organized to host conferences featuring both nationally-recognized and local speakers. Through the efforts of CSG member Thomas F. Howard, in 2006 the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. was incorporated in the State of Connecticut as a non-profit educational organization. To date, “NERGC” has produced 14 conferences, including two in Connecticut: Cromwell in 1997 and Hartford in 2007, with CSG members playing key roles at both. Plans are well underway for a 15th conference to be held April 3-6, 2019 in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Following her death in August 2001, NERGC established the Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Genealogy Volunteer of the Year Award, “presented at each conference to an individual who has provided outstanding volunteer service to the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium or its member societies, and as such to the field of genealogy, over and above the job to which they were elected or appointed to do.” Among the many genealogical organizations with which she served, at the time of her death Donna was a member of the CSG Board of Governors and its representative to the

Federation of Genealogical Societies. CSG members receiving the award are Thomas F. Howard in 2009 and Richard and Pamela Roberts in 2017.

Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council

There was a number of genealogists, including some of CSG's own Board of Governors, undertaking genealogical research at the Connecticut State Library for clients. In a scenario similar to CSG's founding, this group felt the need for an organization that would offer programs specifically directed toward their professional development, including small business management.

Although differences of opinions were expressed at meetings of the CSG Board, the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council was founded in 1993. Today, the two organizations work cooperatively in many areas, particularly vital records access.

The Genealogical Coalition

Following the events of September 11, 2001, concerns arose over proposals to restrict access to Connecticut vital records. Beginning in 2002, representatives from many Connecticut genealogical organizations (including CSG representative Jim Leatherbee) and several town clerks worked together as the Town Clerks and Genealogists Action Group to produce a common interest statement, guidelines on access to vital records, and protocols for dealing with conflicts. The documents were disseminated to all Connecticut societies and town clerks in April 2003. The following year, the Connecticut Department of Public Health's effort to close or restrict access to birth records during the 2004 legislative session was defeated by vigilance, friends at the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, a strong showing by genealogists at the public hearing on HB 5628, and an on-going email campaign. To help address future concerns, most Connecticut genealogical societies, including CSG, voluntarily revised the information requested on membership applications and the contents of membership cards to increase security features. Many Connecticut societies, including CSG, continue to have Government Relations chairs who monitor proposed legislation that impacts records access and who work toward cooperative relationships between genealogists and town clerks.

The CSG Website

In 2002 CSG cautiously entered the world of the Internet. A website, csginc.org, was established that did little more than announce the presence of CSG. In 2005, a major rebuild was done by Dan Lynch. Although this moved CSG ahead by a light year, it still had limitations. Because it was mostly hard-coded, the staff and administrators could not make changes. In Beginning in 2008, a series of changes to the website was made working with Dave DiLeo. These allowed members to pay dues and purchase books online and gave progressively more autonomy to the CSG staff to change and control the website. In 2015 an Internet Working Group was formed. In 2018, Walter Chesnut, along with board member Lisa Vasas, and several board members, worked many hours re-designing a whole new website, which went live February 15, 2018.

The Men and Women of CSG

CSG has been blessed with a steady stream of talented and very hard working members and staff whose contributions are recognized throughout this special issue of the magazine. Please see pages for those who have served CSG in one capacity or another: CSG's presidents may be found on page 9; the officers and governors at-large may be found on page 10; the staff are on page 16 and volunteers are listed on page 17. Those named Honorary Life Members and major benefactors are on page 18. Everyone who donates to the Society is listed in the regular issues of *Connecticut Genealogy News*. Thank you to all for their support of CSG through the years.

Final Words

Today, CSG is in the strongest financial position in its history. I am confident that CSG has the leadership and resources to harness the Internet as an engine for growth into the future.

Some may think that this history is a record of constant strife. I don't think CSG is different in this respect than most organizations. Disagreements and arguments over major decisions is not necessarily a bad thing and often results in better decisions. Future CSG leadership should be thankful if they are blessed with an active Board and membership that vigorously debates issues.

Recognizing Richard G. Tomlinson

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680



Although Richard Tomlinson covered much of CSG's 50-year history in his article, he downplayed his own significant contributions to developing and sustaining the organization.

and in 2008 created our magazine, *Connecticut Genealogy News*.

Dick was instrumental in obtaining the CSG office facilities and library, and it was Dick who originated the Connecticut Society of Genealogists' Literary Awards Contest in 1987.

During his career as a research scientist, management consultant, and telecommunications expert, Dick was a contributing author of several scientific and technical books. He has also written three histories: *Tele-Revolution: Competition at the Speed of Light*, *Witchcraft Trials of Connecticut*, and *Witchcraft Prosecution: Chasing the Devil in Connecticut*. The later is available through CSG, which receives income from the sales.

As a descendant of Henry Tomlinson of Derby, England who settled in Milford, Connecticut in 1650 and of Deacon William Gaylord, a founder of Windsor, Connecticut, he has had a long-time interest in the state's Colonial history and genealogy.

He was one of the founding members of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. Over a period of 48 years, 1968-2016, he served continuously on the Board of Governors either as a member at-large or as an officer (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer). He served as Chair of the Publication Committee

On May 21, 2016, CSG's Officers and the Board of Governors recognized Dick's many years of dedicated service and commitment during his tenure at CSG, and named him **Governor Emeritus** of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

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1990 - 1992

Edwin W. Strickland II
2009 - 2012

Herbert Hotchkiss
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2012 - 2013

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1996 - 1998

Carol R. Whitmer
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1977 - 1979

Helen S. Coty
1998 - 2000

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Richard C. Roberts
2015 - 2016

Donald Berquist
1979 - 1982

James H. Leatherbee II
2000 - 2002

Richard C. Roberts
2016 - 2017

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1982 - 1984

David M. Brunelle
2002 - 2004

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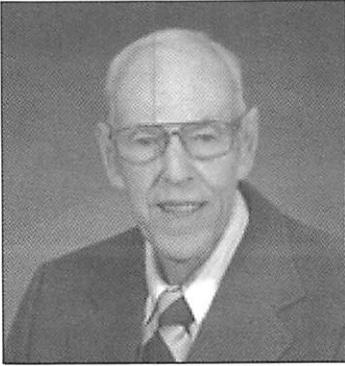
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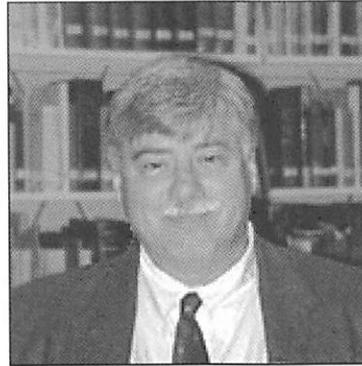
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James H. Leatherbee II



Richard G. Tomlinson

Governor Emeritus is a title first bestowed on Frederick Treat Strong, CSG # 3091, who served CSG on the Board of Governors from almost the time he joined in 1974 right up to his death in 2010. He was 99 years old when he died, and he had served CSG for 36 years.

The title was next bestowed on James H. Leatherbee II, CSG # 8648 (2015) and then on Richard G. Tomlinson, CSG # 55 (2016).

While they did not serve right up to their deaths (they are both still living!), their service to CSG was no less outstanding and both are still active members of CSG and continue to provide valuable insights and suggestions to the Board of Governors when asked.

Write-ups may be found in *Connecticut Genealogy News*, Vol. 3 #3 for Fred Strong; *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, Vol. 48 #1 for Jim Leatherbee and *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, Vol. 49 #1 and in *Connecticut Genealogy News*, Vol. 9 #3 for Dick Tomlinson.

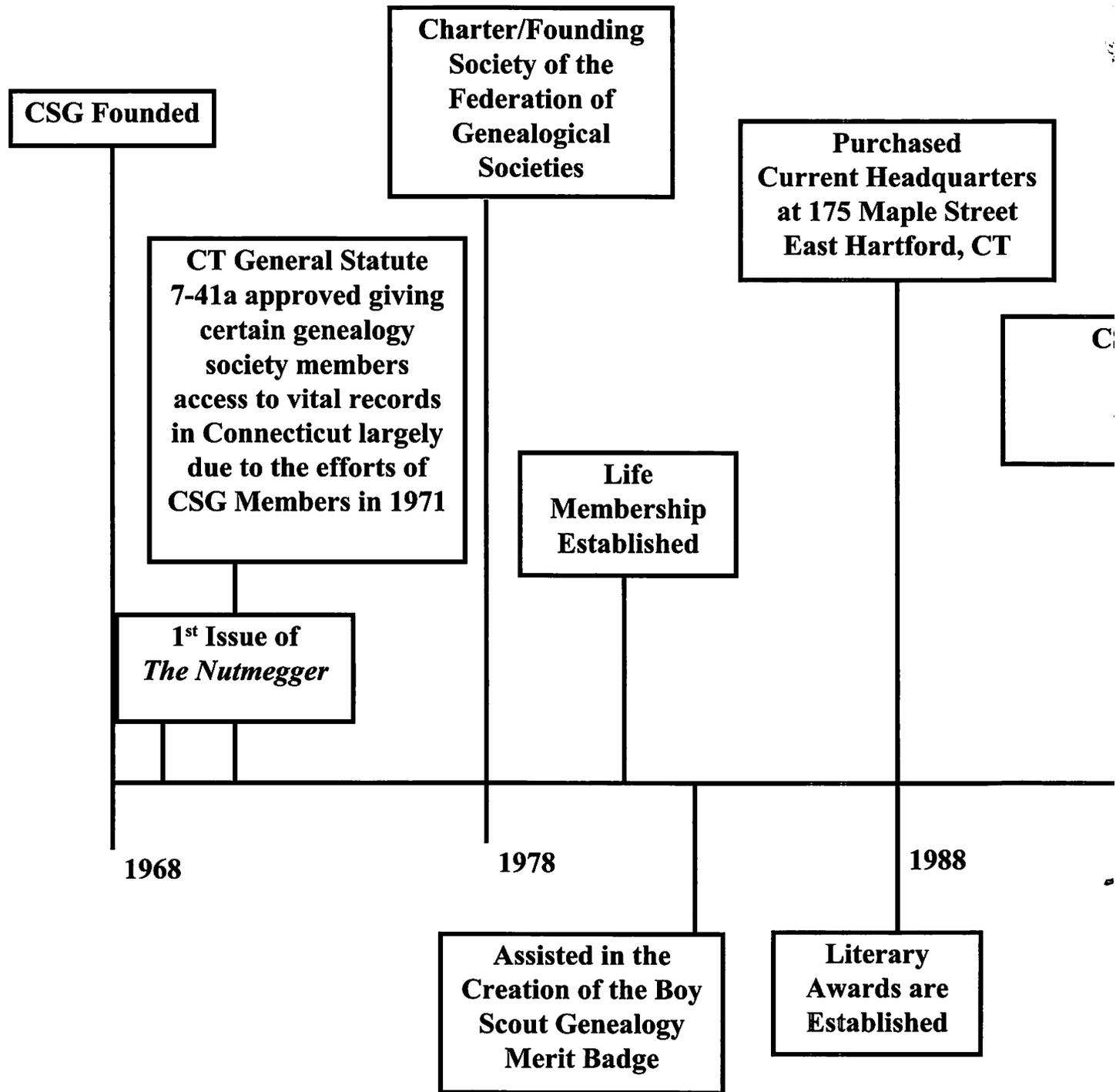
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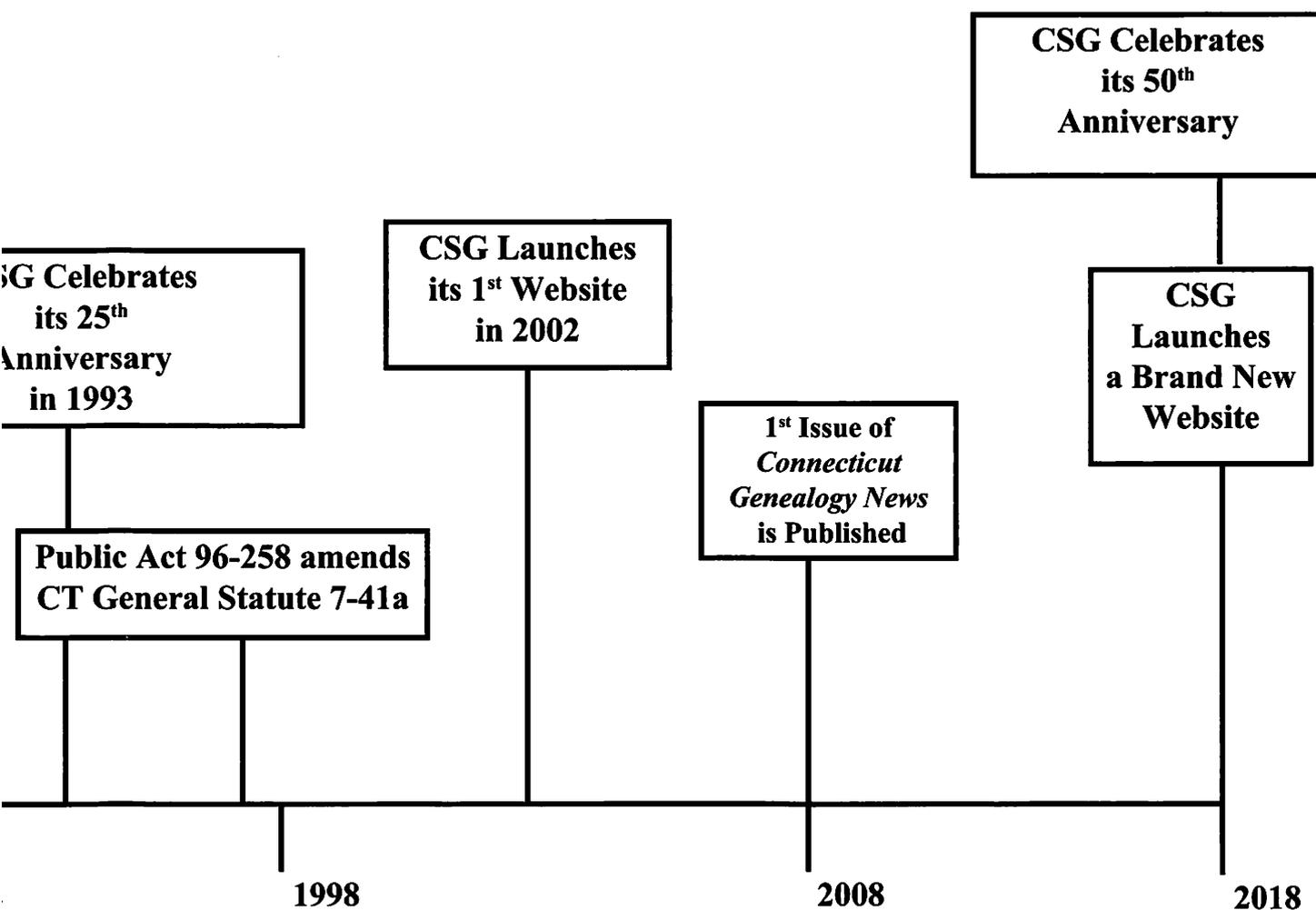
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As many organizations can attest, without volunteers, CSG would not survive. In addition to the Board of Governors who are all volunteers, we want to thank everyone who has volunteered for both short- and long-term projects through the years. Board members are listed on page 12.

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The Connecticut Society of Genealogist, Inc. is looking for volunteers to help with entering their Ancestry Index data into a digital format.

**If you have a computer and Microsoft Excel, you can even work from home.
We will provide the indices and the Excel template.**

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One of the awards that CSG bestows is Honorary Life Membership. According to CSG's By-Laws, this is granted to a person in recognition of substantial or outstanding contributions which advance the purpose and objectives of the Society. The following people have been awarded Honorary Life Membership over the past 50 years:

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Over the years, CSG has been the recipient of a number of bequests, large financial donations and donations of books. We are incredibly grateful for this. They have allowed us to do a large number of projects we would never have been able to do.

Seth P. and Lucy E. Holcombe
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Each year, CSG holds an Annual Appeal and we are grateful to our members who donate to our building, computer, library, general and endowment funds.

These individuals, and those that give extra with their membership renewals, are acknowledged in our magazine, *Connecticut Genealogy News* throughout the year.

Our sincerest thanks to all.

Literary Awards Contest
First/Grand Winners From Its Inception to the Present

Year	Category of Award	Title of Book
1988	First Prize	<i>Thomas Cooke of Rhode Island</i> by Jane Fletcher Fiske
1989	First Prize	<i>The Parsons Family Descendants of Coment Joseph Parsons Through his Grandson Johnathan Parson</i> by Gerald J. Parson
1990	Winner	<i>John Hawks, A Founder of Hadley, Massachusetts</i> by Imogene Hawks
1991	Winner	<i>A Viets Genealogy - Dr. John Viets and his Descendants</i> by Dorothy Viets Schell
1992	First Prize	<i>Colonial Ancestors (commissioned for publication</i> by Bernice Andrews Livingston Rieg and edited by Edward H. Little
1992	First Prize	<i>John Howland of the Mayflower, Volume 1</i> by Elizabeth Pearson White
1993	First Prize	<i>The Descendants of Robert Dunbar of Hingham, Massachusetts 1630-1693</i> by Ann Theopold Chaplin, C.G.
1994	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>The Ancestry of Emily Jane Angell</i> by Dean Crawford Smith
1995	Grand Prize - Category of Descendants of a New England Ancestor	<i>The Ancestors and Descendants of George Hull (ca 1590-1659) and Thamzen Mitchell of Crewkerne, Somerset, England, Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Windsor and Fairfield, Connecticut</i> by Robert E. Hull
1996	Grant Prize: Genealogy	<i>The Descendants of James Stanclift of Middletown, Connecticut and Allied Families</i> by Sherry Smith Stancliff and Robert C. Stancliff
1997	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>The Edward Hawes Heirs</i> by Raymond Gordon Hawes
1998	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>The Nickerson Family (subtitled) The Descendants of William Nickerson 1604-1689, First Settler of Chatham, MA</i> by Pauline W. Derick (dec.), Gilbert Bratti and Elbert Derick
1999	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>Tillotson, Tillison and Tillitson Descendants of John Tillotson Immigrant to the American Colonies from the West Riding, Yorkshire England Landowner of Rowley and Newbury Colony of the MA Bay and one of the 30 founders of Lyme Colony of CT (in 2 vols.)</i> by Margaret Tillotson Ragsdale

2000	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>The New England Descendants of the Immigrant Ralph Farnum of Rochester, Kent County, England and Ipswich, MA (2 vols.)</i> compiled by Russell C. Farnham, CG
2001	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>Alexander Lovell Genealogy</i> by Elisabeth Lovell Bowman
2002	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>For George Lathrop Cooley and Clara Elizabeth Hall Their Ancestors and Descendants in America with Allied Lines Descended from Immigrants Richard Seymour, George Lilly, Richard Smith and John Vincent</i> by Harl Preslar Aldrich, Jr.
2003	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>The Parson Family, Volume One, The English Ancestry and Descendants to the Sixth Generation of Cornet Joseph Parsons (1620-1683)</i> by Gerald James Parsons
2004	Grand Prize: New England Genealogy	(1) <i>Genealogy for Dr. John Durand of Derby, Connecticut and his family featuring the branch of his youngest son Ebenezer through Ten Generations</i> by Dr. Alvy Ray Smith
2004	Grand Prize: New England Genealogy	(2) <i>The Richard Hawes Genealogy of Dorchester, Massachusetts and his wife Ann and some of their descendants through thirteen generations</i> by Raymond Gordon
2005	Grand Prize: New England Genealogy	<i>More Lasting than Brass: A Thread of Family from Revolutionary War New York to Industrial Connecticut</i> by Peter Haring Judd
2006	Grand Prize: New England Genealogy	<i>Descendants of Daniel Ray of Plymouth and Salem, Vol. 1</i> by Joseph Ray
2007	Grand Prize: New England Genealogy	<i>The Descendants of Oliver Nye (C. 1798-1883) Early Settlers in Cortland and Tompkins Counties, NY with a History of the Henry D. Rumsey Family</i> by James J. Carrington
2008	Grand Prize: New England Genealogy	<i>And They were Related, too..</i> by Vicki S. Welch
2009	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>Hubble by Choice, the Ancestry of Some early Connecticut Women</i> by Mary Ann Walker Hubbell and Marjorie H. (Hubbell) Gibson
2010	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>Descendants of Daniel Ray of Plymouth and Salem, Vol 2, generation 7</i> by Joseph W. Ray
2011	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>Towne Family, William Towne and Janna Blessing, Salem, Massachusetts 1635, Five Generations of Descendants</i> by Lois Payne Hoover
2012	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>The Descendants of Judge John Lowell of Newburyport, MA</i> by Scott C. Steward and Christopher C. Child

2013	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>The Rev. Moore Bingham (1797-1853) & His Wives Ann and Lucy Barber: Their Ancestors and Descendants</i> by Janey Eaves Joyce
2014	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>The Ancestry & Descendants of Walter Deane, 1612-1693 of South Chard, England and Taunton, Plymouth Colony, Vols. 1 & 2</i> , by James Eldon Dean (poshumously) and H. Clark Dean
2015	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>The Descendants of John Baker (ca. 1640-1704) of Hartford, Connecticut, Through Thirteen Generations (Vol. I and II)</i> by Fred G. Baker
2016	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>Ingham Genealogy: The Descendants of Joseph Ingham (C. 1630-1770) of Saybrook, Connecticut</i> by Norman W. Ingham
2017	Grand Prize: Genealogy	<i>Genealogy and History of the Hubbell Family, Vol. 1 and 2</i> by Hilbert R. Hubble

Thank you to all who have entered the Literary Awards Contest and either the Fledgling Essay or the “Tell Me Your Family Story” Essay Contests. A lot of time and effort goes into to the researching, compiling, writing and seeing a publication through to publication. Our judges are very hard pressed to determine a winner in most cases. Please continue to write and publish for the benefit of the whole genealogical community.

For more information on CSG’s 2018 Literary Awards Contest, please visit our website at www.csginc.org and click on the Literary Awards tab.

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**... MOST OF ALL, the families and friends of our Board Members and
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accomplish 50 years of service to the genealogy community.**

Walter Woodward and the Band of Steady Habits will perform at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. on 19 May 2018 at the Casa Mia at the Hawthorne in Berlin, Connecticut.



The six-member acoustic Band of Steady Habits came together as a group in 2014 to share their love of music, and to use their talents to help create a new kind of public history presentation. Rachel Smith, Teagan Smith, Jeremy Teitelbaum, Walt Woodward, Duke York, and Rick Spencer use banjo, guitars, violin, recorders, bass, percussion, and beautiful harmonies to perform songs – some old, some original, and some contemporary – to accompany the visually rich and evocative stories of state historian Walt Woodward. The stories provide new insights and perspectives into topics ranging from the Civil War, to the uniqueness of Connecticut, to the poetry of Robert Frost. Band of Steady Habits performances have received rave reviews in venues throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts, and are gaining them fans both for their stories and music.

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As we start our 51st year, CSG will host this series of programs beginning THIS SUMMER at the CSG Library at 175 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT.

Thursday evenings, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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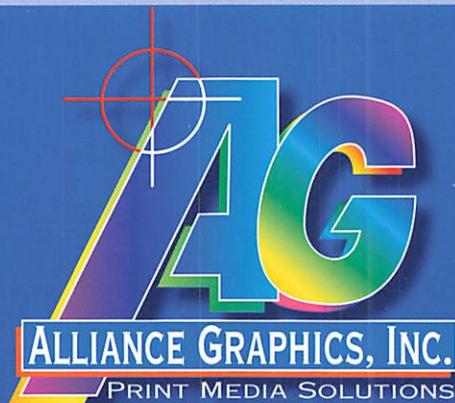
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