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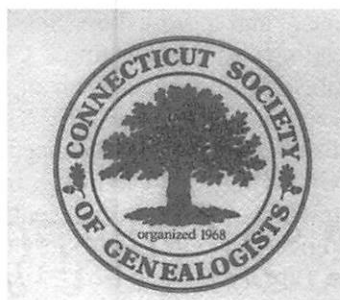
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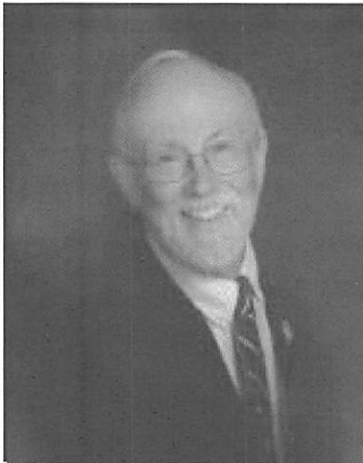
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President's Message



It's almost spring, and with the change in seasons comes the opportunity to get out and about and attend some genealogical programs as well as a major genealogical conference.

Coming right up on Saturday, March 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. is CSG's program "Researching Your

Irish Ancestors, U.S. and Irish Records" with Nora Galvin, Director of Connecticut Ancestry. CSG's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 20 at Trinity on Main, New Britain. In addition to a brief business meeting and luncheon, we'll be treated to a presentation by Kandie Carle, "The Victorian Lady." As described on her Web page, "While dressing in actual vintage and authentically reproduced undergarments, clothing and accessories, Kandie Carle adds humor, history and intriguing anecdotes about fashion, home life and etiquette of men and women" from the Civil War through the Gilded Age and the Edwardian Era. To register for either or both of these programs, see pages 15-16 or call the CSG Office at 860-569-0002.

If you haven't already done so, it's not too late to register for *Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past*, the Fourteenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference, being held 26-29 April at the MassMutual Center in the heart of historic Springfield, Massachusetts. CSG is one of the 23 Participating Societies. The MassMutual Center is a compact, two-story facility with three ballrooms on the top floor and five rooms plus the Exhibit Hall on the lower floor, with escalator and elevator service between the two floors.

NERGC has special rates at two hotels near the MassMutual Center: The Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place, One Monarch Place, and the Springfield Marriott, 2 Boland Way, Springfield. For more information about the hotels and/or to reserve a room, go to <http://www.nergc.org/hotel-and-convention-center/>.

You're sure to advance your knowledge and learn research skills at the 2017 conference. With over 94 lectures to choose from, with audience levels ranging from beginner to expert, NERGC 2017 will help attendees explore: new research pathways, methodologies, and strategies, including technology and online resources; ethnic genealogy of many types; new approaches for

navigating and utilizing record sources (such as civil, religious, cemetery, military, and newspapers); social history and family heirlooms; New England, New York, and New Jersey repositories; successful research planning and project implementation; and general genealogical skills and techniques.

The "keynote" speakers are bringing some blockbuster talks to NERGC. The Opening Session on Thursday will feature Mary Tedesco of PBS Genealogy Roadshow fame talking on "What Can Our Ancestors Teach Us About Genealogy?" Kenyatta D. Berry, also well-known from Genealogy Roadshow, will be presenting Sessions S-301, "An Introduction to African American Genealogy," S-318, "One Drop of Blood: What Old Laws Mean to Today's African-American Genealogist," and S-332, "Your Enslaved Ancestors: Breaking Through the 1870 Barrier." In addition, she'll be presenting "The Changing Genealogy Landscape: How Technology and Media are Impacting the Genealogy Community" at the Friday evening banquet.

F. Warren Bittner will be presenting Sessions T-107, "Death Records as a Starting Point," F-212, "Where Was Your Ancestor Really From?: Germany's Shifting Borders;" F-223, "Writing to Engage Your Reader," F-236 "Complex Evidence: What it Is, How it Works, and Why it Matters," and S-312, "Understanding and Researching Illegitimacy."

Thomas MacEntee will be presenting Sessions T-116, "Genealogy Do-Over: A Year of Learning from Research Mistakes," T-120, "They're Alive: Searching for Living Persons," F-205, "Ten Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy," and S-303, "Managing the Genealogy Data Monster" as well as "Scarce New World: Will Privacy Kill Genealogy" at the Thursday luncheon (T-103) and "How to Deal with Other Genealogists without Going Crazy" at the Saturday banquet.

NERGC 2017 includes many lectures of special interest to those with roots in New England, including several being presented by members of your CSG Board. CSG is sponsoring Session S-306 with CSG Vice President Edwin W. Strickland II, who will be presenting "Land Records: More than Meets the Eye." Ed will also be presenting Session T-121, "Saving the Past for the Future: Preserving Family Objects," and a workshop, Session T-111, "Paleography: Reading Old Handwriting." CSG Board Member Dave Robison (who is Co-Chair of the conference) will be presenting Session F-201, "The Rich Research Resources of Western Massachusetts." and Session S-335, "Gathering the Family Story: Non-Confrontational Strategies." I'll be presenting Session T-109, "Genealogical Resources and Services at the Connecticut State Library" and F-225, "Using

Connecticut's 'Early General Records' to Learn More About Your Ancestors."

Genealogical, historical, and patriotic societies from all over New England will have a presence at the conference, offering information about their specialties. Some will have booths in the Exhibit Hall, which will be open to conference attendees -- and to the general public -- Thursday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Look for CSG at Booth 66 -- right "next door" to the booths of several other Connecticut genealogical organizations. There are unopposed exhibitor times for browsing between lectures and meals. Other organizations will participate in the Society Fair Thursday evening from 5:35 to 7:00 p.m. There you can chat with society representatives, pick up brochures and registration material, or perhaps even make a more permanent connection by joining.

Also on Thursday evening, there will be Special Interest Groups, open to anyone interested in a wide range of topics: Blogging, DNA, Irish, Italian, French Canadian, Jewish, Polish, and Scandinavian. These get-togethers provide a great opportunity to meet conference participants and speakers with similar interests.

Got a thorny problem that just refuses to be solved? Ask an expert! You can bring a concise statement of your toughest problem to NERGC and spend time with a skilled genealogist at the Ancestors Road Show, exploring ways to find the answer.

A genealogy conference is the perfect place to meet others who share your love of genealogy. Whether in the lecture rooms, at the luncheons and banquets, on the hotel elevator, in the Exhibit Hall, or at the socials, you'll find lots of other folks with whom you can share information on ancestors and research.

If you're planning to be a part of the excitement, don't delay in registering. The conference brochure is available in PDF format at www.NERGC.org. It contains the full conference schedule, summaries of lectures, speaker biographies and information on available luncheons, banquets, and more. Check it out and start planning your conference experience! Then register online from the link on the NERGC web page, www.NERGC.org. This method lets you pay by either credit card or check. Or, to register by postal mail with payment by check, use the form on the last page of the Conference brochure.

Editorial

We are starting a new series in honor of the 100th anniversary of World War I. Contributions of the World War I articles in this issue are from Richard C. Roberts and from Pauline Merrick. Ms. Merrick's article was originally written for the 2016 "Tell Your Family Story" Essay Contest. Thank you both for sharing your stories with *Connecticut Genealogy News*.

While we do not have a Spotlight article on a Connecticut town for this issue, we do have two Spotlights on tap for the next two issues, so keep an eye out for those.

We are proud to announce the opening of the 30th Literary Awards and "Tell Your Family Story" Essay Contests, sponsored by the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. The 2017 contest will start receiving entries on March 15th. See pages 17-20 for entry rules and forms.

If you would like to write a Spotlight on a Connecticut Town that has not been previously done or have an interesting article in mind that relates to WWI, contact the Editor at the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. Guidelines for articles can be found on the CSG Website www.csgetc.org, under Publications.

About the Cover

"Sergeant Stubby has been called "the most decorated war dog of World War I and the only dog to be ... promoted to sergeant through combat." (Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

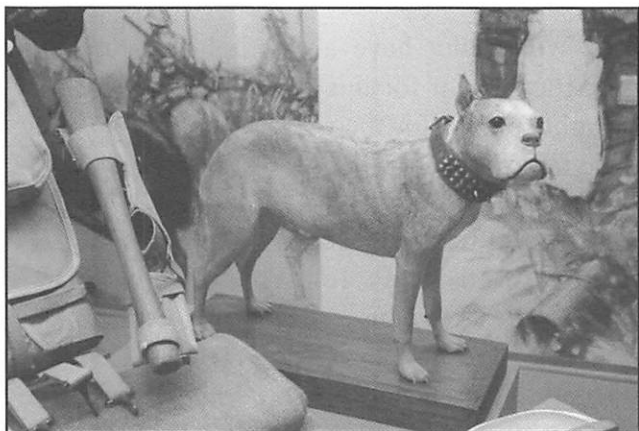
This is a photo of Stubby on display in the "Price of Freedom: Americans at War" exhibition at the National Museum of American History.

Photo by Richard C. Roberts

James Robert Conroy and Sergeant Stubby, The Decorated Dog of World War I

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680

After two and a half years of neutrality, the United States entered World War I in April 1917. Beyond the some 63,000 residents who served with U.S. or Allied forces, many Connecticut men and women worked on the home front producing munitions and other goods. Beginning with this issue Connecticut Genealogy News is running a series of articles relating to Connecticut's role in "The War to End All Wars."



Sergeant Stubby has been called "the most decorated war dog of World War I and the only dog to be ... promoted to sergeant through combat (Wikipedia)." Nearly as interesting as his story is that of his master, whose name is given as James Joseph Conroy on his birth record and whose name appears as James Conroy or J. Robert Conroy in many records, but who seems to have preferred to be known to his friends as "Rob."

James Conroy was born on Saturday, 27 February 1892 (SSDI; BIRLS Death File, WWII Draft) in New Britain, Connecticut (Bausum, p. 215, WWII Draft), the son of James P. and Alice (McAvey) Conroy (Bausum, p. 215). His father died on 25 September 1899 in New Britain (Bausum, p. 215). At the time of the 1900 census, James was aged seven and "at school" in New Britain; the head of the household was Alice Conroy, widow, age 33, who was born in Pennsylvania in August 1866 and whose parents were born in Ireland. His siblings were Margarith (sic.) Conroy, age 12; Alice Conroy, age 10; Hugh Conroy, age 4; Helen Conroy, age 1; and Gertrude Conroy, age 1 (1900 Census).



After graduating from high school in 1910, James Conroy held several positions with the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company (Bausum, p. 25). At the time of the 1910 census his age was given as 18, and his occupation was clerk in a hardware factory. He was still living with his mother and siblings on High Street in New Britain; the household consisted of Alice Conroy, age 40; Margarethe (sic.) Conroy, age 22; Alice Conroy, age 19; James Conroy, age 18; Hugh Conroy, age 14; Helen Conroy, age 11, Gertrude (sic.) Conroy, age 11; and John McAvey (sic.), age 50, who is identified as Alice Conroy's brother (1910 Census). Alice (McAvey) Conroy died on 15 March 1913 in New Britain (Bausum, p. 215).

On 6 April 1917, the United States declared war on Germany. On 21 May 1917 Conroy enlisted in the Connecticut National Guard from New Britain and was assigned to Company E, 1st Infantry, Connecticut

National Guard (Serv Recs; BIRS Death File). Soon thereafter, National Guard forces were mobilized. The 1st Connecticut from the Hartford area and the 2nd Connecticut from the New Haven area were sent to Camp Yale for encampment and training on Yale's athletic fields. However, since neither unit could reach a full force of 1,000 men, the two units were combined, becoming the 102nd Infantry, part of the 26th (Yankee) Division. Conroy was assigned to Headquarters Company, 102nd Infantry (Serv. Rec.).

About this time a dog of undetermined age and breed -- he is sometimes described as a pit bull, sometimes as bull dog, sometimes as a bull terrier -- found his way into camp and was "adopted" by the 102nd. Because of his short tail, he became known as Stubby. He was taught bugle calls, drills, and even how to salute with his paw on the command "present arms." Even though animals were not allowed, Stubby was on the train when the unit was shipped south to Newport News, Virginia. Conroy then secreted Stubby aboard the *S.S. Minnesota* in his greatcoat and arranged for him to be hidden in a coal bunker when the 102nd shipped out in October, 1917 (NYT). Once the voyage was complete, Stubby was discovered by Conroy's commanding officer but was allowed to remain with the unit after giving the officer a salute. On February 5, 1918 Stubby entered the front lines of the Great War (NYT).

On 5 April 1918 Conroy was promoted to Private First Class (Serv. Recs) and on 30 September 1918 was promoted to Corporal (Serv. Recs). Conroy and Stubby served eighteen months 'over there' and participated in seventeen battles on the Western Front including Chemin des Dames, Toul Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne (Serv. Recs). Stubby is reported to have "saved his regiment from surprise gas attacks, found and comforted the wounded, and even once caught a [German] spy by the seat of the pants, holding him there until American soldiers found him (Wikipedia)." For that, he was unofficially "promoted" to Sergeant. On 20 April 1918 Stubby

was seriously wounded "by a small fragment of a shell at Dead Man's Curve" during the Battle of Seicheprey (Bausum, p. 217, Christmas Dinner) for which he received a wound chevron. Conroy was slightly wounded in action on 31 October 1918 (Serv. Recs.), for which he was ultimately awarded the Purple Heart in 1933 (Bausum, p. 198). He and Stubby were injured by poison gas at the Bois d'Ormont on 2 November 1918 (Bausum, p. 217).

The Armistice agreement ending the war was signed on 11 November 1918 at 11:00 in the morning. Stubby is reported to have met President Woodrow Wilson -- who even shook his paw -- during a review of the troops on Christmas Day, 1918 (Bausum, pp. 130-1). Conroy and Stubby, along with other members of the 102nd Regiment, departed Brest, France on 31 March 1919, arriving in Boston on 7 April (Bausum, p. 217-8). Conroy was honorably discharged on 25 April 1919 (Bausum, p. 218; Serv. Recs; BIRS Death File).

Conroy had hardly returned to the States when he began working to insure Stubby's legend and legacy. Beginning with a victory parade in Boston, Stubby marched in, and normally led, many parades across the country and was featured at gatherings of many veterans groups. He was featured as part of a vaudeville show at the Bijou Theater in New Haven on 1 May and attended the American Legion convention in Minneapolis 10-12 November (Bausum, p. 218). Following one event, a 1919 article in the *Hartford Courant* described him as wearing "a chamois blanket, decorated with fancy work by women of France" with regulation service



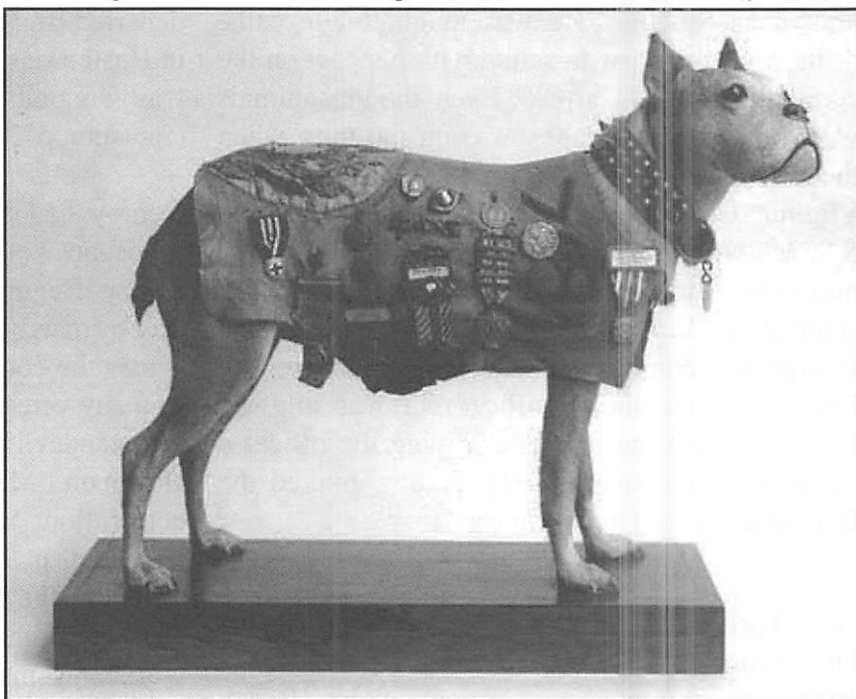
chevrons on one side indicating eighteen months overseas; Foch, Verdun, and other medal souvenirs; and a German Iron Cross hanging over his tail (HC 13 April 1919). In 1921 he participated in many events in Washington, D.C. including a Humane Education Society animal parade in May and a party for wounded veterans on the White House grounds in June; he also attended the American Legion convention in Kansas City, Missouri in October (Bausum, p. 219).

On Christmas Day 1922 Stubby had the place of honor at a dinner held for Connecticut veterans of all wars held at the State Armory in Hartford. As reported in the *Hartford Courant*, he was “placed on a stand in front of the head table (HC 26 Dec 1922).” Conroy told the assembled guests about the decoration of soldiers’ memorial posts at a Court of Honor held in New Britain and that “Stubby had attended the American Legion conventions in New Orleans and Kansas City. The *Courant* also reported that Stubby had been decorated by General John J. Pershing and that he was also wearing “the five barred Victory Medal which Miss Mabel Boardman enrolled him in the recent Red Cross roll call (HC 26 Dec 1922).” Over the next several years, Stubby was featured in many additional parades and events, always wearing “the embroidered chamois blanket presented to him by admiring Frenchwomen and decorated with service chevrons, medals, pins, buttons, and souvenirs (NYT).”

At the time of the 1920 census James Conroy, along with his brother Hugh and sisters Alice and Helen, was enumerated with his sister, Margaret, her husband Frederick O’Brien, and their son Fred in New Britain’s Fourth Ward. James’ occupation was given as “Commercial Traveler, Wholesale Tea House” (1920 Census). Soon thereafter

Conroy’s decision to study law took him -- and Stubby -- to Washington, D.C. Conroy initially enrolled in the Catholic University law school in the fall of 1920, where Stubby became the football team’s mascot (Bausum, pp. 164, 218) but in 1921 transferred to Georgetown where Stubby more famously became that team’s mascot. “He would be given the football at halftime and would nudge the ball around the field to the amusement of the fans (Wikipedia).” On 8 June 1921 Stubby and Conroy met President Harding at a White House lawn party honoring wounded veterans (Bausum, p. 166).

Conway joined the Bureau of Investigation at the Justice Department (predecessor of the FBI) in 1923 but resigned on 11 October, 1924 (Bausum,



p. 219). Although he made several attempts to return to the Bureau between 1925 and 1932, he was repeatedly turned down (Bausum, p. 193). On 29 October 1924 Conroy and Stubby met President Calvin Coolidge at the White House (Bausum, p. 219).

On 16 March 1926 Stubby died in Conroy’s arms. Colonel John H. Parker, former commander of the 102nd Regiment, wrote: “For sure ‘Stubby’ has only gone to join our buddies on the other side.

Reunions will miss a thrill in ‘Stubby’s’ loss and he will be mourned as sincerely as any other of our comrades by most of the old Charter Oak outfit (HC 1 December 1926, p. 16).”

On 12 June 1926 Conroy, after having transferred to yet another institution, graduated from National University Law School (now National Law Center at The George Washington University) and was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on 11 October 1927 (Bausum, p. 220). On 26 November 1927 the *Hartford Courant* listed J. Robert Conroy (of New Britain but whose post office address was 259 House Office Building, Washington, D.C.) as one of 43 applicants to take the Connecticut bar exam (HC 26 Nov. 1927, p. 4).

Conroy married Ruth Mildred Burghardt on 4 June 1927 (Bausum, p. 220). They separated about seven months later (Bausum, p. 220), but a daughter Elaine Virginia Conroy was born Friday, 20 July 1928 in Washington, DC (Bausum, p. 220, SSDI; FindAGrave Memorial #126889295). Elaine married 2 May 1947 in the Fort Meyer Chapel, Fort Meyer, Virginia John Breed Deane (FindAGrave memorial #126889295), a graduate of the West Point Class of 1941, who rose to the rank of colonel. Elaine died Sunday, 23 June 1996 in McLean, Fairfax County, Virginia, aged 67 years, 11 months, and 3 days (SSDI) and is buried in Section XXXIII, Row C, Site 51B of the United States Military Academy Post Cemetery, West Point, Orange County, New York (FindAGrave memorial #126889295). John Breed Deane was born Wednesday, 6 March 1918 in New York, New York (SSDI, FindAGrave memorial #123709897) and died Wednesday, 31 May 2000 at Potomac Falls, Loudoun County, Virginia (SSDI, FindAGrave memorial #123709897). He is buried in Section XXXIII, Row C, Site 51B of the United States Military Academy Post Cemetery, West Point, Orange County, New York (FindAGrave memorial #123709897).

By 1927 Conroy was clerk of the House Committee on Census under Representative E. Hart Fenn of

Connecticut (HC 30 Nov. 1927), and in 1931 he was still clerk to Representative Fenn (HC 8 Jan. 1931). He held several other positions over the ensuing decades including a stint as a legislative officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Bausum, p. 194). He crossed the Atlantic at least one more time, as New York Passenger and Crew Lists show him immigrating to New York from Southampton on the *Queen Mary* in October 1937. That record gives his birth year (estimated) as 1892 and his place of birth as New Britain, Connecticut (NY Pass. List).

Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Conroy registered for military service in 1942 at which time he lived at 2200 Oren Road, Middle River, Baltimore County, Maryland and gave his name as “J Robert Conroy,” his age as 50, his height as five feet, 10 1/2 inches, and his weight as 170 (WWII Draft). He reportedly worked stateside in military intelligence (Bausum, p. 220).

On 20 December 1975 in Palm Beach, Florida, at age 85, Conroy married as his second wife Margaret Elmira Cooper (Florida Marriage Index).

James Robert Conroy died in West Palm Beach, Florida on Saturday, 25 April 1987 (SSDI; BIRS Death File), aged 95 years, 1 month (SSDI) following a fall. At the time of his death his residence was 208 Fern St., West Palm Beach. Memorial services were held on 29 April at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, West Palm Beach (Miami Herald).

Stubby and his legend have been preserved in many ways. On 4 April 1926 his obituary appeared in the *New York Times*. He has been the subject of several books including a children’s book, *Stubby – Brave Soldier Dog* by Richard Glendinning, Sally Glendinning, and Richard E. Amundsen published in 1978 and two books by Ann Bausum published in 2014: *Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I’s Bravest Dog* (for children) and *Sergeant Stubby: How a Stray Dog and His Best Friend Helped Win World War I and Stole the Heart of a Nation*. He is the subject of a new off-

Broadway musical, *Sgt. Stubby, the Great American War Dog Musical*, and a feature-length animated film is scheduled for release in 2018.

Meanwhile, in 1925 Stubby's portrait had been painted by artist Charles Ayer Whipple (1859-1928). Following Whipple's death the portrait "disappeared" but a friend of Conroy discovered it in a Washington, D.C. second hand shop in time for Conroy to rescue it (HC 8 Jan. 1931). It was displayed for many years in the 102nd Infantry Regiment Museum in the New Haven Armory, restored in the early 2000s by Terry James of Oxford, Connecticut, (NH Register) and currently hangs in the West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center, 30 Hood Terrace, West Haven. On 30 November 1927 the *Hartford Courant* reported that "The fame of 'Stubby,' the bull dog mascot of the 26th Division in France, will be preserved for posterity by means of a silver tablet which is to be presented to the American Red Cross in Washington December 7 by Representative E. Hart Fenn in behalf of the Eddy-Glover post, American Legion, of New Britain." (HC 30 Nov 1927). There is also a brick honoring him at the Walk of Honor at the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City.

Perhaps the most interesting way in which Stubby was -- literally -- preserved is the mounting prepared by a Smithsonian taxidermist over a plaster cast of his body. It was displayed at a meeting of the Hartford County Association of the American Legion held Saturday, 21 August 1926 in Wethersfield and soon thereafter displayed in Hartford (HC 21 Aug. 1926). For many years it was on exhibit "in the museum of the American Red Cross ... in Washington. Inside the cast are the ashes of his cremated remains encased in an airtight metal container (HC 30 Nov. 1927)." It was eventually returned to Conroy, who rescued it as he escaped from a burning building in Washington, D.C. in 1954 (Bausum p. 220) and who presented it, along with a scrapbook and Stubby's jacket, collar, and harness to the Smithsonian on 22 May 1956 (Bausum, p. 221) From 2000 to 2003, it was loaned to the Connecticut National Guard Armory

in Hartford, where it was exhibited for three years. In 2004 Stubby went on display as part of the "Price of Freedom: Americans at War" exhibition at the National Museum of American History.

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Photo of Stubby on display in the “Price of Freedom: Americans at War” exhibition at the National Museum of American History. Photo taken by Richard C. Roberts.

Editor's Note: The following is an essay submitted to the 2016 "Tell Your Family History" Essay Contest. We hope that you will enjoy it as much as we did.

I Was Going to Stay in Haskell Or, How a Connecticut Farm Boy Was Killed in Service to the King

by Pauline C. Merrick, CSG # 20313

"I was going to stay in Haskell, but it started to rain." On such small detail hangs a life story. If it hadn't rained that night in Haskell, New Jersey, I may have known my Great Uncle Leroy. But it did rain, decisions were made, and lives were changed from the expected path.

Alanson H. Atwood married Minnie J. Williams in Watertown, Connecticut, at two o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, August 9th, 1893.

^[1] Their first child, Hubert Leroy Atwood, was born on December 10th, 1895, followed by Adah Katherine on March 1st, 1897, and Lyman Lewis on April 2nd, 1899.^[2] Alanson largely supported his young family on a farm on the Watertown/Woodbury town line. However, it was the dawn of the age of the automobile, and Alanson was an enthusiast of that emerging technology. He had a foot in the future, advertising cars for hire, yet keeping a grasp on his roots by spraying fruit trees and selling fertilizer.^[3]

His two sons followed in his footsteps. At a young age, they were stripping down used automobiles for use on the farm. They were natural mechanics, and easily mastered the workings of the rudimentary gas engines. They learned to drive a car or a team of horses, as the situation required. As they matured into young adults they left the farming life behind and ventured forth to find their places in the larger world.

Leroy wrote to his brother, Lyman, on his birthday, 2 April 1916, "I just got a letter from Ma yesterday in which she said you were working in the powder factory now [in Haskell, NJ] and getting \$3 a day.... When I was in Haskell I tried for a job there, but there was nothing doing that day.... I was going to stay in Haskell that night but it started to rain so

I took the jitney for Paterson. When I got there, I couldn't find a place to stay so I had to go to New York.... The next day I signed on to the *SS Philadelphian* for Brest and London and sailed the same day."

Leroy had left his home in Watertown for "two or three days" to find work in January of 1916. More than three weeks later, his distraught mother finally received a letter, from London, telling her that he had joined up with the British Army. The British, in attempting to motorize their ambulance corps, were having trouble recruiting experienced drivers and mechanics; Leroy excelled in both skills.

"We were shipping seas over the rail most of the way across ... we had to tie ourselves into our bunks to sleep. We unloaded the horses at Brest ...they were in bad shape, all of 'em has sores & were lame & sick, we lost 68 of 400 on the way across. From Brest we came to London in 3 days and I got paid off to the tune of 5 pounds 10 shillings, about \$27.50 in U.S. currency."

Leroy enlisted at the Scotland Yard Recruiting Office in London, and was assigned to Company 6 of the East Surrey Regiment, Battalion 3.^[4] He was later transferred to Company B of



LeRoy Atwood

the 13th East Surrey Regiment. From London he was sent to Kingston-on-Thames, and then to a location that was redacted in his letters, but was later shown to be the town of Lens, France.

Before leaving England, Leroy loaded his new ambulance on a transport ship. However, there was a delay in getting the vehicles across the channel, so he was assigned to duty “in the trenches.”

“I would go out in the Town if I had any of the coin of the realm but I have [only] 9 pence ... my weekly pay of 6 shillings (\$1.50) don't last over a couple of days after payday. I wonder if you would mind sending me an order for a couple of “Bucks” every once in a while to help me out a little...I would do as much for you if the circumstances were reversed...Tell Bub that contributions would be gratefully received from him also if he would care to help out a poor “Tommy.”

At six foot, two inches tall, Leroy was not ideally suited to trench warfare, where showing your head could be a fatal mistake. Maybe it was for that reason that he volunteered for some night duty, repairing the parapet in front of the trench to make it higher. A shot by a German sniper found its mark, and Leroy died instantly.

Cablegram received in Watertown, Connecticut from the London War Office July 19th, 1916, “*Regret inform you 18249 – Private L. Atwood – Thirteenth East Surrey Regiment -killed in action June 26.*”

Leroy went into action on 12 June 1916, and died just 14 days later.

“Well, if the U.S. enters the war I will get a transfer into the U. S. forces & hope that you will be patriotic enough to do your bit for the honor and good name of the “Red White & Blue” emblem of freedom and join the army or navy and fight for the “Stars and Stripes.”

The United States did enter the war 6 April 1917, ten months after Leroy was buried in the British Cemetery in Vermelles, France.^[5] His brother Lyman registered for the draft,^[6] but was not immediately called. When his father died 2 Aug 1919^[7] Lyman was called home from Tampa, Florida^[8] where he was employed at an automobile dealer, and became the sole support of his mother and sister. He died in Wolcott, New Haven County, Connecticut 1 September 1967 while sitting at the dinner table.^[9]

Endnotes

¹ Wedding invitation, in possession of author.

² Family records held by author.

³ Various advertising media in possession of author.

⁴ Details of military duties are taken from the World War 1 Veterans database Military Service Questionnaires, compiled by the Connecticut State Library. Images online at ctstatelibrary.org (library card required.) Details from letter written by Leroy Atwood to Lyman Atwood 2 April 1916.

Also, see pages 12 and 21-23 for copies of LeRoy Atwood's military service questionnaire and the start of a letter written by LeRoy to his brother Lyman.

⁵ www.findagrave.com, memorial #56588473, Plot IV, B44.

⁶ U.S. WWI Draft Registration Card, 1917-1918, Connecticut, Litchfield. Image on Ancestry.com, accessed 2016.

⁷ Obituary, in possession of author.

⁸ Letter, Adah Atwood to Lyman Atwood, in possession of author.

⁹ Personal recollection of author.

LeRoy Atwood's Military Service Questionnaire page 1

Note. This Questionnaire should be completed so far as possible with such information as can be furnished at once, and returned with photographs and additional notes or letters, if available, to Department of War Records, State Library, Hartford, Conn. Your completed Questionnaire will convey to your children and to their children, your story in your own words, of the part you took in the great conflict. The "Roll of Honor" and the accompanying list of names certified by a town official, will form the Title-Page and Table of Contents to the volumes of War Records relating to those in service from your Town.



Connecticut Participation in the World War

State of Connecticut

12283

MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

Allie

D. H. R.—Form I. Ed. 3
State Library

Compiled by the Department of War Records, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, where it will be filed, as a permanent memorial of the deeds of Connecticut soldiers, sailors and marines in the service of the federal, state and allied governments during American participation in the World War.

Name in full Atwood Hubert Leroy
(family name) (first name) (middle name)

Date of birth December 10 1895
(month) (day) (year)

Place of birth Watertown Litchfield Conn.
(town) (county) (state) (country)

Name of father Alanson H. Atwood Birthplace Connecticut
(country)

Maiden name of mother Minnie F. Williams Birthplace New York State
(country)

Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? White

Citizen Yes Voter No Church Congregational
(yes or no) (yes or no) (denomination)

Married No 1 at _____

To _____ Born _____ 1 at _____
(maiden name)

Children _____ Born _____ 1 at _____
(name)

_____ Born _____ 1 at _____

_____ Born _____ 1 at _____

Fraternal Orders _____

Previous military service or training Boy Scout

Occupation before entry into the service Chauffeur

_____; employer for father

Residence before entry into the service _____
(street number) (town) (county)

Present home address _____
(street number) (town) (county) (state)



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*** SAVE THIS SECTION ***

Please mark your calendar or save this page in a handy place with your other active calendars and datebooks.

~ SAVE THE DATES ~

**All CSG Events are open to the public
and many are free of charge.**

These opportunities not only provide helpful knowledge and insights into various aspects of genealogy, but the camaraderie found in each gathering is always a plus. Our attendees always take away more than what they expect when they sign up. Please pre-register with the CSG Office, so we can plan appropriately and notify you of any last-minute changes or emergency announcements. All events may also be found on the CSG website, www.csginc.org. Members are reminded to invite their friends and watch this space and/or the CSG website for updated information.

2017

In case of inclement weather, please look for cancellations at WFSB.com under Closings & Delays.

18 March - "Researching Your Irish Ancestors' U.S. and Irish Records" with Nora Galvin, Director of Connecticut Ancestry. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EXPANDED TITLE. ONLINE RECORDS WILL STILL BE DISCUSSED.
Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT.
Time: 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Cost: FREE

There will be no CSG program on 15 April. Instead, please join us at the 14th New England Regional Genealogical Conference hosted by the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) from **26-29 April** in Springfield, MA. For more information on NERGC, please see page 17 of this issue and go to www.NERGC.org or visit www.facebook.com/NERGC.

20 May - SAVE THE DATE - 49th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting.

Program: Kandie Carle introduces us to a Civil War era ancestor. In our own CSG Fiftieth Anniversary Year, we begin by going back one hundred fifty years! Ms. Carle, in her lively portrayal of someone from the 1860s, will enhance your knowledge of what it may have been like for your ancestors -- men and women -- through fashions and lifestyle mores, giving us an understanding of "being there" as she expresses innermost thoughts and concerns of that era during her in-depth "dress-up" performance.

Place: Trinity-On-Main
69 West Main Street,
New Britain, CT 06051

Time: Registration begins at 10 a.m., Annual Business Meeting & Election of Officers will begin at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be at Noon and our speaker will begin at 1:15 p.m.

Cost: \$35 - Pre-registration required by 12 May 2017.

See page 16 for flyer and registration form. Copies are welcome.

CSG News

It's Dues Time Again...

The 2017-2018 Dues renewal material was sent out to members in mid-February. If you have not received yours, please contact the CSG Office as soon as possible.

Life Members: for those of you who have a complimentary household member on your membership, those membership cards will be sent out in early April. If you have any updates, please let us know.

From the Literary Awards Committee

The 2017 contest will open on March 15th. Literary Award Contest and "Tell Your Family Story" Essay Contest entry rules and forms can be found on pages 17-20 of this issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News*; on the CSG website at www.csginc.org; or can be obtained by calling the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 at that time.

From the Publications Committee

CSG members can access past issues of *Connecticut Genealogy News* in "pdf" at www.csginc.org after signing in and clicking on Publications, then CT Genealogy News. Choose the "Full Version." Non-CSG members can view the table of contents of each issue or can contact CSG to purchase a hardcopy (subject to availability).

CSG members may access past issues of *The Connecticut Nutmegger* journal as follows:

Volumes 39-the current issue may be accessed in pdf format on the CSG website at www.csginc.org under Publications then under CT Nutmegger. For issues prior to Volume 39, members can click the Search tab then type in key words under the Nutmegger Database Search option.

In Other News

CSG has received word that the Strong Family Association of America has ceased operation as of February 1, 2017.

According to their letter, "This comes after a two-year effort to grow the Association by me [Tom A. Strong, ex-officio president] and a handful of other volunteers. Due to total lack of new volunteers, our respective health and ever increasing time commitments for

taking care of our elderly loved ones, along with the proliferation of available genealogical information on the world wide web we have come to the conclusion that he need to honor our mission, as stated below, can no longer be sustained or fulfilled."

For a complete copy of the letter, which includes their mission statement, contact the CSG Office.

Other Events

Connecticut Gravestone Network

The Annual Connecticut Gravestone Network annual Spring Symposium is targeted to be Saturday, April 8, 2017. As always there will be a room full of vendors and displays – all on cemetery topics from genealogy to conservation issues; and four lectures with a lunch break in the middle. This is an event promoting preservation of historic cemeteries, learning and partnering to save our outdoor museums for future generations to appreciate.

For more information or to be on the list to receive our newsletters and event information contact Executive Director Ruthie Brown at ctgravelady@cox.net.

We're looking for articles for our journal, *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, including, but not limited to, genealogical studies of Connecticut/New England families and families with various ethnic backgrounds as well as transcriptions of probate records, Bible/Family records, church records and other archival information. If you are interested in submitting an article, but feel you are not a writer but that your information is good, we can help you put your information into words.

Contact The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. at 860-569-0002 or email csginc@csginc.org for more details.

**The Connecticut Society of
Genealogists, Inc.**

presents

**“Researching Your Irish Ancestors’ U.S. and
Irish Records”**

with

***Nora Galvin,
Director of Connecticut Ancestry***

Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT.

Date: 18 March 2017

Time: 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Cost: FREE

~ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~

Pre-registration required so we may plan appropriately.



“Researching Your Irish Ancestors’ U.S. and Irish Records” - 18 March 2017.

Deadline to pre-register: Friday, 3/17/17 by 3 p.m.

Name _____ CSG # _____
 Name _____ CSG # _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____

For more details or to pre-register, visit us at www.csginc.org or call 1-860-569-0002

**CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS
49th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
AND ANNUAL MEETING**

20 MAY 2017

**Trinity-On-Main
Main Street, New Britain, CT**

~ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~

11:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

Enjoy camaraderie with your fellow genealogists.

11:30 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING

President's Welcome & Annual Report
Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting by the Acting Secretary
Treasurer's Annual Report
Election of Officers

NOON BUFFET LUNCHEON

1:15 p.m. PROGRAM

Kandie Carle, the Victorian Lady

"While dressing in actual vintage and authentically reproduced undergarments, clothing and accessories, Kandie Carle adds humor, history and intriguing anecdotes about fashion, home life and etiquette of men and women during the 1860s - Civil War era." For more information about Kandie Carle and her programs go to:
<http://www.kandiecarle.com/program/victorianlady.html>.

CSG 49th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Meeting - 20 May 2017

Registration Form - Cost: \$35 per person - Please pre-register by 5/12/17

**Please make checks payable to and mail to: CSG, Inc., P.O. Box 435, Glastonbury, CT 06033
(or call 860-569-0002/MasterCard, Visa & Discover also accepted)**

Name(s): _____ CSG # _____

_____ CSG # _____

Address: _____

Telephone/E-mail _____

Please let us know if you have special dietary restrictions _____

LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST OCTOBER 2017

THIRTIETH ANNUAL

ENTRY RULES

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS, Inc.

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Telephone Number: 860-569-0002

Fax Number 860-569-0339 / Email Address: csginc@csginc.org

The Grand Prize of \$500 is awarded to the overall best publication!

**Two First Prizes of \$250 each may be awarded for the best
in each of the remaining two categories!**

Entries may be submitted in the following categories:

“Genealogy,” “Family History,” and “Resource Publication”

- 1.) The Contest opens March 15, 2017 and Entries must be received in CSG’s Office by July 15, 2017.
- 2.) Entry Categories are:
 - a.) **Genealogy** (begins with someone in the past and moves forward in time through all of his/her descendants).
 - b.) **Family History** (begins with someone living today or recently and moves backward in time, usually in a direct line).
 - c.) **Genealogical Resource** (might include cemetery abstracts, compilations, court records, etc.)
- 3.) Entries must have been published within the last five (5) years (after 2012) and have some relevance to Connecticut and/or New England.
- 4.) An Entry fee of \$20 and **TWO** copies of the publication (one copy will be added to the CSG Library and the other donated to the Connecticut State Library (the author may request one copy to be returned to them instead) must be submitted with each Entry Form.
- 5.) Entry is open to anyone except CSG staff and the current/sitting CSG Board of Governors and their immediate families. Membership in CSG or Connecticut residency is **NOT** required to enter.
- 6.) Submit completed Entry Form to CSG at the mailing address above.
- 7.) Photocopies of the Entry Form are welcomed.

Entries will be evaluated on a variety of criteria including, but not limited to, the quality of: relevance of title, format (logical, readable, interesting arrangement); sentence structure; grammar; and presentation (spelling counts and typographical errors are noted). All entries should include title page, table of contents, index (at least Name and Place is highly recommended), and page numbers or will not be considered. Where applicable, evaluation will also be based on: numbering system (was it easy to follow); quality of references; bibliography; and narrative. Books should be bound (both hardcover and softcover are accepted). Presentation is considered.

CDs are acceptable entries; **however, all entries must have a fully searchable and easy-to-follow names index with page numbers.** A searchable place index is also encouraged. All entries will be retained in our library and available for research. The second copy, unless specifically requested back by the entrant, will be offered to the CT State Library. Content on CD entries must be in a commonly used format. Pdf is preferred.

Winning entries will be formally announced at CSG’s Annual Family History Seminar on 21 October 2017. Winners should be notified by September 1, 2017.

SEE PAGE 18 FOR ENTRY FORM

**LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST OCTOBER 2017
THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENTRY FORM**

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Telephone Number: (860) 569-0002

Fax Number: 860-569-0339 Email Address: csginc@csginc.org

Please Print or Type

Date Submitted: _____

Title of Publication: _____

Category (Circle one): GENEALOGY FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCE PUBLICATION
(Note: CSG reserves the right to reclassify Category)

Name of Author

Address (including PO Box if applicable)

Town/City, State, Zip+4

Purchase Price

Telephone Number)

E-mail Address

**CSG Member Number
(if applicable)**

Name(s) of Person(s) Submitting This Entry [if different from Author(s)]

Address (including PO Box if applicable), Town/City, State, Zip+4

Telephone Number)

E-mail Address

**CSG Member Number
(if applicable)**

Publisher

Address (including PO Box if applicable), Town/City, State, Zip+4

Telephone Number)

E-mail Address

Contact Person

Photocopies of this Entry Form are welcomed. See page 17 for Entry Rules.

LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST OCTOBER 2017

SIXTH ANNUAL

“TELL ME YOUR FAMILY STORY” ESSAY CONTEST

ENTRY RULES

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OPEN TO ALL*

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$100!

- 1.) *Entry is **open to anyone** except for CSG staff and current/sitting CSG Board of Governors or immediate family thereof. Membership in CSG or Connecticut residency is NOT required.
- 2.) **Contest opens March 15, 2017. All entries must be received in CSG's Office by July 15, 2017.**
- 3.) Essay must have some relevance to New England (including at least one of the six states which are: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont).
- 4.) Essays must be well written, not more than ten pages, double-spaced and typed. Supporting documentation should be included if available but will not be counted as part of the essay's text.
- 5.) **TWO** copies of the essay (which will not be returned), including supporting documentation, must be submitted with each Entry Form. If submitting copies of supporting documentation, please include for **both** copies.
- 6.) Submit completed Entry Form to CSG at the mailing address above. Entries may be hand delivered.
We cannot accept emailed entries.
- 7.) Photocopies of the Entry Form are welcomed.
- 8.) Currently there is no entry fee!

Essays may include family stories; oral histories; excerpts from an ancestor's journal/diary; transcriptions of Bible records or cemetery markers; family histories/traditions and socio-economic background surrounding/affecting an ancestor. Each essay needs to include how it pertains to the author. Genealogical summaries should be easy to follow. Essay writers are encouraged to use their imagination when deciding on topics. Please bear in mind that essays must have some relevance to New England (see #2 above).

Essays will be evaluated on a variety of criteria, including but not limited to: the relevance of the title page; page numbers (very important); format (logical, readable, interesting narrative or arrangement); New England content (this is of paramount importance); spelling (this counts); sentence structure; grammar and presentation. All entries will be permanently retained in the CSG Library and will be available to anyone who visits. The winner and selected entries may be published in *The Connecticut Nutmegger* or *Connecticut Genealogy News* magazine. Authors are asked to sign the Copyright and Ownership Conditions on the entry form.

Winning entries will be formally announced at CSG's Annual Family History Seminar in 21 October 2017. Winners should be notified by September 1, 2017.

See page 20 for Entry Form

**LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST OCTOBER 2017
ENTRY FORM**

**SIXTH ANNUAL
“TELL ME YOUR FAMILY STORY” ESSAY CONTEST**

THE CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS, INC.

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Telephone Number: (860) 569-0002

Fax Number: 860-569-0339 / Email Address: www.csginc.org

Please Print or Type

Date Submitted: _____

Title of Essay: _____

Written by: _____

Are you a CSG Member? _____ **If yes, CSG Member Number:** _____

Address: _____

Town/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Where/How did you learn of this Contest? _____

Copyright and Ownership conditions: Selected essays may be published in *The Connecticut Nutmegger* or *Connecticut Genealogy News* magazine. Authors agree by their submission to grant CSG perpetual non-exclusive right to edit and publish. This includes the right to publish on the Internet, store on electronic media and to republish and/or extract for future CSG use. Authors retain the copyrights to their specific works and can republish or reuse their material without limitation.

Author Acceptance: I have read and accept the copyright and ownership conditions.

Signature _____ Date _____

We encourage you to photocopy this form and pass it on.

SEE PAGE 19 FOR ENTRY RULES

LeRoy Atwood's Military Service Questionnaire, page 2

WAR RECORD

Inducted into service or enlisted on February 16, 1916 at London, England
(date) (place)

Scotland Yard recruiting office Private
(rank)

in the Army Transport Service section of
(infantry, artillery aviation, etc.)

the Regular Army, National Guard, Home Guard, National Army, Navy, Naval Reserve, or Marine Corps

Assigned originally to Company C, East Surrey Regt. Battalion 3
(company) (regiment) (division)

(or) _____ at _____
(ship) (place)

Trained or stationed before going to Europe: —
 School, camp, station, ship From (date) _____ to (date) _____

Transferred to: —

Company	Regiment	Division	Ship	Date	New Location
<u>B.</u>	<u>13th East Surrey Regiment</u>				

Promoted: —
 From (rank) _____ to (rank) _____ Date _____

Embarked from _____ on _____
(port) (ship)
 and arrived at _____
(date) (foreign port) (date)

Proceeded from _____ to _____
(date) (date)

From _____ to _____
(date) (date)

From _____ to _____
(date) (date)

Trained or stationed abroad: —
 Country _____ Place _____ From (date) _____ to (date) _____

NOTE: — Should form or space in any case prove inadequate for recording the desired information, please state facts on separate sheet of paper and enclose with this record.

LeRoy Atwood's Military Service Questionnaire, page 3

WAR RECORD

First went into action June 12th 1916 (date) _____ (place)

Participated in the following engagements _____

Cited, decorated, or otherwise honored for distinguished services. (Give circumstantial accounts of exploits, including dates and places where performed, also by whom and in what manner the honors were bestowed):—

Killed in action, killed by accident, died of wounds, died of disease, wounded, gassed, shell-shocked, taken prisoner:

Nature of casualty	Place	Date
<u>Shot by snipers.</u>		<u>June 26th 1916</u>

Under medical care:—

Name of hospital	Location	From (date)	to (date)
_____	_____	_____	_____

Permanently disabled (through loss of limb, eyesight, etc.) _____ (specify disability)

Arrived at _____ (American port) _____ (ship) _____ (date) _____ (from)

Discharged from service at _____ (place) _____ (date)

AS a _____ (rank)

RETURN TO CIVIL LIFE

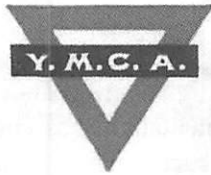
Occupation after the war _____

If a change of occupation was occasioned by reason of disability acquired in the service, describe the process of re-education and readjustment, and indicate the agencies or individuals chiefly instrumental in furnishing the new occupations:

NOTE—Should form or space in any case prove inadequate for recording the desired information, please state facts on separate sheet of paper and enclose with this record.

Start of a letter from LeRoy Atwood to his brother
Lyman

For God, For King & For Country.



PATRON
Y.M.C.A. NATIONAL COUNCIL.
H. M. THE KING.



PATRON
MILITARY CAMP DEPT.
H.R.H. DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

Reply to 18249 Company 6 Bat. 3 Regt. E. Surrey
Stationed at Dover April 2 1916
England

I ear Lyman.

I just got a letter from Ma yesterday in which she said you were working in the powder factory now & getting \$3 a day. I am glad to hear that you are doing so well now. When I was in Haskell I tried for a job there but there was nothing doing that day. They said that if I would come around next day they would take my application. I was going to stay in Haskell that night but it started to rain so I took the jitney for Paterson. When I got there I couldn't find a place to stay so I had to go to New York to stay that night & the next day I signed on the S.S. "Philadelphian" for Brest & London & sailed the same day so I had no time to write or do anything else. We had a good trip across although it took us 15 days to reach Brest, France. The "Philadelphian" is a good sized boat, 3500 tons registry, but she is very narrow in the beam & rolls very heavily with a

Book Reviews

by Russell A. DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

The Ultimate Search Book, U. S. Adoptions, Genealogy & Other Search Secrets, 2015 Edition, by Lori Carangelo, published by Clearfield Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, Maryland 21211, 2015. 8 1/2 X 11, softcover, ISBN 978-0-8063-5729-4, 85 pages. Cost: U.S. Edition, \$19.95 plus Shipping and Handling or World Wide Edition, \$43.50 plus Shipping and handling. The World Wide Edition contains 296 pages and is clearly indexed. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or FAX (410)752-8492 or on the Internet at <http://www.genealogical.com/>.

This book is an updated version of a book originally published in 2011 by the author. It is a valuable book for beginning genealogists or those who continually search for that illusive, adopted or missing child. The material is a vast collection of suggestions that a researcher can turn to for satisfaction of those frustrations created by blocked or missing records.

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The author of the material, after many years of delay from lack of concrete documentation, has completed another professional reference. This thoroughly researched, annotated and documented book is a rich source of material for any genealogical researcher. After uncovering materials for this man for forty-five years, the author decided all eight Waterbury men had to be Anthony's sons and the result was this long-awaited book.

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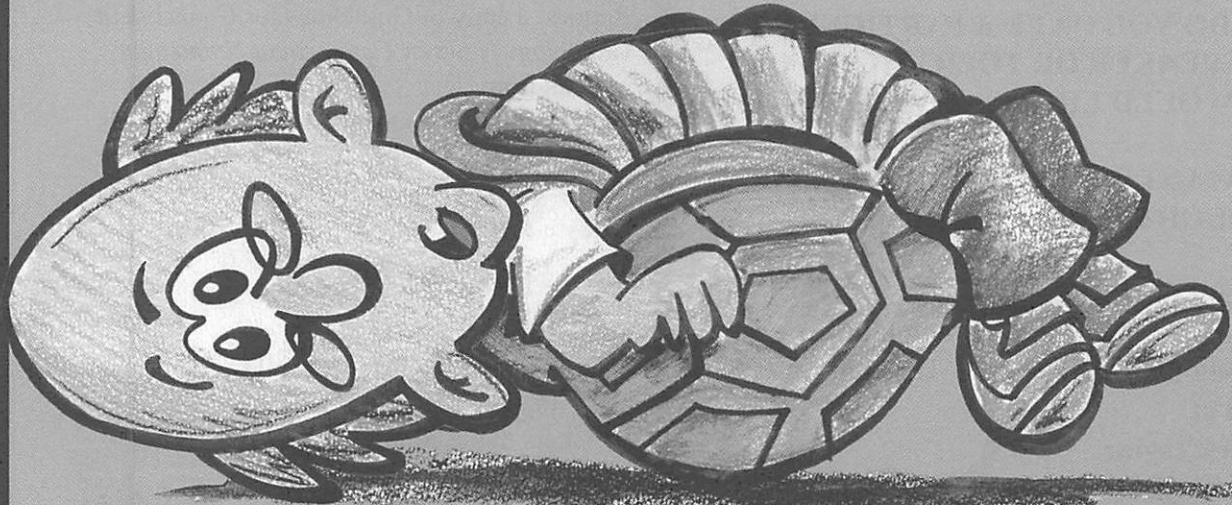
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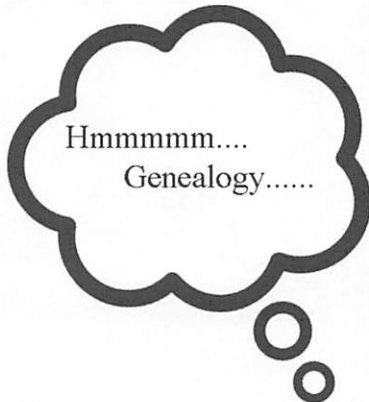
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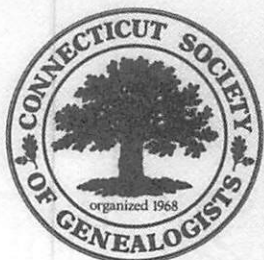
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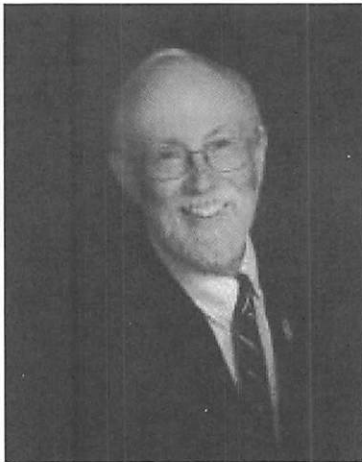
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President's Message



It's been a busy few months for your CSG Board and office staff. One highlight was CSG's participation in the 14th New England Regional Genealogical Conference held April 26-29, Springfield, MA. CSG had a visible presence in NERGC's Exhibit Hall, with the

Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, the Connecticut Gravestone Network, and the Connecticut Ancestry Society as our neighbors. Many, many thanks go out to our Office Manager, Stephanie Hyland, for coordination and setup of the booth and to all those who helped provide booth coverage. Through the efforts of all who helped out at the booth, the word about CSG was spread to many of the over 1,000 conference attendees.

On May 20 we held our Annual Meeting at Trinity-on-Main in New Britain, featuring a presentation by Kandie Carle, "The Victorian Lady." This program served as the kick-off to a 50th anniversary year which will culminate in May 2018. Ms. Carle took us back 150 years through her "dress up" portrayal of someone from the 1860s, giving us an understanding of "being there" as she expresses innermost thoughts and concerns of that era during her in-depth "dress-up" performance.

Meanwhile, our 50th Anniversary Committee -- Janet Horton Wallace (Chair); Richard Roberts; Edwin W. Strickland, II; Peg Limbacher; Diane McDermott LeMay; Richard Tomlinson (Governor Emeritus); Olivia Patch; Linda Simard (CSG Assistant Office Manager, retired); and Stephanie Hyland (CSG Office Manager) -- has been hard at work planning many additional special programs for you. In July we'll again be offering genealogy classes led by Edwin W. Strickland II (for more information, see page 15). Our September 16 meeting will feature Maureen Taylor, the "Photo

Detective." Our annual Seminar will be held Saturday, October 21 at the Four Points Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, Connecticut. It will feature presentations by Mel Smith of the Connecticut State Library's History and Genealogy Unit; Dave Robison, one of the chairs of the 2017 NERGC conference; and internationally-renowned genealogist Michael Leclerc. Michael has authored numerous articles for magazines and scholarly journals and edited several books. A popular genealogy presenter, Michael served on the boards of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. The day will also include presentation of the 2017 Literary Awards. There are additional 50th Anniversary Year programs in the works, concluding with a special "birthday party" on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Casa Mia Restaurant at the Hawthorne Inn, 2421 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, Connecticut featuring entertainment by Connecticut's State Historian, Walter Woodward, accompanied by the Band of Steady Habits.

The 50th Anniversary Committee and the entire Board of Governors encourage all current CSG members to take advantage of the many Golden Anniversary Year programs coming up. In addition, we hope you'll assist us as "volunteers" in our outreach efforts, not only by inviting your relatives, friends, and colleagues to join you at these programs but encouraging them become members of CSG. As always, we encourage feedback from you, our members. Please continue to let us know what speakers, types of programs, and membership benefits are of special interest to you so that we can consider your ideas as we look ahead to the next 50 years.

~ Richard C. Roberts, Outgoing President

Editorial

The editorial staff of Connecticut Genealogy News would like to thank Carol Whitmer, Noreen Manzella and Merris Williams for their service to the CSG Board of Governors. They have decided to step off the Board. We also thank all of those who are continuing terms that they were elected to previously and those that have been re-elected this year. You are all truly the backbone of this society. We are looking forward to another great year.

In this issue we are continuing our salute to World War I in this, its anniversary year. Thank you to Richard Roberts for his article on records relating to World War I service found at the Connecticut State Library; which also continues our series on "Resources at the Connecticut State Library."

We thank Linda Carlson for sharing with us the article about her husband's grandfather and her research of his service to the railroad. While not officially a World War I article, his service to the

railroad was noted on his World War I Draft Registration card, and that is noted in the article.

Our thanks go out to Diane LeMay for transcribing "Profiles of World War I Heroes, Honored in Simsbury, Connecticut." Used with permission of Simsbury Boy Scout Troop 76 which compiled the original profiles.

Thank you to Russell DeGrafft for his articles on Lyme's World War I participants, Elmer Blackwell and Norris Enos Joseph. These fit perfectly with our Spotlight on Lyme, Connecticut, also contributed by Russell DeGrafft.

We hope you enjoy this issue as much as we did putting it together.

~ Stephanie Hyland, Editor

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RECORDS RELATING TO WORLD WAR I SERVICE AT THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680

Although the World War I draft registration cards on Ancestry.com have become a standard tool for those seeking information on American men born between 1872 and 1900, the Connecticut State Library has many resources providing additional information not only about those eligible to serve but who actually served from Connecticut at the time of the “war to end all wars.”

Published Materials

The following is a good place to begin your search for information on someone from Connecticut who may have served in World War I:

Service Records:

Connecticut Men and Women in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War, 1917-1920. Hartford: Office of the Adjutant General, State Armory, 1941? [CSL call number Conn Docs Adrr sr]. The three-volume set is arranged alphabetically by town, but a name index is at the back of Volume 3. A key

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to abbreviations is at the front of volume 1. Links from the online catalog record lead to images of each of the three volumes, where there are search and download options.

The State Library holds many additional books and government publications relating to World

War I. Check the Library’s main catalog by going to <https://ctstatelibrary.org>, clicking on the link to “Our Catalog,” and searching subjects such as “World War, 1914-1918 -- Connecticut” and “World War, 1914-1918-- Regimental histories -- United States.”

The Veterans Deaths and Burials Index.

Located in the History and Genealogy Index Corridor, this index includes information on deceased veterans who served from Connecticut in colonial times through the Vietnam era. Although not complete, it does include the names of many who served in World War I. The cards may provide

all or some of the following information: veteran’s name, war in which he or she served, date of death, place of death, town and cemetery where buried, age, branch of service, and, in some cases, the name of the military unit. Cards are arranged into three groups: **Connecticut Veterans’ Deaths**, arranged alphabetically by the soldier’s name; **Connecticut**

Veterans' Burials, arranged alphabetically by town; and **Out-of-State Burials of Connecticut Veterans**, listed chronologically by war, and then alphabetically by veteran's name.

Records in the State Archives

Many State Archives finding aids are now online at <https://ctstatelibrary.org/state-archives-finding-aids/>. Additional finding aids and container lists are contained in loose-leaf notebooks housed near the History and Genealogy Unit's information desk. For information on accessing the original Archival materials, see the *Rules and Procedures for Researchers Using Archival Records, Original Newspapers, and Secured Collections Materials*, <http://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/hg/using-archival-records/rules>. For further information, call the History and Genealogy Unit, (860) 757-6581.

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- RG 012:9, Lists of Connecticut members of the armed forces, 1776-1946. Compiled

from various sources, it includes lists of those who served from the Revolution through World War II with extracts from the 1840 census of revolutionary and military service pensioners. An itemized description of the lists is included in Annex 6 of the finding aid.

- RG 012:10, Father Dinan's papers on deaths in field and base hospitals, 1917-1919. Includes records of deaths, burial reports, maps of cemeteries, photographs, and correspondence collected by the chaplain of the hospital at Baonilles-sur-Meuse.
- RG 012:17, Record of service certificates issued, 1919-1944. A numerical list of certificates issued by the War Records Department to Connecticut citizens who served in the U.S. armed forces or with the Allies of the United States in the World War. Information includes certificate number, name, rank, town (by code number), nationality, dates of service, "died or killed," whether overseas service was recorded, and other information. 5 vols. RG 012:18 is a card index to the certificates.
- RG 012:21. Card list of World War I Distinguished Cross winners, 1918. Alphabetical by town.
- RG 012:22, Records of Memorial Certificates issued, 1919-ca. 1940. Lists and related materials pertaining to memorial certificates issued to next of kin of those from Connecticut who died in service in World War I.
- RG 012:23, World War I Roll of Honor file, 1917-ca. 1940. Lists of those serving in the war sent to the War Records Department by town officials, as well as photographs of town plaques or monuments containing lists. Alphabetical by town. There is also a list of American Red Cross workers.
- RG 012:24, Military Service Records, 1913-1920. A free database, Military Questionnaires, <https://ctstatelibrary.org/ww-1-veterans/>

created by Connecticut State Library staff, serves as an index to this collection of questionnaires filled out in 1919-1920 by Connecticut soldiers (or families of deceased veterans) who served in World War I. The questionnaires included a page of personal information followed by a summary of the individual's record, comments, and sometimes a photograph. The questionnaires have been digitized by Ancestry.com as *Connecticut, Military Questionnaires, 1919-1920*; access is free

Place of birth Manchester, Manchester, Connecticut
(town) (county) (state) (country)

Name of father Sherman C. Smith. Wapping, Conn. U. S. A.
(country)

Maiden name of mother Mary A. Kuhney.

Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian?.....

Citizen Yes. Voter Yes. Chur
(yes or no) (yes or no)

Married Yes. Feb. 24 1915.
(date)

To Mary Elizabeth LeMay.
(maiden name)

Children Phyllis Elizabeth.
(name)

Georgia Francis.


Fraternal Orders LaFayette # 10'

Previous military service or training En
continuously to July 13
Militia C. N. G. July 15-19

Occupation before entry into the ser
; employer.....

Residence before entry into the service # 198
(street number)

Present home address # 9 LeMay Street., West Hartford, Co.
(street number) (town) (county)



through researchIT CT (researchitct.org) to Connecticut residents (and students and faculty of a Connecticut school or college) holding a valid library card.

- RG 012:31, Casualty list, 1917-1919. Card record of casualties (death, injury, illness, "missing," etc.) of Connecticut members of the armed forces. Alphabetical by name.
- RG 012:40, Copies of United States Army records pertaining to the 26th Division, 1917-1919. Photostats of telegrams, orders, bulletins, citations, sailing lists, intelligence summaries, operations reports, personnel files, maps, and other materials.
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- RG 012:44, Discharge certificates, 1898-1956. Photostat copies of discharge certificates or related documents for Connecticut residents. They are grouped by war and then alphabetically by the name of the individual: World War I; Army, 1911-40; Connecticut National Guard, 1913; Home Guard, 1917-18.

RG 029, Records of the Military Census, 1917-1920.

At the request of Governor Marcus Holcomb, in February 1917 the Connecticut General Assembly passed a law authorizing a state military census of materials and manpower "available for use in event of war." The resulting "manpower census" consists of approximately 502,980 sheets arranged in numerical order. An index card was prepared for each sheet; they are arranged by town and then alphabetically by surname. In addition to the manpower census, there were also censuses taken of agriculture, automobiles, and industry. In addition to the questionnaires, this record group contains administrative files, schedules, questionnaires and forms, punched cards, index card files, scrapbooks, tabulations of summaries, numerous Photostatted lists, clippings, and reference files.

In 1988 and 1989 the Genealogical Society of Utah microfilmed the completed forms and index cards of the manpower census and provided the State Library with a donor copy of each series, which the State Library treats as the "use copy". They have been digitized by Ancestry.com as *Connecticut, Military Census, 1917*; access is free through researchIT CT to Connecticut residents (and students and faculty of a Connecticut school or college) holding a valid library card.

Military Census—Form No. 1

State of Connecticut.

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By direction of an act of the Legislature of Connecticut, approved February 7th, 1917, I am required to procure certain information relative to the resources of the State. I therefore call upon you to answer the following questions.

707 MARCUS H. HOLCOMB,
Governor.

TOWN or CITY Mansfield, Ct. DATE February 20, 1917

FULL NAME George Safford Torrey

POST OFFICE ADDRESS Storrs, Conn.
(Street and Number or Rural Free Delivery Number)

1. What is your present Trade, Occupation or Profession? Instructor in ~~Physics~~ Agric Coll
2. Have you experience in any other Trade, Occupation or Profession? Steno-graphy, ~~Accounting~~
3. What is your Age? 25 Height? 5' 11 3/4" Weight? 140 about muscle
4. Are you Married? Single? or Widower? Single
5. How many persons are dependent on you for support? None
6. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
7. If not a citizen of the United States have you taken out your first papers?
8. If not a citizen of the United States, what is your nationality?
9. Have you ever done any Military or Naval Service in this or any other Country? No
Where? _____ How Long? _____ What Branch? _____ Rank? _____
10. Have you any serious physical disability? No If so, name it.
11. Can you do any of the following: Ride a horse? Yes Handle a team? Yes Drive an automobile? Yes
Ride a motorcycle? _____ Understand telegraphy? _____ Operate a wireless? _____ Any experience with a steam engine? _____ Any experience with electrical machinery? _____ Handle a boat, power or sail? Motor boat
Any experience in simple coastwise navigation? _____ Any experience with High Speed Marine Gasoline Engines? _____ Are you a good swimmer? Can swim a little

I hereby certify that I have personally interviewed the above mentioned person and that the answers to the questions enumerated are as he gave them to me.

Miriam H. Robley
Military Census Agent.

DID GRANDPA WORK ON THE RAILROAD?

by Linda Carlson, CSG # 08661

For years I have been curious about Arthur Carlson, my husband's grandfather, and his employment as a railroad fireman. His employer on his 5 June 1918 WWI draft registration card was listed as "N.Y. N.H. H. Railroad Company"^[1] which I discovered meant the "New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company." He was still listed as "fireman, railroad" on the 1930 census.^[2]


A few months ago, while reviewing my free online issue of *Genealogy Insider* from *Family Tree Magazine*, I found an article entitled "Search for Railroad Worker Ancestors in New, Free Online Index" by Diane Haddad.^[3] Haddad described the "free index of 1.5 million U.S. Railroad Retirement Board pension records" found on the Midwest

Genealogy Center Website.^[4] I got excited. Finally, a source for Arthur's employment records.

The Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is a federal retirement program, similar to Social Security, for railroad workers. It was started in 1936, so any ancestor who had worked for the railroad from that point to the early 2000s would be included. The accessible records were transferred to the National Archives in Atlanta. They are only from employees covered under the Railroad Retirement Act.^[5]

My online search provided 112 responses for Arthur Carlson. Luckily I know that he was born 8 November 1899 and died 28 January 1981. Number 42 fit with my information.^[6]

42. CARLSON, A	RRB Claims	Retirement	00 Nov 1899	00 Jan 1981
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Name	A CARLSON
Collection	U.S. Railroad Retirement Board Pension Claims
Source	National Archives and Records Administration
Date of Birth	00 Nov 1899
Date of Death	00 Jan 1981
Record ID	824237
Claim ID	021092497
Claim Location	X018
Access This Item	This record is available from the National Archives and Records Administration in Atlanta. Instructions and the fee schedule for copies are available on their website. Providing the name, date of birth and/or death, claim ID and folder number will allow NARA staff to locate the claim you request.

We recommend that you:
[Print this page](#); then
[Submit your request](#)

Works Cited:

The search of the index could provide the last name and first initial and include partial dates of birth and death. There is a link to order copies of the pension records from the National Archives Atlanta Office or just copy and paste into an e-mail to atlanta.archives@nara.gov.^[7]

I e-mailed, and they responded the next day. They reported that there may be hundreds of pages of information, but only ten may include genealogically significant information. Copies cost \$.80 a page. The staff told me they would sift through the information and send relevant pages. I received 30 pages of documents within two weeks at a cost of \$20.00. I received Arthur's work history, his first wife's obituary and her death certificate, letters from both wives, Arthur's death certificate and much more. His second wife had applied for a Widow's Insurance Annuity. These documents gave me important information about Arthur's marriages and divorces.^[8]

To search the archive, click on the dropdown menu at <http://quicklook.midwestgenealogycenter.org/index.php> and choose "U.S Railroad Retirement Board" then fill in the relevant information.^[9]

Through another online article by Jim Sponholz, "The Great Search-Finding Railroad Employment Records,"^[10] I found a link to a pdf "listing of research resources" entitled "Locations of Railroad Genealogical Materials, August 7, 2015."^[11] This list included information on railroads all over the country. I found that the records for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad are available at the Dodd Center at the University of Connecticut. The link to their website indicated that this material is historical, not genealogical. I may still take a trip to view photos and historical information about Arthur's time working on the railroad.

- ¹ Ancestry.com. *U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918* [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005.
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- ⁷ Ibid.
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- ⁹ "Genealogy Quick Look." *Midwest Genealogy Center*.
- ¹⁰ Sponholz, James. "The Great Search-Finding Railroad Employment Records." freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/railroad.html. Rootsweb, 2001-2016. Accessed 22 June 2016.
- ¹¹ Ibid.

PROFILES OF WORLD WAR I HEROES HONORED IN SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT

submitted by Diane LeMay, CSG # 7571

Simsbury Ct. BSA Troop 76

TROOP 76 REMEMBERS

Venture Scouts compiled the information
to honor those "Who Gave Their All."

For more than a year Venture Scouts of Simsbury, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 76 researched and compiled extensive data on all members of the military with Simsbury connections who had died during service from the American Revolution through Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan. On November 11, 2013 copies of the binder entitled *Troop 76 Remembers* were presented to the Simsbury Historical Society and the Simsbury Free Library. I have included much of the WWI data in this article with permission of the Troop 76 Scoutmaster and the Adult Project Manager.

Pvt. Joseph Tomalonis, Jr. Co. E, 102nd Infantry

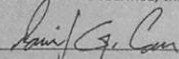
Joseph was born March 24, 1895 in New York, N.Y. the first of nine children of Russo-Lithuanian parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tomalonis, Sr. His family moved to Connecticut when Joseph was about five years old. He enlisted September 6, 1917, was killed in action (KIA) April 20, 1918 and is buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Tariffville, Connecticut. At the time of his death, his younger brother John was a Marine on board *U.S.S. Chester*, as reported in *The Hartford Courant* on May 3, 1918.

SIMSBURY BSA TROOP 76

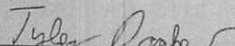
ALL GAVE SOME.....SOME GAVE ALL

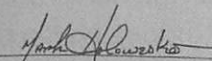
When duty called, the men and women from Simsbury have met the challenge for the best interest of our nation. To all the men and women serving now or have served, *Thank you for your service.*

Some Gave All..... For more than a year, Venture Scouts from Simsbury BSA Troop 76 have been researching and compiling data on all Simsbury's Fallen Military personnel. During the research additional names have surfaced. To honor all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, this book is dedicated to them.


Troop 76 Scoutmaster - Mr. Don Carr


2013-14 Venture Chief - Cameron Ballard


2012-13 Venture Chief - Tyler Drake


Troop 76 Adult Project Advisor - Mark Holoweski

NOVEMBER 11, 2013

Pvt. George L. Hall
HDQ Co. 102nd Regiment

George was born December 7, 1897, the first of three sons, and grew up in Simsbury where the Hall family has farmed since the 1860s. He enlisted in Hartford on July 11, 1917, was KIA October 28, 1918 Argonne, France, and was buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Tariffville, Connecticut. His father, Joseph L. Hall was notified of his death. George had written over 40 letters home during his military service to his mother Kate, sometimes by candlelight in trenches "30 feet underground and full of rats as big as small dogs." A few letters have a word or phrase cut out, and include the signature of a censor. George's letters are in the genealogy collection of the Simsbury Free Library.

Pvt. David Galloway
U.S. Army 28th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division

David was born January 4, 1889 in Scotland. He enlisted in Connecticut on Feb 15, 1918, was KIA October 6, 1918, and was buried in Plot A Row 33 Grave 3, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Lorraine, France. His sister Mrs. Jennie Young of 64 Third Avenue, Montreal, P.Q. Canada was notified of his death.

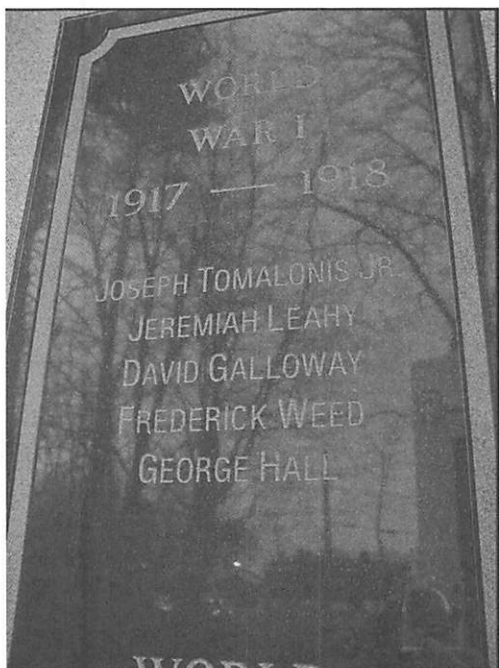


Pvt. Frederick Wesley Weed

Frederick W. and Ella S. Weed's son Frederick was born in Willington, Connecticut on August 11, 1893 with brown eyes and black hair according to his WWI Draft Registration. By June, 1900 when the federal census was done, he and his family were living in Granby with his grandparents. He enlisted on May 23, 1918. Less than five months later, Mrs. Woodruff L. Case of West Granby, his mother, was notified of his death. Buried in Granby Cemetery, Granby, Connecticut, his epitaph reads, "He died for his country" October 6, 1918.

Cpl. Jeremiah F. Leahy
Company M, 102nd Infantry Regiment, American Expedition Force

Jeremiah was born in Norfolk, Connecticut on April 10, 1894 to Jeremiah and Mary Ann (McGrath) Leahy. He enlisted April 28, 1917, and on May 1, 1918 he was promoted to Corporal. He died of wounds on June 20, 1918, and is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Norfolk, Connecticut with his parents.



As reported in *The Hartford Courant* on Thursday, November 24, 2016, Simsbury dedicated a new Veterans' Memorial in a ceremony on Sunday, November 13, 2016. Located next to the town's public library on Hopmeadow Street, the memorial consists of four pillars, a flag pole, and a plaza of engraved bricks. Names of those of the town who lost their lives during military service are engraved on these pillars.

The original memorial to Simsbury's veterans still stands in front of Eno Hall, also on Hopmeadow Street.

Sources:

Books:

Troop 76 Remembers, binder compiled by Venture Scouts of Simsbury BSA Troop 76

Websites:

Familysearch.org 1900 Federal Census for Granby, CT

Familysearch.org 1910 Federal Census for Simsbury, CT

Familysearch.org United States WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

Findagrave.com





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~ SAVE THE DATES ~

**All CSG Events are open to the public
and many are free of charge.**

These opportunities not only provide helpful knowledge and insights into various aspects of genealogy, but the comraderie found at each gathering is always a plus. Our attendees always take away more than what they expect when they sign up. Please pre-register with the CSG Office, so we can plan appropriately and notify you of any last-minute changes or emergency announcements. All events may also be found on the CSG website, www.csginc.org. Members are reminded to invite their friends and watch this space and/or the CSG website for updated information.

2017

Summer Saturdays beginning July 22, 2017

Introduction to Genealogy with Edwin W. Strickland II

See Flyer on page 14 for more information.

16 September - "Identifying and Dating Family Photographs" with Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective

Place: Raymond Library, 840 Main St, East Hartford, CT 06108

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE but please pre-register by 13 September so we may plan appropriately.

21 October - CSG Annual Family History Seminar

Please join us in welcoming Dave Robison of Old Bones Genealogy of New England, Co-Chair of the 2017 New England Regional Genealogical Conference, and CSG's newly-elected President; Mel Smith of the Connecticut State Library's History and Genealogy Unit, and Michael Leclerc, CG, an internationally-known genealogical author, editor, and presenter, who has authored numerous articles in popular magazines and scholarly journals.

Place: Four Points Sheraton, 275 Research Pkwy, Meriden, CT 06450.

Time: Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Meal Choices: Chicken Marsala OR Penne a la Vodka (vegetarian)

Cost: \$49 by 30 September or \$59 thereafter (includes coffee and Danish, presentations, and luncheon meal).

Deadline to pre-register is 13 October 2017.

See in the inside back cover of this issue and the CSG website at www.csginc.org for more details.

18 November - "How Firm a Foundation, Building a Sound Genealogy" with Edwin W. Strickland II

Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Please pre-register by 15 November so we may plan appropriately.

News

CSG Membership Renewal

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership for 2017-2018. Reminder notices will be mailed out this month.

If you are interested in joining CSG, visit the CSG website at www.csginc.org or contact the CSG Office for more details at 860-569-0002 or email csginc@csginc.org.

From the CSG Nominating Committee

For those who were not able to make the Annual Meeting on 20 May 2017, CSG is proud to welcome David Robison as the new president for the 2017-2018 year. Richard C. Roberts was elected vice president, Peg Limbacher was re-elected as Treasurer and Diane LeMay was re-elected as Assistant Treasurer. Edwin W. Strickland II, Janet Horton Wallace, Olivia Patch, Linda Carlson, Don Naples Lisa Vasas, Russell DeGrafft and Sara S. Champion have also been re-elected (or are continuing their second of a 2-year term). Welcome back to you all.

We are sad to see Noreen Manzella, Carol Whitmer, and Merris Williams go. Best of luck in the future to each of them.

As a note of interest, nominations for each year are made prior to the Annual Meeting (always the 3rd Saturday in May). If members would like to be considered or would like to nominate a member to serve on the Board, contact the CSG office. The talents of all our members are valuable.

Also, if you are not interested in serving on the Board, but would like to serve on a committee, contact the CSG Office. Membership is the only requirement for serving on a committee.

2017 Literary Awards Contest

Just a reminder that the 29th Annual Literary Awards and "Tell Your Family Story" Essay Contest are open to receive entries. Entries are due in our office by Friday, July 15, 2017. Rules and Entry forms may be found at www.csginc.org; click on the Literary Awards tab. You may also contact the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 or email csginc@csginc.org and request them to be mailed to you. The contest is open to the public. You

do not have to be CSG member or live in Connecticut to enter.

From the CSG Programs Committee

Watch the CSG website and upcoming issues of *Connecticut Genealogy News* for the great programs we have coming up. The calendar on page 13 only goes through November, but we are planning a Webinar, a DNA workshop and an Ethnic Workshop featuring French-Canadian, Italian & Polish, and Eastern European in 2018.

Also, save the date: Saturday, May 19, 2017. CSG will be celebrating 50 years of serving the genealogical community and we have a great program in store featuring Walter Woodward accompanied by the Band of Steady Habits. Watch the CSG website and *Connecticut Genealogy News* for more on this.

2017 FGS Conference

The 2017 Federation of Genealogical Societies conference will be held Aug. 30-Sept. 2 in Pittsburgh, PA. Go to <http://fgs.org> to register or for more information.

From the Platt Family Newsletter:

"Please put this weekend of 15 July on your calendar!! We will again have a combined reunion with the Botsford Family Historical Association. The location will be the Botsford Family Homestead at 84 Gunn Street [Milford, CT]...John Wright of the Paine Cottage in New Rochelle, NY will be our speaker..." Suggest visiting "Richard and Mary Platt Family Association" on Facebook or <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~plattfamilyassn/pfahome.html> for more information.

About the Cover

According to <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/279715826827341831>, "This is a print produced during WWI to attract recruits to the fledgling U.S. Army Air Corps. It was printed exclusively for the Military Book Club and features the artwork of Josef Paul Verees.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=Army+Air+Corps+WW+1+public+domain+photos...>

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

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Introduction to Genealogy with Edwin W. Strickland II

- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -

Summer Saturday Classes beginning July 22, 2017
from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

CSG Research Library open from 11 a.m. to Noon
for those attending the classes.

Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St, East Hartford, CT.

Cost: \$20 per session

Pre-registration Deadline: July 17, 2017

July 22nd - Session 1: Getting Started; The Mythical Trunk;
Everything You Can Do Wrong;
Family Group Sheets/Pedigree Charts
Handling Names, Dates and Places
Citing Sources

July 29th - Session 2: Vital Records; Bible Records; Church Records;
Cemetery Records

August 5th - Session 3: Census Records; City Directories; Newspapers

August 12th - Session 4: Internet Resources and Genealogy Software.

To register, contact the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 or at csginc@csginc.org

Make checks payable and mail to:

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16 September 2017

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You will love this interactive lecture on discovering who's who in your family pictures. You'll learn 10 easy steps for naming those unidentified pictures tucked away in shoeboxes.

~ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~

Place: Raymond Library, 840 Main St, East Hartford, CT 06108

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Pre-registration Deadline: September 13, 2017

Please pre-register so we may plan appropriately

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ELMER H. BLACKWELL: WORLD WAR I PARTICIPANT

submitted by Russell DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

Little did Johann, a stone cutter from Austria, and Anna Soukup realize the future directions of their son, Anton, later known as Elmer Harry Blackwell, as the family sailed from Bremen, Germany to New York on the S.S. *Neckar* in the early 1900s. Born in Saint George, Austria in 1895, he would travel throughout the United States, marry a woman from North Dakota, bring her back to Connecticut and establish a family farm in Lyme. The farm would remain in his family until this day, and the descendants of Anton will live on and maintain the property. Katherine Hepburn, the world recognized actress, and her brother visited the Blackwell Farm every Fall to purchase their pumpkin.

Anton joined the Army in June 1916 in New London, Connecticut at the time of the U.S. Mexican Expedition against the forces of Francisco "Pancho" Villa. He was originally with the 8th Field Artillery and his horse handling skills were quickly recognized. Before his enlistment he had extensive experience as a horse dealer and as a farmer. While in the Army, he was encouraged to change his name. Now as Elmer, he carried out his military career at Fort Slocum, New York; Fort Bliss, Texas; Farrier School in Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Camp Robinson, Wisconsin; Remount School in Newport News, Virginia; Fort Myers, Virginia and finally Remount 304 at Camp Mead, Indiana.

He began his military service with the rank of private and left the Army, never seeing overseas service, holding the rank of sergeant in July 1917.

Elmer H. Blackwell is one of twenty-eight residents of Lyme and its closely surrounding agrarian environs to participate in World War I. A memorial marker with a small flag stands in the center of Lyme with the names of these participating men.

Elmer H. Blackwell passed away on 13 December 1979 at the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven, Connecticut and is interred in Laysville Cemetery, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Having outlived his first wife, Emma Marie Knutson, he married his second wife, Lucy Lay Noyes, who maintained a prominent Old Lyme lineage. In later years, he enjoyed the warmth of vacationing in Florida but still maintained the family farm.

Sources:

Extensive interview by the author with the existing Blackwell Family who has continued to maintain the family farm in Lyme.

Interview and discussion by the author with the archivist of military records in Lyme, Connecticut.

RG 012:24, Military Service Records, 1913-1920, State Archives, Connecticut State Library.

Service Records: Connecticut Men and Women in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, 1917-1920, Hartford, Connecticut. 3 volumes. Located online and in the Connecticut State Library.

Ancestry.com. New York Passenger Lists, 1850-1957, World War I Military Records and United States Census Records.

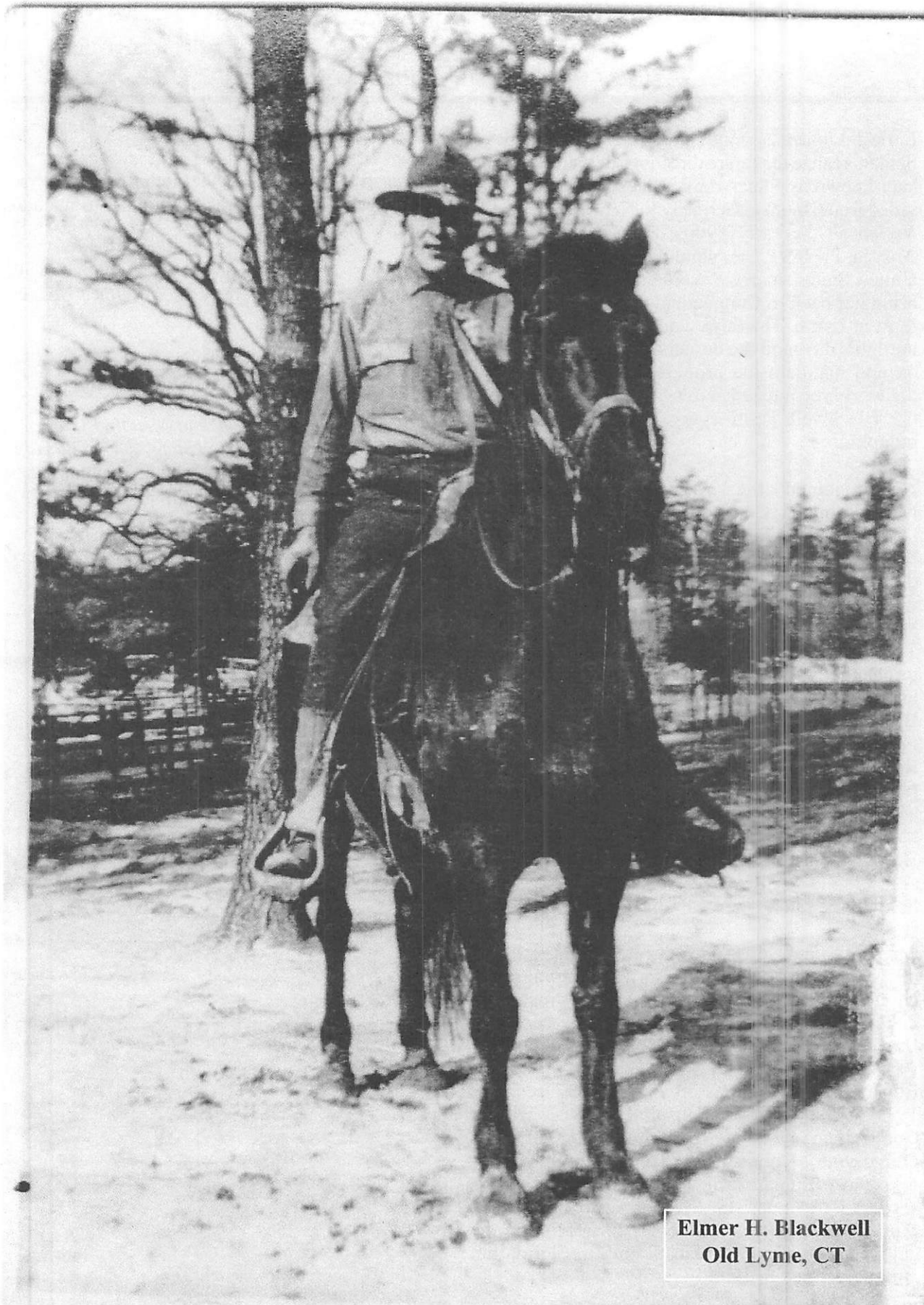
Wikipedia.com

Note: This questionnaire should be completed as far as possible with such information as can be furnished at once, and returned with photographs and additional notes or letters, if available, to Department of War Records, State Library, Hartford, Conn. Your completed questionnaire will convey to your children and to their children, your story in your own words, of the part you took in the great conflict. The "Roll of Honor" and the accompanying list of names certified by a town official, will form the Title-Page and Table of Contents to the volumes of War Records relating to those in service from your State.

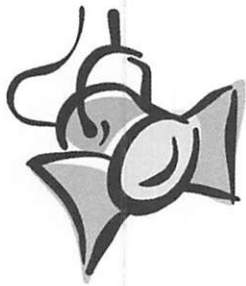
Connecticut Participation in the World War
State of Connecticut 9389
MILITARY SERVICE RECORD
 D. H. R. - Form 1, Ed. 2
 (Rev. 12-20-16)

Completed by the Department of War Records, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, where it will be filed, as a permanent memorial of the deeds of Connecticut soldiers, sailors and marines in the service of the federal, state and allied governments during American participation in the World War.

Name in full Blackwell Elmer Harry
 Date of birth January 17 1895
 Place of birth St. George Austria
 Name of father John Soukup Birthplace _____
 Maiden name of mother Anna Knutson Birthplace _____
 Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? White
 Citizen Yes Voter Yes Church Lutheran
 Married January 6 1919 Manassas Park, Minn.
Emma Marie Knutson born Dec 23 1891 Williston, N. D.
 Children _____
 Fraternal Orders _____
 Previous military service or training _____
 Occupation before entry into the service Horse Dealer & Farmer
 Residence before entry into the service _____
 Present home address _____



Elmer H. Blackwell
Old Lyme, CT



Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities



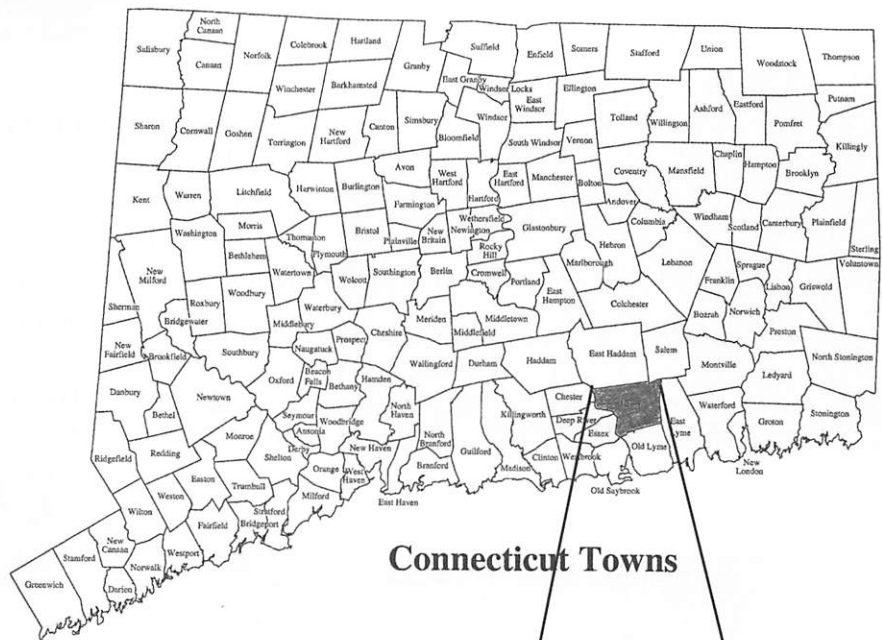
Spotlight on Lyme

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CSG # 19174

History and Genealogical Information

A portion of the original land grant of the Saybrook Colony east of the Connecticut River was assigned to East Saybrook in 1665. The Connecticut General Court in 1667 officially recognized East Saybrook as the town of Lyme. Like many towns in the area, it was named after a

community in England, Lyme Regis, which is located off the coast in southern England. Population in Lyme has fluctuated over the years. It was 4,069 in 1820 but dropped to 2,389 in 2010. President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson chose Lyme for their summer home. Robert Ballard, the noted oceanographer, and Joan Bennett of stage and screen fame, made their homes in the bucolic environs of the area.



Connecticut Towns

Lyme



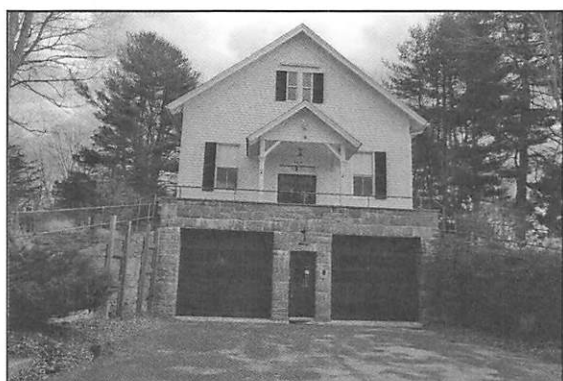
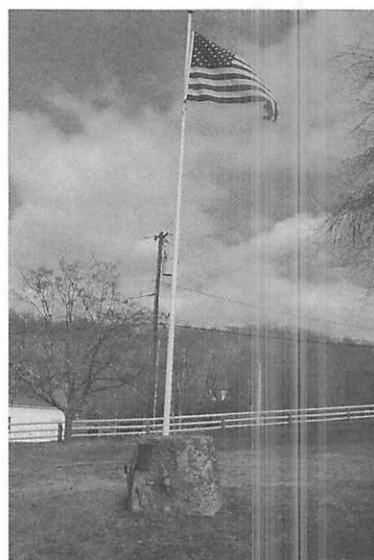
Places and Events of Interest

Nehantic State Forest: The Nehantic State Forest, one of Connecticut's prize wilderness sanctuaries, is 5,062 acres in size and boasts several hiking trails, picnic areas and two ponds with well-maintained boat ramps. This was the first state forest located in New London County and is managed by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

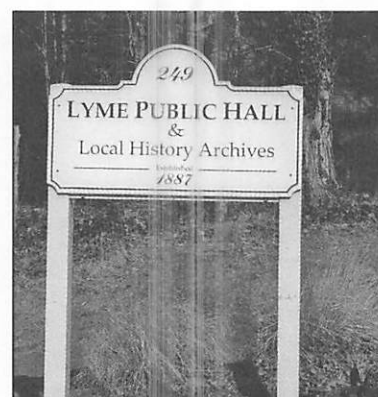
Tiffany Farm: This privately-operated farm, maintained by John Tiffany, is famous for its milk and beef products. Located directly off Route 156 and Sterling City Road, this rural vista is also a spot where artists share their canvas space with a beautiful country setting and its livestock. Its rolling pastures and peacefully grazing cattle make it a spot not to be ignored. Don't miss visiting with the "Ladies in Waiting."



Lyme Congregational Church: The Lyme Congregational Church is a centerpiece for the historical section of Lyme known as Hamburg. Established in 1665, it has flourished over the years, and its vast front acreage boasts a stone memorial to the 27 veterans of World War I who resided in the area. This monument is of special interest because this year marks the 100th anniversary of the "Great War." The Lyme Historical Society will be marking this anniversary with its own very special events.



Lyme Public Hall: The hall is a beautifully restored facility with the architects showing their foresight by reusing old boards and beams from the original building. Many and varied events have taken place in this facility over the years, and it still remains a gath-



ering place for Lyme's residents. For several years, it housed the town's fire engines and was considered a very modern firehouse. The hall is available for various townspeople and social events.

Hamburg Fair: Should you be fortunate enough to be traveling through this area in mid-August, don't miss attending the annual Hamburg Fair. This is a true agricultural exposition of local animals and produce. The organizers of this event provide the attendees with pony rides and animal exhibits. Draft horses and oxen from all over New England strain to pull the most weight in the pulling contests. There is a midway attracting thousands of young people, as well as food vendors from throughout the area. A good time is available for all, with plenty of available parking.

Hamburg Cove: is a pristine body of water located up the Connecticut River, directly across from the village of Essex. The Cove has turned into an infamous attraction to adventure-loving locals and tourists. This recreational area was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. The many upscale homes that circle the Cove make a person stop and reflect.

Camp Claire: is celebrating its 100-year anniversary in 2017. It was first begun in 1916 when land was rented from a local farmer. Since those early days, campers have arrived from all over the world to revel in the unique rustic setting. The camp is a "no frills" summer camp that overlooks beautiful Hamburg Cove. Originally established by the Congregational Church, the land was used as a conference retreat for its membership in Meriden.

Genealogical Resources

Lyme Town Hall: The Lyme Town Hall, with its ample parking and helpful staff, provides the genealogical researcher with not only land records but various vital records. Call for an appointment before you arrive to view records.



Lyme Town Hall



Lyme Public Library: The recently constructed Lyme Public Library, the Lyme Consolidated School and the Lyme Town Hall are all situated as an attractive triangle on a large tract of town land. The public library is a quiet, place of solitude where researchers can stop to relax, reflect and organize their findings.

Lyme Historical Society: The Lyme Historical Society is an extremely active organization that maintains its holdings in one of the public library research rooms. This beautifully furnished facility is organized around its vast collection and is graciously hosted by its archivist, Carolyn Bacdayan. You will find the facilities open on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. To be sure of its services call Ms. Bacdayan for an appointment at (860) 598-9760.

Sources:

Personal Interviews and several on-site visits by the author.

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A special thank you to Caroline Bacdayan and Ann Brubaker for sharing their personal wealth of Lyme’s history. Your time, effort and many emails were greatly appreciated.

NORRIS ENOS JOSEPH: WORLD WAR I FREEDOM FIGHTER

by Russell DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

One of the many “Dough Boys” who resided in the area, Norris Joseph left the quiet farm life of southeastern Connecticut and went off to war in a foreign country. Previously unknown places such as Belleau Wood, Meuse-Argonne and Saint Mihiel were etched into the minds of Americans through newspapers reporting those bloody battles.

Norris Joseph was born in Lyme, Connecticut on 23 July 1894 to Anton and Emily L. (Champion) Joseph. His father, Anton, arrived in this country from Portugal in 1870 and maintained an alien status throughout his lifetime. His mother, Emily L. Champion, who was from a well-established South Lyme family.



Norris married Eva Banta when he was 28 and she only 17 years old. They went on to have two sons and three daughters. His family was left to manage the farm when he went he was deployed to protect his country.

He was inducted into the United States Army’s American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) on 22 May 1918, and following his basic training, Norris was embroiled in some of the bloodiest action of the French campaign. At Saint Mihiel, Norris, along with 110,000 French troops and the U.S. Army Air Corps (now the U.S. Air Force), experi-

enced a major World War I battle, although it was only three days long. This was just a taste of what was to come of his time in service.

His participation at Meuse-Argonne must have imprinted his mind with horrors that were never to be spoken. It was part of the final offensive of World War I that stretched along the entire Western Front and was the principal engagement of the AEF. The battle was one of the largest battles in United States military history and cost American troops over 27,000 lives.



Lyme World War I Monument in Hamburg, CT

Norris survived the war and returned home to Connecticut. He died on 2 July 1977 and is interred in Jordan Cemetery, Waterford, Connecticut. His wife Eva died in 1999 after living a long and productive life.

The area of Lyme popularly known as Hamburg for many generations has noted the participation of Norris Joseph by inscribing his name, along with 27 other area "Freedom Fighters," on the World War I memorial that sits on the front sloping lawn of the Congregational Church. An American flag proudly flies behind this stone.

Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD No. 2

1 Name in full Norris Enos Joseph Age 23

2 Home address Hamburg Lyme Conn.

3 Date of birth July 23 1892

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) do you have you declared your intention (specify which)? A natural born citizen

5 Where were you born? Lyme U.S.A.

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Liberty Bell Marine Engines

8 By whom employed? Hartford New York Trans. Line

9 Where employed? Steamer Hartford N.Y. to Hartford

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? Helps support parents

11 Married or single (specify which)? Single Race (specify which)? Caucasian

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? U.S. Steamship subject to governm. service

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Norris Enos Joseph

61-14, A REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? short Slender, medium, or stout (which)? medium

2 Color of eyes light brown Color of hair? dark brown

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both? No or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

William Marvin

Signature of Registrar


City or County Lyme State Conn. May 28, 1917

Date of Registration

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Note: This Questionnaire should be completed so far as possible with such information as can be furnished at once, and returned with photographs and additional notes or letters, if available, to Department of Historical Records, State Library, Hartford, Conn.

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Name in full Joseph Norris Co.
(family name) (last name) (middle name)

Date of birth July 23 1894
(month) (day) (year)

Place of birth New Britain Conn. U.S.A.
(city) (state) (country)

Name of father Andrew G. Joseph Birthplace Portugal
(name) (country)

Maiden name of mother Amey A. Chapman Birthplace South Gate
(name) (country)

Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? White

Citizen Yes Voter Yes Church Congregational
(Yes or No) (Yes or No) (Denomination)

Married No 1 at _____
(Indicate name)

To _____ Born _____ 1 at _____
(Indicate name)

Children _____ Born _____ 1 at _____
(Indicate name)

_____ Born _____ 1 at _____

_____ Born _____ 1 at _____

Fraternal Orders _____

Previous military service or training Yes

Occupation before entry into the service Marine Engineering

_____ employer Specialty Steamship Co.

Residence before entry into the service New Britain Conn.
(Street number) (City) (State)

Present home address _____
(Street number) (City) (State)

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NY;
d abt 1870 Poughkeepsie, NY.

Any information of the parentage/family/
life of Susan would be sincerely appreciated.

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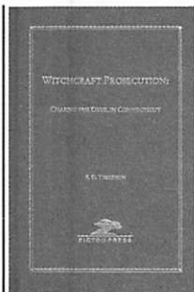
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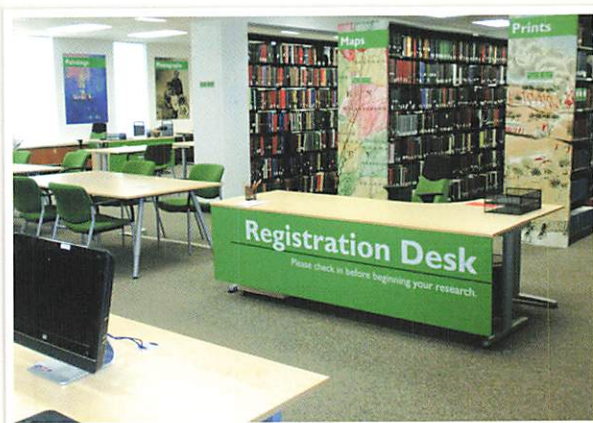


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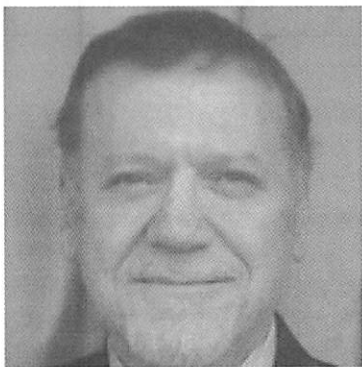
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President's Message



Truth be known, after being a member for a short period of time, I was a bit startled and a bit flattered when I was asked to join the Board of Governors at CSG. I hoped to bring some of my experience to bear in a well-established g e n e a l o g i c a l

society at the board level. And now, having been elected President, I have a higher motivation to ensure the success and growth of the organization.

By way of introduction, my experience level is relatively deep in some areas, yet shallow in others. For example, I've been researching my own family for nearly 20 years. A long time to some, yet others may say, "That's all?" I've put personal research mostly aside for the past few years and refer to myself euphemistically as "The Cobbler with No Shoes!"

I've belonged to many organizations, have done a great deal of client work as well as volunteer work and for the past few years helped serve in what I would consider leadership roles. Some of you may know the infamous John P. O'Connor, recently retired from the Museum of Springfield History and Archives. John is quite well known in Western Massachusetts. I spent many hours with him in the archives, mostly uploading 20,000 plus cemetery records to FindaGrave.com.

I'm looking forward to meeting those of you I haven't had the pleasure yet to meet. I also look forward to working with CSG to maintain all the excellent programs that exist today and enter a phase of continuous improvement. As many of you may already be aware, we will be offering a program of "virtual" presentations whereby speakers from all over the country, all over the world for that matter, can visit us in East Hartford and bring us their expertise that we may otherwise not be able to learn from. I can tell you that virtual presentations have been very successful for the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society. Partly for this reason, WMGS, which was established in 1973, has seen their membership more than triple in the past five years.

Virtual meetings are not intended to replace meetings held in East Hartford or other venues. Part of belonging to a society is the camaraderie engendered when we can all get together. Rather, it simply gives us an opportunity to interact in a live, virtual environment with a speaker, say, from San Diego, California or Glasgow, Scotland. The way it works is simply that a projector and a screen is in the room rather than the speaker. They still talk with us in real time and we still ask questions of them and get answers. Whether they are recorded and archived for a "members only" benefit is up to the speaker. Some don't mind, some won't allow it and others ask that the recordings are only available to the membership for a limited period of time.

I'll close these comments by echoing the thoughts expressed by Dick Roberts in the summer edition of the CGN. There are no real ways to fully thank our volunteers who helped to make the 2017 NERGC conference in Springfield, Massachusetts the success that it was for the conference in general and CSG in particular. With all the excitement building toward the 50th anniversary, that committee has been hard at work: Janet Horton Wallace, Richard Roberts, Edwin W Strickland II, Peg Limbacher (who continues to recover from some major surgery), Diane McDermott LeMay, Richard Tomlinson (Governor Emeritus), Olivia Patch, Linda Simard, and Stephanie Hyland (CSG Office Manager). A collective "Thank you" goes out to all of you.

Our annual CSG Seminar is scheduled for 21 October 2017 at the Four Points Sheraton in Meriden, Connecticut. I'll be the "closing act" after Mel Smith of the Connecticut State Library's History and Genealogy Unit, followed by internationally known Michael Leclerc, author, editor, and former board member of both the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. The seminar will also feature the presentation of the 2017 Literary Awards. Check out the full page flyer on the inside back cover.

An important part of the success of CSG is found in one place: the members. We extend our appreciation especially to those who participate and those who generously give of their time to serve as volunteers. I'm very excited to be a part of CSG and proud to have the opportunity to serve as your president.

Let's have a great year together!

~ *Dave Robison, President*

Editorial

The editor and staff of *Connecticut Genealogy News* would like to extend sincerest thanks for those on the board who are continuing to serve. Without them, there would be no Connecticut Society of Genealogists. We are looking forward to a great year. Welcome back.

We wish all the best to those board members who have resigned and hope you be able to join us again soon, and look forward to seeing you at the CSG programs that are coming up. You won't want to miss them.

In this issue we are continuing to commemorate the anniversary of World War I with a look at the Honor Roll of Bolton [Connecticut] boys in the war. Profiles of each one have been submitted by Diane LeMay.

Richard Roberts has contributed a very informative article on how the home front was asked to conserve food during the war. His article includes a couple of simple recipes that I can't wait to try out.

Russell DeGrafft shares with us a brief overview of the weaponry of World War I. It really wasn't a nice time. The weapons were deadly and paved the way for modern warfare.

Our spotlight shines on the Town of Colchester. If you have Colchester roots, you will not want to miss this article by Diane LeMay.

Many people called in asking what to do with their genealogy research when they are finished. They ask how do they get the next generation interested? Susan McClen provides us with some helpful ideas to get you started in her article "Filling in the Dash."

Richard Roberts also shares with us a 1917 proclamation of Thanksgiving from the Connecticut governor of the time.

If anyone would like to submit an article to *Connecticut Genealogy News*, please contact the CSG Office for a copy of the Guidelines for magazine authors. If you have a World War I hero whom you want to profile, please send us the information.

Also, members may submit up to three queries per issue (more depends on the space available). If you have a query, please email it to: csginc@csginc.org.

Enjoy the issue!

~ Stephanie Hyland, Editor

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Profiles of World War I Heroes of Bolton, Connecticut

submitted by Diane K. LeMay, CSG #7571



World War One, also known as The Great War, lasted from July 28, 1914 to November 11, 1918, and was one of the largest and deadliest conflicts. Almost 10 million combatants and 7 million civilians died as a result. The United States joined the Allies in 1917. Five years after the war ended, treaties were still being signed. The League of Nations was founded shortly after the war on January 10, 1920, and was the first international organization founded with the principal mission of maintaining world peace.

When military, birth, or death information is missing, that is because I could not locate the information and/or not verify if it was the correct individual. The Connecticut State Library has many military databases, including the Veteran's Death Index.

Camillo BOERO

Camillo, son of Joseph and Caroline, was born in Alfero, Italy on May 20, 1894. He enlisted into the Army on October 22, 1917 and served in the infantry. He was honorably discharged as Private First Class on January 15, 1919. On the 1920 federal census, Camillo lived with his parents in Bolton. Boero was residing in Queens, NY, according to his WWII Draft Registration and died there at the age of 80 on December 24, 1974.



Merrell CROSS

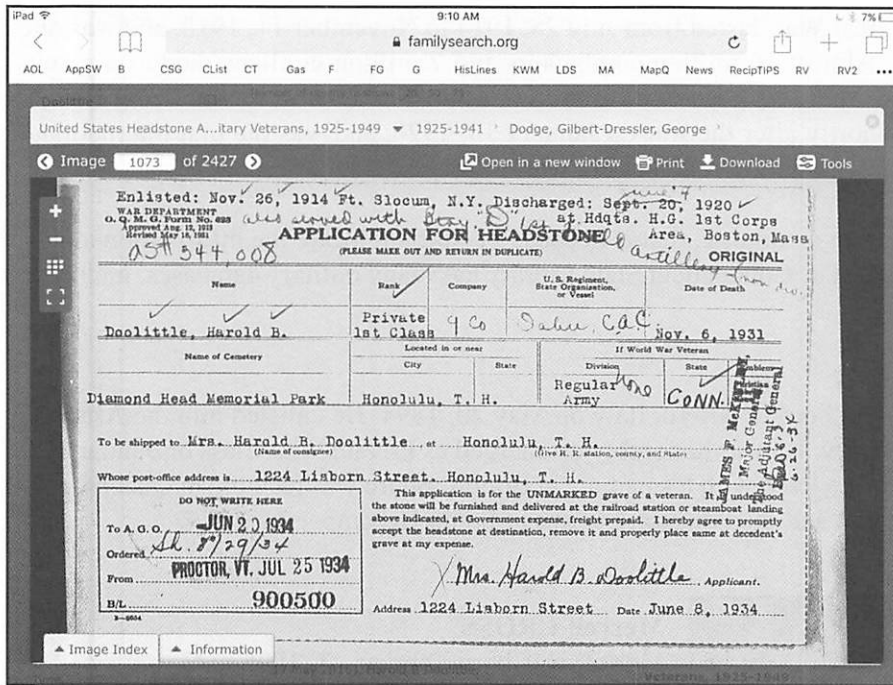
Merrell was born February 7, 1895 in Coventry. The 1900 federal census lists him as a 5-year-old “boarder” in Windham with David and Mary Slocum. He appears at 16 years of age in Bolton with the Albert Cowles family in 1910 as “servant.” In 1917 his WWI Draft Registration card says he was employed by the NY, NH & H Railroad Company and single. Merrell was inducted into military service at Rockville on April 30, 1918 and served in the infantry. His name was indexed as both Merrill and Merrell in FamilySearch.org, but he signed his name Merrell on his World War I Draft Registration. Merrell was given an honorable discharge on December 7, 1918. His military gravestone says, “Sgt 49 Co 13 BN 151 Depot Brig.” He died at the age of 70 and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Vernon.

Michael DALY

Michael was born in Guttenburg, NJ on April 24, 1891, and inducted into the U.S. Army on May 23, 1918 in Rockville. He served in Motor Truck Companies 474 and 467 and in the American Expeditionary Forces. He made the rank of Corporal on August 8, 1918. Michael died of bronchopneumonia September 26, 1918. The star before his name on the Bolton plaque designates that Michael Daly died during his military service. Mrs. Elizabeth Daly, his mother residing in Andover, was notified.

Harold Brown DOOLITTLE

Born in Bolton to Washington and Kate (Fisher) Doolittle October 24, 1891, he is recorded as Harvy Brown Doolittle. In 1900 the federal census for Bolton listed him as Harry, one of five children. He enlisted November 26, 1914 and served in the Coast Artillery Corps in Honolulu, Hawaii. Harry was granted his honorable discharge on June 4, 1920. The manifest for the *USS Matsonia*, sailing on October 3, 1923 from San Francisco to Honolulu, gives Harold's address as Honolulu. He died November 6, 1931 and is buried in Diamond Head Memorial Park, Honolulu, HI.



Headstone Application for Harold Brown DOOLITTLE

Jacob HOROWITZ

His residence on the 1910 and 1920 federal censuses was Bolton with his parents Isaac and Fanny, both born in Austria and naturalized in 1894. Jacob, the first of five children, was born in New York, possibly January 28, 1894. In 1910, his father was a cabinet maker in a lumber mill. In 1942 his WWII Draft Registration records his address as Wethersfield with his mother. No Adjutant General military record was found.

Keeney HUTCHINSON

Keeney was born in Bolton on May 27, 1896 to Calvin and Eleanor (Maxwell) Hutchinson.

He entered the U.S. Navy on December 18, 1914, served on the *USS Tacoma*, and was a Boatswain's Mate Second Class at the time of his discharge on December 5, 1918. At the time of WWII, he lived on Clarke Rd., Bolton and worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford. Keeney died April 1971 at the age of 75.

Victor Thomas LaCHAPELLE

Victor was born in Gilead on August 11, 1897, son of Joseph Francis. He was employed in 1918 by a ship builder when he was inducted into the Army and served in the Coast Artillery Corps. After his honorable discharge on April 12, 1919, Victor married Anna H. Tack (1895-1989) and had a son, Donald (1930-2016), who also served in the military, retiring from the U.S. Marine Corps with 22 years of service. Victor died in 1943 at the young age of 46 and is buried in East Cemetery, Manchester.



Herold Lawrence LEE

Herold was born in Bolton Center to Charles M. and Agnes (Mead) Lee on May 9, 1897 and inducted into the Army in Rockville on September 3, 1918. His name was indexed as Harold in FamilySearch.org, but he signed his name Herold on his World War I Draft Registration. His name is spelled Herold on his birth record and on his gravestone. Before his honorable discharge on January 30, 1919, he served in the Veterinary Corps in Newport News, VA. By the 1920 federal census he had married Ada () and settled at Bolton Center with three children. He died November 20, 1977 and is buried in the Quarryville Cemetery in Bolton.

James Albert LEE

Born in Bolton November 5, 1895, Herold's older brother James enlisted into the Army on July 7, 1917. He served in Company K, Company C 20 Machine Gun Battalion and in the American Expeditionary Forces. Sgt. James Lee received his honorable discharge on June 26, 1919. In 1920, Jim was unmarried and living in Bolton with his parents. However, he soon married because in 1930 he is the head of a household in Bolton Center which includes his wife Bertha and five children.

Joseph A. MACK

Joseph was born April 14, 1896 in New Brunswick, NJ. On July 24, 1918 he was employed as a farmer and a resident of Manchester when he was inducted into the Army. Joe was a Private at the time he was granted an honorable discharge on January 21, 1919.

Fred Otto MANNEL

Fred was born in Rockville February 23, 1893. He was inducted there on September 20, 1917 and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army on May 27, 1919. Fred died August 7, 1947 and is buried in Long Island National Cemetery, East Farmingdale, NY. The Adjutant General record recorded him as Fred O. Manuel.

Robert Whitfield PETERS

As stated on his WWI Draft Registration, Robert Whitfield Peters was born April 20, 1889, employed as a farmer in Bolton in 1917 and was unmarried. There was no Adjutant General military record found.

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Form 1 7114 REGISTRATION CARD No. 12

1 Name in full Fred Otto Mannel Age in yrs. 24
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address So. Manchester, Connecticut
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth February, 23rd, 1893
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural Born Citizen

5 Where were you born? Rockville Connecticut U.S.A.
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Carpenter

8 By whom employed? Craig K Palmer
Where employed? Miami, Florida

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? No

10 Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which)? Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank None; branch _____
years _____; Nation or State _____

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? Yes, Occupation

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

379 F. O. Mannel
(Signature or mark)

If person is not living, give date of death



Fred W. REICHARD

Born in New York City, Reichard was only 19 years old when he enlisted in the National Guard in Niantic on August 21, 1917. For the year and one half prior to his discharge, he was serving in the American Expeditionary Forces. Fred was granted his honorable discharge on April 29, 1919. He married and received a college education. Fred's last residence at his death on May 17, 1991 was Manchester and he was buried in the Quarryville Cemetery in Bolton.

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Roy Junius SANFORD

Roy, born May 10, 1890, was a resident of South Manchester when he entered the U.S. Navy Reserve Forces in Newport, RI on December 3, 1917. He served on the *USS Blakely* and the *USS Camden* and was discharged as a Yeoman First Class. In 1920, after his discharge, Roy was living in Bolton with his parents and grandmother. The enumerator for Vernon's 1930 federal census lists him still living with his parents at the age of 39 and widowed. In 1942 Roy resided in Essex and was employed by the Essex School Board, according to his WW II Draft Registration card.

Henry Ambrose STRANGE

Henry was born June 6, 1894 in South Manchester, the fourth of seven children to Harry and Kate. Before Henry turned 16 in 1910, his father had died. His WWI Draft Registration states that he was a farmer residing and employed in Bolton and unmarried. Inducted in Rockville on May 23, 1918, Henry had the rank of Private First Class by May 28, 1919. He served in the Motor Transport Company 473 and in the American Expeditionary Forces before his honorable discharge on July 3, 1919. In 1942 he was residing in Manchester.

George WIPPERT

George was born in Glastonbury on February 24, 1885. By the 1930 federal census he had been married to Mary (Mathein) Wippert for ten years and had one child, Helen. His WWII Draft Registration Card says that at the age of 57, he was married, working for the Norton Electric Company in Manchester and residing in Bolton. He died in Manchester. George's gravestone in Bolton's Center Cemetery is inscribed "U.S. Navy Died Aug 7, 1970 age 87." No Adjutant General military record was found.



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Food Conservation on the World War I Home Front

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680

President Woodrow Wilson formally established the United States Food Administration on August 10, 1917 as part of Executive Order 2679 in order to provide for food for the U.S. Army and to combat starvation in Europe. However, even prior to that formal implementation, President Wilson had concluded that the food situation was so tenuous that steps needed to be undertaken to conserve and redistribute food.

On June 16, 1917 the *New York Times* reported that "Herbert C. Hoover, the proposed food administrator, had been given 'full authority to take any steps necessary' for the organization of the women of the country and for co-operation with all men engaged in the distribution of foods." Mr. Hoover announced "plans for enlisting every housewife in the country as a volunteer member of the food administration" and encouraged these basic voluntary conservation principals:

To save wheat. Each household was asked to reduce its consumption of wheat by at least 25% by observing one "wheatless" meal each day and one "wheatless" day each week (Wednesday) for a total of nine wheatless meals per week.

By December 1917, the Food Administration had begun to push the potato as a substitute for wheat. Grocers were asked to initiate weekly "potato days" on which special prices would be offered, and housewives were urged to include potatoes on their dinner table every day. To help facilitate this practice, recipes utilizing potato flour or starch in place of wheat were widely distributed through the press and Extension Service pamphlets.

To further enforce the savings of wheat, in January 1918 the Food Administration established the "fifty-fifty" rule. This directed retailers to require every purchaser of wheat flour to buy an equal amount of corn, oats, rice, barley, or other cereal. Homemakers modified recipes by mixing or substituting oatmeal, cornmeal and other cereals for wheat.

The potato was even promoted to children through "The Crowning of the Little Brown Prince," a "fairy tale for

children" that became a popular story hour staple at many libraries throughout the country. It told of how, after years of neglect, the lowly potato was placed by the side of Prince Wheat and Prince Corn by the King of Vegetables.

To save meat. Families were encouraged to observe one meatless day each week (Tuesday) and one meatless meal each day (no beef, pork, mutton, veal, or lamb) and no preserved meat (beef, bacon, ham, or lard). In addition to the meatless day, there was one porkless day (no fresh or salted pork, bacon, lard, or ham) each week (Saturday). Fish and chicken were promoted as substitutes for red meat; people began to serve egg-laying hens for dinner, resulting in egg shortages.

To save fats. Americans were asked to conserve fats in order to make them available for the war effort. It was recommended that housewives conserve cooking oils by baking, broiling, and boiling rather than frying food and bulletins were issued with tips on how to save oil and drippings and render and reuse fats. Margarine and shortening were substituted for butter in many wartime recipes.

To save sugar. At the time of the war, 75 percent of the sugar used in America was imported. Because transporting soldiers, materiel, and food to Europe was a priority and the dangers German submarines and warships presented to shipping, sugar supplies were limited. In the summer of 1918 the sugar supply dropped to a crisis level. In response, the government adopted a certificate system to control sugar distribution. After July 1, manufacturers of candy, soft drinks, chewing gum, etc.; commercial canners; bakers and cracker manufacturers; public eating places; and retail stores could only purchase sugar by turning in certificates. Honey was substituted for sugar in many recipes.

"The Gospel of the Clean Plate." Each member of the family was encouraged to reduce portions and finish their entire meal. Children were asked to pledge that "At table I'll not leave a scrap of food upon my plate. And I'll not eat between meals, but for supper time I'll wait."

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RECIPES FROM THE HOME FRONT

Soon after the United States entered World War I in April 1917, Connecticut’s Governor, Marcus Holcomb, appointed an eleven-member Council of Defense to coordinate, support, and publicize the work of other State and Federal war agencies relating to publicity, Americanization, fuel conservation, food supply, transportation, and military and naval affairs. The Council formed committees to deal with each of the various areas of responsibility and ultimately included a Woman’s Division whose members were included among those committees.

In observance of the 100th anniversary of the U.S. participation in World War I, here are two recipes from Record Group 30, Council of Defense, State Archives, Connecticut State Library, promoting the use of corn and potatoes and eliminating traditional ingredients such as wheat and eggs:

Quick Corn Bread (without eggs)

1 cup corn meal	½ cup sugar
½ cup flour	3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt	2 tsp. shortening
1 cup milk	

Mix and sift dry ingredients; add salted shortening and milk; beat thoroughly; bake in a greased pan in a moderate oven, 20 minutes. If egg is used, beat well and add with other liquids.

Potatoes Scalloped with Cheese

1 qt. cold boiled potatoes, cut in dice	1 ½ cups milk
1 tsp. butter	Little more than ¼ pound cheese
1 rounding tbsp. flour	Salt and pepper

Melt the butter, add flour, then milk, and cook until a thin cream sauce. Add salt and pepper and ¼ lb. cheese sliced thin, then add potatoes to the mixture and stir together. Turn into buttered baking dish, place thinly sliced (sic.) cheese over the top, and bake in hot oven ½ hour uncovered.



World War I Weaponry

by Russell A. DeGrafft, CSG # 19194

Millions died needlessly in World War I because military and civilian leaders continued to apply outdated tactics and strategies even as new and horrible weapons were being developed. Technological developments in engineering, metallurgy, chemistry and optics produced weapons deadlier than anything known before, and the world has continued to feel the effects of those developments.



The popular (and basically correct) image of World War I is of soldiers in muddy trenches and dugouts. The main weapon used by most Allied soldiers in the trenches was the bolt-action rifle. Fifteen rounds from this rifle could be fired in a minute, and guns could kill a person 1,499 meters away. However, it was a machine gun that came to dominate the trench warfare of the Western Front and led World War I to become known as “the machine gun war.”

At the Paris Exhibition in 1881, it is said that someone told the inventor Hiram Stevens Maxim that if he wanted to make a fortune, “*he should invent a machine that would help these Europeans kill each other.*” Prior to 1896, Maxim harnessed a bullet’s recoil power to create a portable machine gun which needed only one barrel to fire all of its bullets automatically. The Vickers Ltd., of which Maxim became a director, bought out his machine gun concept and sold machine guns to European countries on the eve of World War I. Although the Maxim machine guns needed four to six men to man them and had to be positioned on a flat surface, they could fire up to 400 rounds per minute and had the fire power of 100 rifles. Causing heavy casualties, they significantly changed the nature of combat.

Although the Maxim machine gun was used by most British troops, the Lewis gun, developed in 1911 by U.S. Army Colonel Isaac Newton Lewis, was introduced once the United States joined the war. Besides being much lighter, the Lewis guns, produced by the Savage Arms at Sharon, Pennsylvania and the Birmingham Small Arms Company in England, could be turned out more quickly.



This war was also the first to use chlorine gas. Although it has a distinctive smell (a mixture of pepper and pineapple), French soldiers, not having previously encountered it, initially assumed the gas was a smoke screen. They only realized they were being gassed when they started to have chest pains and a burning sensation in their throats.

Mustard gas, also in the military’s arsenal, was not only odorless but extremely powerful. Although this gas took twelve hours to take effect, it made the skin blister and the eyes sore, and the victim would begin to vomit. It caused internal and external bleeding and targeted the lungs. It could take up to five weeks for the exposed to die. Only small amounts needed to be added to shells to be effective and it remained active for several weeks after landing in the soil.



Airplanes were another new technology. They were primarily made of canvas, wood, and wire. At first they were used only for reconnaissance work, to observe enemy troops. However, in 1916 the Germans armed planes with machine guns. The Allies soon copied the idea and war in the air became a reality. Planes became fighter aircraft armed not only with machine guns, but with bombs and even cannons. Pilots were even known to fight enemy aircraft in the air, in “dogfights”

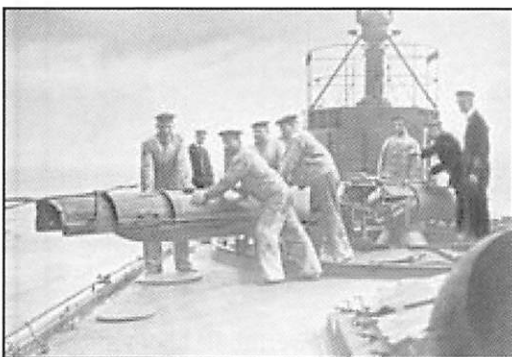
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to protect the men on the ground. Pilots who were shot down often remained trapped in their falling, burning planes because they had no parachutes. Airmen at the front often did not live very long.

The torpedoes used by submarines during World War I were descendants of the floating mine. The earliest documented use of a "torpedo" was by the Dutch in 1585, although this torpedo was actually a ship packed with explosives. Floating kegs of gunpowder -- serving as mines -- took the place of ships in the *Battle of the Kegs* at Philadelphia's harbor on 6 January 1778 during the Revolutionary War. Francis Hopkins, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, wrote a satirical propaganda ballad describing this attempted attack upon the British fleet which included:

*Now up and down, throughout the town,
Most frantic scenes were acted;
And some ran here, and some others there,
Like men almost distracted
Some Fire! Cried, which some denied,
But said the earth had quaked;
And girls and boys, with hideous noise,
Ran through the streets half-naked.*

The use of a torpedo in the United States dates as far back as 1775. David Bushnell of Connecticut possesses the title of "Father of the Torpedo and Mining Warfare." His submarine, *The Turtle*, was not the first submarine craft, but it was the first to employ a weapon. Sergeant Ezra Lee piloted *The Turtle*. His attempt to fasten a 150 pound mine to the hull of Lord Howe's flagship was unsuccessful. However, his attempts attracted the attention of General George Washington.



The Germans used torpedoes to blow up ships carrying supplies from America to Britain. On 1 May 1915 they torpedoed the passenger liner *Lusitania*, which sank with a loss of 1,195 lives. The *Lusitania* was a British ocean liner. International law required that before opening fire on a non-military ship, attackers were required to give the crew and passengers time to get to safety. However, the Germans did not follow the well-known law, causing an international uproar.

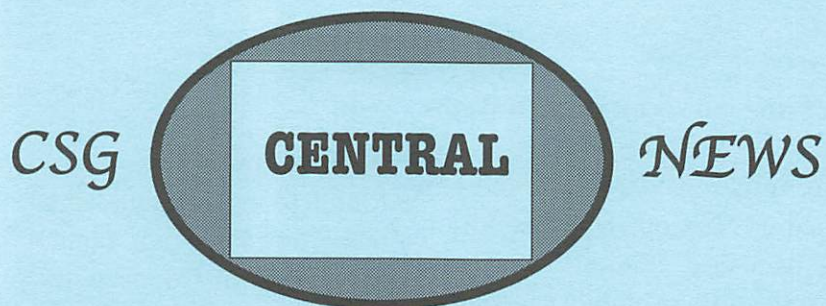
Americans were outraged, leading in part to the United States joining the war in 1917 on the side of the Allies. Torpedo development during the war was minimal. An electric torpedo design was scrapped before the program even got off the ground. The Whitehead and Bliss-Leavitt Mk 6 torpedoes were all removed from service in 1922. It was the post-World War I/pre-World War II era that defined the modern torpedo.

The weapons described above are only a few of the many devices developed by the warring nations to maim and destroy. Among other new weapons were the Winchester, Browning and Remington shotguns; Mk1, Mk2 and F1 grenades; the Mills bomb; mortars such as the Stokes and Livens; support guns like the Canon infantrymen DE 37 model 1916 TRP; bayonets like the M1905 and M1907; and the Mark 1 trench knife.

The firing stopped on 11 November 1918, but modern war technology had changed the course of civilization. Millions had been killed, gassed, maimed or starved. Famine and disease continued to rage throughout central Europe, taking countless lives. Rapid technological advances in every area caused the nature of warfare to change forever, affecting soldiers, airmen, sailors, and civilians alike.

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16 September - "Identifying and Dating Family Photographs" with Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective

Place: Raymond Library, 840 Main St, East Hartford, CT 06108

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE, but please pre-register by 13 September so we may plan appropriately.

21 October - CSG Annual Family History Seminar

Please join us in welcoming Dave Robison of Old Bones Genealogy of New England, Co-Chair of the 2017 New England Regional Genealogical Conference and CSG's newly-elected President; Mel Smith of the Connecticut State Library's History and Genealogy Unit; and Michael Leclerc, CG, an internationally-known genealogical author, editor, and presenter, who has authored numerous articles in popular magazines and scholarly journals.

Place: Four Points Sheraton, 275 Research Pkwy, Meriden, CT 06450.

Time: Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Meal Choices: Chicken Marsala OR Penne a la Vodka (vegetarian).

Cost: \$49 by 30 September or \$59 thereafter (includes coffee and Danish, presentations, and luncheon meal).

Deadline to pre-register is 13 October 2017.

See in the inside back cover of this issue and the CSG website at www.csginc.org for more details.

18 November - "How Firm a Foundation, Building a Sound Genealogy" with Edwin W. Strickland II

Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Please pre-register by 15 November so we may plan appropriately.

News

Discontinuation of the 50% off discount for FindMyPast.com

CSG regrets to inform its members that Find My Past has discontinued its 50% off the subscription price incentive for its world edition. They have promised us, as society partners, another incentive so we will pass that information along to you when they let us know what the new incentive will be.

From the Library Committee

Have you visited the CSG Library lately? Ancestry.com & Fold3.com are available to patrons in the library only.

From the CSG Programs Committee

Watch the CSG website and upcoming issues of *Connecticut Genealogy News* for the great programs we have scheduled. The calendar on page 13 only goes through November, but for 2018 we are planning a Webinar, a DNA workshop and an Ethnic Workshop featuring French-Canadian, Italian, Polish and Eastern European.

Also, save the date: Saturday, May 19, 2017. CSG will be celebrating 50 years of serving the genealogical community, and we have a great program in store featuring state historian, Walter Woodward, accompanied by the Band of Steady Habits. Watch the CSG website and *Connecticut Genealogy News* for more on this.

From the Publications Committee

Please consider sharing portions of your family's story through one of CSG's publications. This "magazine," *Connecticut Genealogy News*, is published quarterly: Spring (copy due date January 25), Summer (copy due date April 10), Fall (copy due date July 25), and Winter (copy due date September 25); and features articles relating to genealogical research (e.g., "Researching German Ancestry in Connecticut") and repositories (e.g., "Resources at the Connecticut State Library") as well as book reviews, information about speakers, and other topics. In the "CSG News Central" (blue pages) you'll find news about upcoming seminars, trips and tours, and Web site developments.

Our journal, *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, is published three times a year: July (copy due date April 15), November (copy due date July 15), and March (copy due date January 15). It contains original articles relevant, but not limited to, genealogical studies of Connecticut/New England families as well as transcriptions of probate records, Bible/Family records, church records and other archival information.

If you are interested in submitting an article for either publication, please contact the CSG Office for guidelines. If you need assistance in putting your article together, please let us know. We can help!

From the 50th Anniversary Committee

In May, 2018 CSG will celebrate 50 years and we are excited! We would like you to join us! We're preparing a media presentation and we invite you to submit your photos from the 1960s to the present, related to genealogy, history, Connecticut, or family lifestyle. We cannot accept any images/photos that are on copyright. They must have been taken by you and must be identified and dated (PDFs preferred). By submitting your photo(s), you are granting CSG permission to use it/them in our presentation and to otherwise further the goals of CSG. Email your images before January 31, 2018 to demroots51@gmail.com. Photos submitted after that date may not appear in the presentation. We reserve the right to reject those that do not meet the goals of this project.

About the Cover

The American Flag shown on the cover is flown in Hamburg, a village of Lyme, Connecticut [see the Spring 2017 issue for the Spotlight on Lyme article].

Two military veterans put up this flag that measures about 24 feet by 36 feet to honor those military veterans that have served and are serving on each holiday that honors veterans and the military.

**The Connecticut Society of
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Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective

16 September 2017

Identifying and Dating Family Photographs

You will love this interactive lecture on discovering who's who in your family pictures. You'll learn 10 easy steps for naming those unidentified pictures tucked away in shoeboxes.

~ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~

Maureen will have several relevant publications available for purchase. A limited number of 15-minute private consultations for 1 to 3 photographs will also be available at a fee of \$60, payable directly to Maureen. If you are interested, contact the CSG Office.

Place: Raymond Library, 840 Main St, East Hartford, CT 06108

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Pre-registration Deadline: September 13, 2017

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ELMER H. BLACKWELL: WORLD WAR I PARTICIPANT

submitted by Russell DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

Little did Johann, a stone cutter from Austria, and Anna Soukup realize the future directions of their son, Anton, later known as Elmer Harry Blackwell, as the family sailed from Bremen, Germany to New York on the *S.S. Neckar* in the early 1900s. Born in Saint George, Austria in 1895, he would travel throughout the United States, marry a woman from North Dakota, bring her back to Connecticut and establish a family farm in Lyme. The farm would remain in his family until this day, and the descendants of Anton will live on and maintain the property. Katherine Hepburn, the world recognized actress, and her brother visited the Blackwell Farm every Fall to purchase their pumpkin.

Anton joined the Army in June 1916 in New London, Connecticut at the time of the U.S. Mexican Expedition against the forces of Francisco "Pancho" Villa. He was originally with the 8th Field Artillery and his horse handling skills were quickly recognized. Before his enlistment he had extensive experience as a horse dealer and as a farmer. While in the Army, he was encouraged to change his name. Now as Elmer, he carried out his military career at Fort Slocum, New York; Fort Bliss, Texas; Farrier School in Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Camp Robinson, Wisconsin; Remount School in Newport News, Virginia; Fort Myers, Virginia and finally Remount 304 at Camp Mead, Indiana.

He began his military service with the rank of private and left the Army, never seeing overseas service, holding the rank of sergeant in July 1917.

Elmer H. Blackwell is one of twenty-eight residents of Lyme and its closely surrounding agrarian environs to participate in World War I. A memorial marker with a small flag stands in the center of Lyme with the names of these participating men.

Elmer H. Blackwell passed away on 13 December 1979 at the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven, Connecticut and is interred in Laysville Cemetery, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Having outlived his first wife, Emma Marie Knutson, he married his second wife, Lucy Lay Noyes, who maintained a prominent Old Lyme lineage. In later years, he enjoyed the warmth of vacationing in Florida but still maintained the family farm.

Sources:

Extensive interview by the author with the existing Blackwell Family who has continued to maintain the family farm in Lyme.

Interview and discussion by the author with the archivist of military records in Lyme, Connecticut.

RG 012:24, Military Service Records, 1913-1920, State Archives, Connecticut State Library.

Service Records: Connecticut Men and Women in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, 1917-1920, Hartford, Connecticut. 3 volumes. Located online and in the Connecticut State Library.

Ancestry.com. New York Passenger Lists, 1850-1957, World War I Military Records and United States Census Records.

Wikipedia.com

Note: This Questionnaire should be completed as far as possible with such information as can be furnished at once, and returned with photographs and additional notes or letters, if available, to Department of War Records, State Library, Hartford, Conn. Your completed Questionnaire will convey to your children and to their children, your story in your own words of the part you took in the great conflict. The "Roll of Honor" and the accompanying list of names certified by a town official, will form the title page and table of contents to the volumes of War Records relating to those in service from your town.

Connecticut Participation in the World War
State of Connecticut 9389
MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

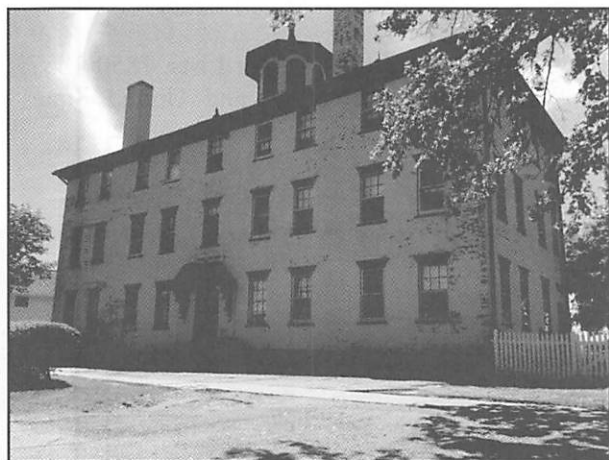
Compiled by the Department of War Records, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, when it will be filed, as a permanent memorial of the deeds of Connecticut soldiers, sailors and marines in the service of the federal, state and allied governments during American participation in the World War.

Name in full: Elmer H. Blackwell Harry
 Date of birth: 17th Dec 1895
 Place of birth: St. George Austria
 Name of father: John Blackwell Birthplace: _____
 Maiden name of mother: Emma Knutson Birthplace: _____
 Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? White
 Citizen: Yes Voter: Yes Church: Lutheran
 Married: Janice 6/12 1919 Mississippi Miss
Emma Marie Knutson Dec 23 1895 Kellyville W. V.
 Children: _____ Born _____ at _____
 _____ Born _____ at _____
 _____ Born _____ at _____
 Fraternal Orders: _____
 Previous military service or training: _____
 Occupation before entry into the service: Horse Dealer & Farmer
 _____, employer: _____
 Residence before entry into the service: _____
 Present home address: _____

Assembly granted the petition by a group of Westchester area residents for a second ecclesiastical society, and the meetinghouse was built by 1730. The second structure, which replaced the original building in 1791, burned in 1847. The third and current Westchester Congregational Church was erected in 1848. Although the community was self-sufficient, it never broke away to become a separate town. Colchester soon comprised three separate societies: Colchester, Westchester and New Salem. The Baptist Church was erected on South Main Street in 1835. In 1843 the Methodist Episcopal Church was erected on Norwich Avenue. In 1949 the Colchester Federated Church was established, combining the First Congregational and Baptist churches. St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church was established in 1860.

By 1782, there were 3,300 inhabitants. To serve the needs of the people, grist mills, saw mills and iron works were established as early as 1704. Norton Paper Mill dates from 1726. Because it no longer served any purpose, the dam on the Jeremy River that was built to harness water power for the mill was just recently destroyed by the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and The Nature Conservancy for the purpose of restoring fish to the entire river. It was the largest dam in the state to be removed. The mill's remains will also be cleared for the creation of a riverside park to be named Norton Park, reported Peter Marteka in the *Hartford Courant*.

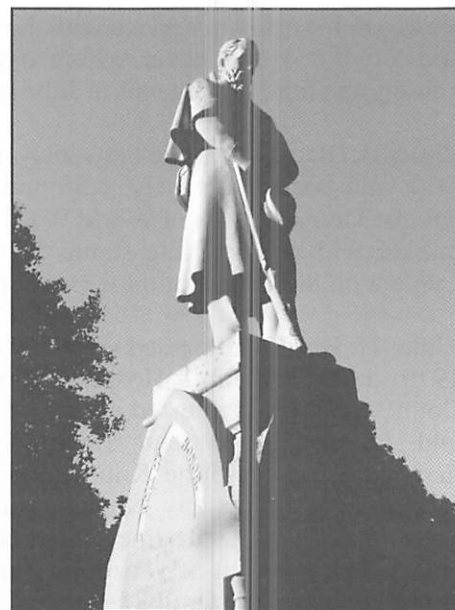
Agriculture was and remains today a principal industry. In support of the American Revolution, Colchester's citizens contributed grain, meat, and clothing. It is said that cattle sent to Valley Forge saving the lives of General George Washington's men came from town.



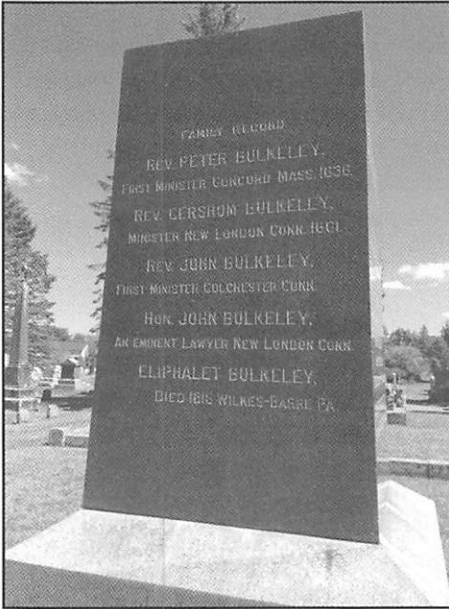
Pierpont Bacon, a wealthy farmer, had bequeathed the majority of his estate to support a school for the instruction of youth. Bacon Academy was founded in 1803 and erected near the Meetinghouse and opposite the Town Green. The first Preceptor was John Adams, 1803-1810. Its fame for its high standards of achievement spread throughout New England, making the town an educational center for the next three decades. Bacon Academy has the distinction of being the oldest high school in Connecticut. For the first sixty years of its history, it not only gave a free education to the youth of the Colchester Society, but drew students from all parts of the country who paid for their education. Notable alumni include Stephen Austin, a founder of Texas, Morgan

Bulkeley, a governor of Connecticut and Eliphalet Bulkeley, the first president of Aetna Life Insurance Company. The iconic large yellow building on Main Street was used until 1962, when the present school building was constructed. The Academy bylaws included guidelines for educating persons of color in a separate school house, which was adjacent to Bacon Academy and operated for three decades.

Inventor and industrialist Nathaniel Hayward founded his Hayward Rubber Company in Colchester in 1847, and from here rubber products, boots, and shoes were shipped all over the country. The population of the town continued to increase. Prosperity followed in the form of new homes, parks, improved roads, and flourishing businesses. By 1870 the population reached nearly 3,400. The company thrived and was sold in 1893. It permanently closed not long after, nearly 30 years after Hayward's death. The Hayward House, built about 1775 by Amos Otis for Dudley Wright, has had a long and interesting history. One of the largest and most impressive homes on present-day Main Street, it once



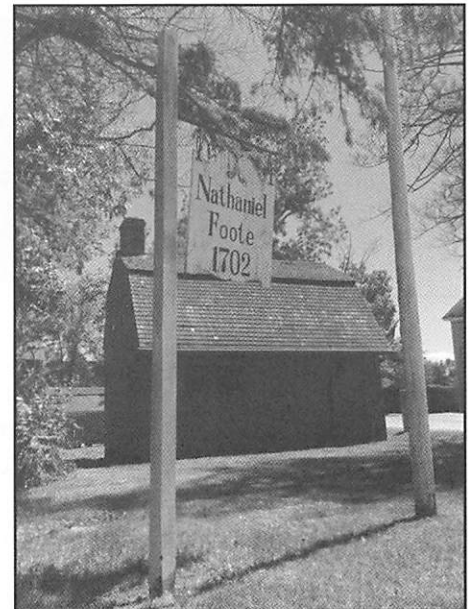
served as a store, a tavern and a rooming house for out-of-town students of Bacon Academy. Descendants of Wright resided there until 1848, when it was purchased by Nathaniel Hayward and his wife Louisa. It was Hayward who gave up the spacious front lawn, presenting it to the town for a park. The Green still hosts many community events as it had throughout its history. A statue to the town's Civil War military stands tall on the Green.



First Settlers and Their Families

One of the first families was that of Reverend Peter Bulkeley. He sailed to the New World with his wife Grace and landed in Boston in 1635. Rev. Bulkeley, the first minister of Concord, Massachusetts in 1636, removed to Connecticut. It was Bulkeley who named the town in 1699 for his hometown in England. Descendants of Bulkeley served in King Philip's War and the French and Indian War. Many moved to Wethersfield, Glastonbury, and Hartford and became notable citizens in the state.

The Foote Family encompasses many surnames of families in the first hundred years of Colchester's history and that of the surrounding towns and appears to be one of the prominent families in the history of the town. The Foote House on Norwich Avenue was built in 1702 by a grandson of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Deming) Foote and still stands. Nathaniel and Elizabeth sailed from England in 1634 and settled



Wethersfield. They came to Connecticut from Springfield, Massachusetts in the 1670s. Briefly residing in Stratford and Branford, Quarter-Master Nathaniel Foote and his wife Margaret (Bliss) Foote finally settled in Wethersfield, and he died there in 1703. Margaret and the youngest five of nine children removed to Colchester. This is where Margaret died in 1745 at the age of 95. In 1726, after 15 years of marriage, Ann (Clark) Foote of Colchester died, leaving her husband Nathaniel (1682-1774) with eight small children. He married Hannah, widow of Noah Coleman, September 13, 1727. Ephraim (1685-1765) married Sarah Chamberlain in 1708 and raised their family of nine children. Josiah (1688-1778) married Sarah Welles, daughter of Lieut. Noah Wells of Colchester in 1712 and she gave birth to eleven children. Joseph Foote (1690-1756) and his wife Ann (Clothier) had five children. Finally, Eunice Foote (1694-1771) and her husband Michael Taintor Jr., who also married in town in 1712, raised eight children.

Charles Taintor, a son of Michael and Eunice, married Mary Skinner, daughter of Reverend Thomas Skinner, Pastor of Second Congregational Church of Colchester. Benjamin Day, son of John, married Margaret Foote, both of Colchester in 1729. Sarah Day, daughter of Capt. Noah Day, married Charles Foote, junior, both of Colchester. Esther Clark, daughter of Ezra of Colchester, married Stephen Foote April 29, 1779.

Other early families include Colonel Henry Champion, one of the State Commissaries, who served in the Revolutionary War, settled in Westchester and raised his two sons, who served in the Revolution as well. Joseph Wright was the original owner of the land that is now the Town Green. His home stood where the Hayward House stands today. Harris Derthick, born about 1784 in Colchester to John and Mary (Harris) Derthick, married Electa Gould. Capt. James Newton fathered seven children by his first wife; then married widow Mary Barnard. He was chairman of the committee to hire a school master. His eldest son Deacon James Newton Jr. (1690-1756)

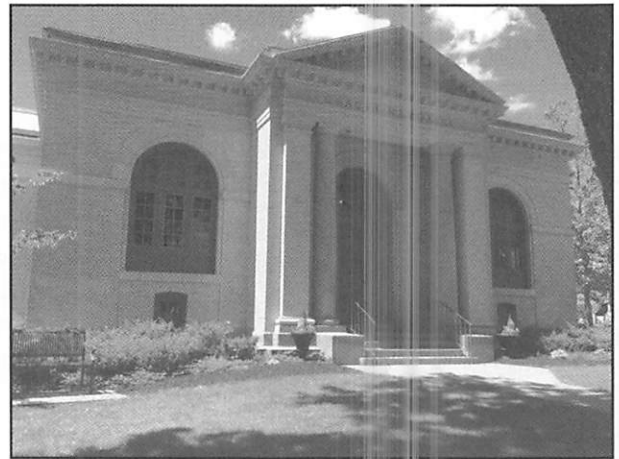
married Susannah Wyat on May 31, 1716. Robert Ransom (c1687-1775) emigrated to Colchester and married Alice Newton. Robert fathered ten children with Alice, and he died there.

Genealogical Research in Colchester

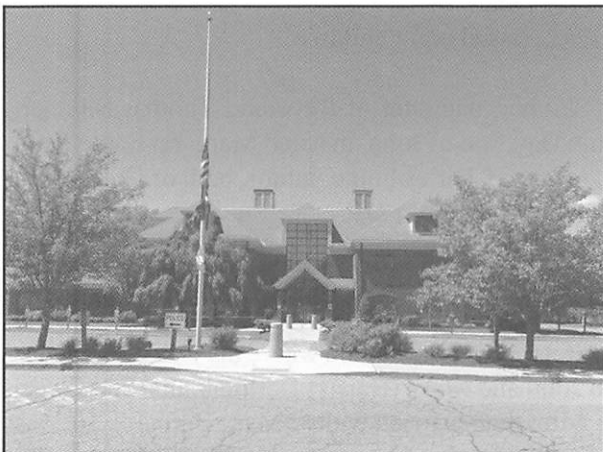
Cragin Library (8 Linwood Avenue 860-537-5752) is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Its website is accessible from that of the town's page when you click on "Services." The Library houses a Local History Collection with many family genealogies and Colchester-related references.



The Colchester Historical Society and Museum founded in 1963 (24 Linwood Avenue 860-537-4230) is located on Route 16 adjacent to Cragin Library in the former 1840 home of Rev. John Bates Ballard. It is open every Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April through December, except for holiday weekends and houses many exhibits. Its website www.colchesterhistory.org is in the process of being updated, so be sure to call before you visit.



According to Findagrave.com Colchester has 16 cemeteries. The oldest of these is the Colchester Burying Ground behind old Bacon Academy and Linwood Cemetery, located off Route 16. Linwood contains the unique monument for Nathaniel Hayward, the rubber company founder who died in 1865.



Accessing Town Hall Records

Birth, Marriage, Death, and Land Records are available from 1698 to the present from the Town Clerk in the Town Hall (127 Norwich Avenue, 860-537-7215). A certified copy of a birth, marriage or death certificate is \$20. Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., with extended hours on Thursdays until 7 p.m.

Accessing Colchester Probate Records

Since January 5, 2011, when the number of Probate Courts in Connecticut was reduced from 130 to about 54, Colchester Probate Records from 1941 to the present are in the Windham-Colchester Probate Court (PD-28, 979 Main Street, P.O. Box 34, Willimantic, CT 06226, 860-465-3049). Hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Calling ahead is always a good idea.

The probate index and records for Colchester to 1976 have been relocated to the State Archives in the Connecticut State Library. Note that the first 10 years, Colchester was part of New London. The Archives is undertaking an ongoing project to make finding aids available online. Hard copies are accessible at the History and Genealogy reference desk if they are not yet online.

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Queries

CSG Members may submit up to three queries per issue. If you have more, check with the CSG Office for space availability.

John Newton **BLIGH**, b. 1899 Rhode Island, m. Margaret **THOMPSON** in Massachusetts, 16 Sept. 1902, d. after 1940 in Connecticut.

Looking for burial place for both. It is believed they lived in Hamden and Orange, CT, but spent their later years in West Haven where he was employed as a train conductor on the NY, NH and CT line Rail System leaving out of New Haven.

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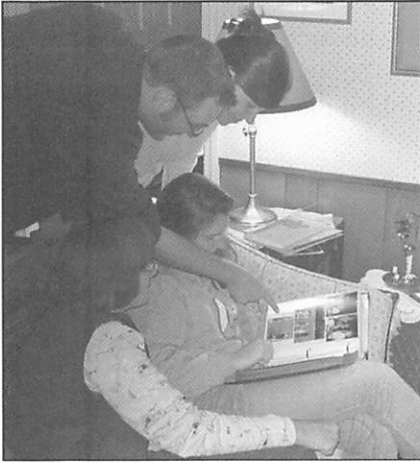
Dianna "Anna" **TOWNSEND** b. abt. 1797 poss. RI, m. Fitch **GEER** on 18 NOV 1819 at Griswold CT, by Rev. Horatio Waldo, d. 28 MAR 1854 at Griswold CT; bur. Pachaug Cemetery. Gravestone says she was 57.

Looking for the parents and place of birth of Dianna.

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Filling in the Dash

by Susan McClen, CSG # 13050



Too often we, as genealogists, get caught up in recording names, dates, and places. However, to insure you pass on to your family members -- and ultimately their descendants -- more than charts and DNA, here are some suggestions for fleshing out what took place in the lives of your ancestors -- the “dash” between their birth and death data:

1. Talk to your siblings and first cousins about what they knew about their parents, uncles, aunts and grandparents. Maybe someone in the family even knows about a family story from further back than your parents' and grandparents' generations.

Do not just ask the elderly relatives. Your own generation may know more than you think. Questions can be: Where did they go to school? Where did they work? What church did they attend? Did they run for public office or serve on committees and boards in the town where they resided? Where are

all the houses that they lived in? Did they drive and what type of car did they have? I knew my grandfather's youngest sister, but I learned more about her from my father because, as a boy, he helped out on her farm.

2. Find relatives who will share photos. Also, be sure to share your photos. Photos of homes, military service, weddings, etc., can fill out what your ancestors and relatives looked like and what they did.

Scanning photos and emailing them or putting them on social media helps in sharing photos. Also, there are services listed on the Internet (see, for example, the listing at <https://www.cyndislist.com/photos/restoration/>) and Facebook that can repair your original or scanned photos.



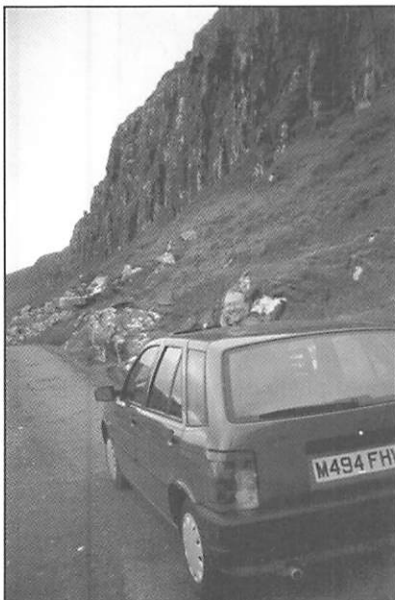
3. Take a field trip to where your ancestors lived. Do not wait until there are no relatives left to do the family “road trip.”

This is especially important if other countries are involved. When you go to another country, you may need a “family guide” to show you where the homestead is/was and the location of the family cemetery.

4. Make a timeline of events [see sample on page 23]. If a family home was built in 1900, George Washington probably did not sleep there.

A contributing factor to a death may be the deaths of other family members. Was there a war going on at some time in their lives?

What other relatives were alive and living in the immediate area during your ancestor's life?




Details

Person | Family | Tree

Type	Name	Type	Value
Name	Harvey HOLCOMB (1:10457) (1824-1891)	Reference	
Father	Asa HOLCOMB II (1:10455) (c1793-1831)	Children	8
Mother	Ada STRICKLAND (1:10456)	Soundex	H425

Type	Date	Name/Place
Birth	20 Apr 1825	
	04 Mar 1829	Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) (D-R) began 1st term
	04 Mar 1833	Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) (D-R) began 2nd term
	04 Mar 1837	Martin Van Buren (1782-1862) (D) began term as 8th
	04 Mar 1841	William Henry Harrison (1773-1841) (W) began term
	06 Apr 1841	John Tyler (1790-1862) (W) began term as 10th
	04 Mar 1845	James K. Polk (1795-1849) (D) began term as 11th
	04 Mar 1849	Zachary Taylor (1784-1850) (W) began term as 12th
	10 Jul 1850	Millard Fillmore (1800-1874) (W) began term as 13th
* Marriage	31 Dec 1851	Maria Louisa ROBERTS (1:4); East Hartland,
* Dau-Bio	11 Oct 1852	Viola Adelaide HOLCOMB (1:10918); East Hartland,
	04 Mar 1853	Franklin Pierce (1804-1869) (D) began term as 14th

Add
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Dates and locations need to be verified with vital records, deeds, probate, etc. Family legend may not hold up to a timeline, but maybe new facts can be discovered.

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The 1917 Thanksgiving Proclamation of Governor Marcus H. Holcomb

Marcus Hensey Holcomb was born on 28 November 1844 in New Hartford, Connecticut, the son of Carlos and Adah L. (Bushnell) Holcomb and a descendant of Thomas Holcomb, one of the original settlers of Windsor. He married 16 October 1872, in Hartford, Sarah Carpenter Bennett (18 July 1840 - 3 December 1901), daughter of Joseph L. and Sarah C. (Weaver-Johnson) Bennett. He died 5 March 1932 in Southington and is buried next to Sarah and their infant son Marcus Hensey Holcomb Jr., in Oak Hill Cemetery, Southington.

Marcus Holcomb served as Judge, Southington Probate District, from 1873-1910; Treasurer of Hartford County from 1893-1910; First Judge, Borough Court of Southington, from 1906-1909; Connecticut Attorney General from 1907-1910; and Judge of the State Superior Court from 1910-1914. He also served terms in the State Senate in 1893 and in the House of Representatives in 1905-1906. In 1914 he was elected the 48th Governor of Connecticut and was re-elected in 1916 and 1918.

One hundred years ago, while serving as Connecticut's Governor during World War I, Marcus Holcomb issued the following proclamation:

At a time when bitter suffering has become the common lot of much of the world and anxiety is gnawing at the breasts of many of us, there is no room for the light hearted rejoicing which has so often marked the coming of the Thanksgiving season. For our full lives, for all our throbbing commercial life, we have abundant reason for thankfulness but we see in the now and a goal attained, only the means to an infinitely nobler and grander end.

They, whose battle is our battle, look to us for armament and sustenance. Largely we can give, for largely has it been given unto us. He, who has made the way straight for us, who has given us courage to raise the gage of battle who has inspired us with faith in ultimate victory, has wonderfully strengthened our arms for the conflict.

For that we owe Him thanks. But to Him, in our country, to the high cause which we have made our own, to the devotion of those who are offering their lives as sacrifices upon the alter of the cause, we owe more than thanks. Ours is the duty to see that these resources which have been made ready for us shall be so husbanded, so shaped, so used that they may attain the greatest possible effect.

On Thursday, Nov. 29, which old custom marks as a day of THANKSGIVING let each of us then, reverently and sincerely, return thanks to God for His gifts to us, but let us also, there in His presence, no less reverently and sincerely steel our hearts in the firm resolve that no word or deed of ours shall dull the weapon He has shaped in our hands.

Given under my hand and seal of the state at the Capitol in Hartford this 16th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty second.

MARCUS H. HOLCOMB, Governor,

By his excellency's command,

FREDERICK L. PERRY, Secretary

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Connecticut Genealogy Pioneers: Charles Dyer Parkhurst

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680

Charles Dyer Parkhurst was born 29 June 1849 in Roxbury, Massachusetts, the son of Major William Henry and Sarah (Tanner) Parkhurst. His ancestors included George Parkhurst and his son Joseph of Chelmsford, Massachusetts and William Tanner of South Kingston, Rhode Island.

Charles attended public schools in Providence, Rhode Island, where his family had moved soon after his birth. He graduated from West Point on 14 June 1872, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, and sent west where his initial assignments were in California and Arizona. He served with the Fifth Cavalry Regiment during the Big Horn and Yellowstone Expedition of 1876. Between 1879 and 1882 he saw service as a Second and First Lieutenant in Nebraska and Wyoming but in 1883 and 1884 was in garrison at Fort Trumbull in New London, Connecticut. In 1886 he transferred to the Field Artillery. Between 1887 and 1889 he served at Fort Selling, Minnesota and Fort Riley, Kansas. During the Spanish American War, he served in Cuba as Captain of Battery F, Second U.S. Artillery. He was wounded twice during engagements on 1 and 2 July 1898, receiving the Silver Star "for gallantry in action" and a promotion to Brevet Major "for gallantry in battle."

Following that war, he transferred to the Coast Artillery. He was a Major at Fort Preble, Portland, Maine in 1905 and was commissioned as a Colonel in 1906; from then until 1908 he commanded the Long Island District, which included Fort H. G. Wright, situated on Fisher's Island, two miles off Connecticut's coast. Parkhurst retired from the U. S. Army as a Colonel on 10 March 1909.

Colonel Parkhurst was married twice. During a leave of absence, he married, first, Clara Lillie Thompson (who went by "Lillie"), daughter of R. R. Thompson of Portland, Oregon, on 20 June 1874 at Camp McDowell, Maricopa, Arizona; the marriage was performed by the Rev. Alexander Gilmore, Chaplain, U.S. Army. In the 1880 Census, he is listed as "C. D. Parkhurst," age 31, with a wife whose initials appear to be "L.P.," aged 25

and a two-year-old son "E" living at Fort Robinson, White River and Soldier Creeks, Sioux, Nebraska. He married, second, Carrie Starr, on 15 March 1888 in New London, Connecticut. Carrie was born 28 October 1861 in New London, the daughter of Maj. George Edgar and Sarah Isabella (Mallory) Starr. Her ancestors included Dr. Comfort Star of Massachusetts and Peter Mallory of New Haven. They had four children: a son born and died on 16 December 1888 (buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota); a daughter born and died on 27 October 1891; Donald Starr Parkhurst (20 April 1892-17 May 1899) and George Comfort Parkhurst (31 January 1896-27 Apr 1963). At the time of the 1910 census Charles, Carrie, and son George were living on Bartram Street, and in 1920 they were on Williams Street; both streets were in New London's Ward 2.

Carrie died 6 November 1921 in New London. On 14 November 1921, the Society page of the *Evening Star* of Washington, D.C. reported that Col. Parkhurst and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. George C. Parkhurst, were "stopping at the Hotel Powhatan for a day or two on their way south. They are going to join Capt. Parkhurst, who is attending the infantry school, Camp Benning, Ga. Col. Parkhurst, who lost his wife last week, will make his home with his son and daughter-in-law in the future."

Colonel Parkhurst was involved with several hereditary, genealogical, and historical organizations. On 8 December 1891, his application for membership in the New York Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, claiming as his Patriot ancestor Nathaniel Williams (a descendant of Roger Williams), was approved. Additional information within that application shows lineal descent from Henry Tanner. Subsequently three Supplemental applications were approved: descent from Jonathan Parkhurst of Plainville, Connecticut on November 20, 1893; descent from George Brownell Sr. of Little Compton, Rhode Island on May 14, 1894; and descent from Timothy Bennett of Cumberland, Rhode Island on September 6, 1929.

As reported in the October 25, 1925 issue of the *Boston Herald*, Col. Parkhurst and his son George Comfort Parkhurst submitted the “first application for hereditary membership” in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. At that time Col. Parkhurst was living in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Col. Parkhurst was a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society and contributed several items to the “Notes and Queries” section of the *Register*. He was one of the early editors of the *Records and Papers of the New London County Historical Society*. However, he is best known to researchers with ancestors in New London County for his multi-volume set *Early Families of New London and Vicinity* at the Connecticut State Library, commonly referred to as the “Parkhurst Manuscript,” a photostatic copy of 36 manuscript volumes held by the New London Public Library. The State Library’s copy was microfilmed (nine reels) by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1950; the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and the New England Historic Genealogical Society hold the films. The State Library’s collection also includes his *The Lay Family of Lyme, Connecticut* (ca. 1920), a photostatic copy of a typewritten manuscript loaned to the Connecticut State Library by Martha Howard Smith of Waterford, Connecticut in 1927 (which was microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1949) and *The Lester Family of New London and Groton, Connecticut* of which the New England Historic Genealogical Society also owns a copy.

The Rhode Island Historical Society has a 61-page lineage chart of Colonel Parkhurst and his wife, Carrie Starr; it was microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and is available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The New England Historic Genealogical Society holds a folder of miscellaneous papers relating to the Parkhurst genealogy deposited there by Col. Parkhurst.

The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, Pennsylvania holds manuscript materials that include “Notes on the practical work of gun construction” and ordnance work.

In the 1930 Census, he is listed as “C.D. Parkhurst,” age 80, as a lodger in the household of Clifford Bullis in New London’s third ward but apparently moved soon thereafter to the home of his son, Capt. George C. Parkhurst, in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. He died 15

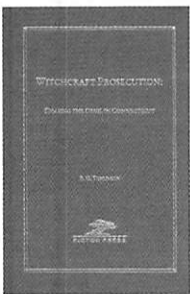
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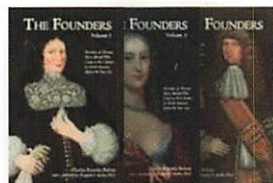
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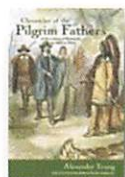
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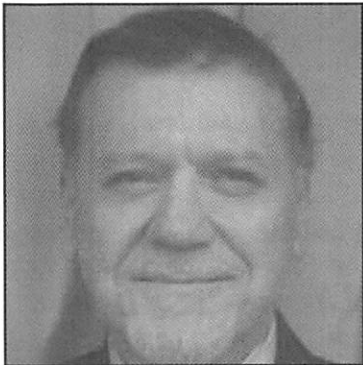
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President's Message



Perhaps there is a hotter topic in the world of genealogy and family research, but it would be difficult to eclipse the recent interest in deoxyribonucleic acid a/k/a DNA. It is not an easy subject, and the deeper one gets, the deeper one can go.

What I have found is that most people with any interest at all will respond to one of the flurry of advertisements we see today with no clear, well defined reason to do so. More often than not, this strategy leads to disappointment. And I believe I know why.

In the ads, the subject sends off a sample of whatever, and shortly thereafter is mysteriously reunited with ancestors and the heritage through which they descend. As professionals, we know that it just doesn't work that way. We certainly can't stop the commercial operations who provide these tests. What I don't generally see are the intendant caveats that should be a part of the pitch. Even Terms and Conditions (T&C) are treated lightly in the enthusiasm of the process. What happens to the samples we submit? Who has access to those samples today or in 25 or 50 years? What happens to the test results? Who can access those results? How might the results affect health insurance rates if at all?

All those questions and more are answered in the fine print. They have to be or the testing company might meet the same fate as 23andMe in 2013. The short story is that Ann Wojcicki, the company's founder and CEO, ignored the warnings of the FDA regarding approval of the purpose of the tests that the company was selling. She was representing her tests as the "first step in prevention"¹ in order that customers may "take the first steps in prevention."² Essentially the FDA shut her down. She finally seemed to have gotten the message and rewrote the purpose of using her company to analyze DNA, acquiesced to the demands of the FDA and was back in business.

Other than an adoptee searching for a birth family, my first question to a person inquiring about getting a DNA test is, "Why! What is the motivation; what is the goal; what are you looking for?" As a result, I encourage

anyone to do the research first. DNA alone won't find your second great-grandmother. The other consideration is the type of test. Depending on the goals of the individual seeking a test, a simple autosomal DNA test (atDNA) could be sufficient. It's the test offered by virtually all testing companies. Other motivations may require other testing such as a Y-DNA (males only) or a mitochondrial test (mtDNA for anyone). These last two tests will give you data on your deep genetic origins but not the identity of specific individuals. You may be 58% British Isles with 25% Northern European and 17% of a scattering of other geographic locations.

I have no problem recommending FamilyTreeDNA (www.familytreedna.com), Ancestry DNA (www.ancestryDNA.com), 23andMe (www.23andme.com), MyHeritageDNA (www.myheritage.com) or LivingDNA (www.livingdna.com). Most atDNA tests will cost between \$69 and \$99 with frequent sales and promotions, especially around various holidays. FamilyTreeDNA offers an array of tests and testing levels from \$69 to \$599. You can pick and choose which single test or combination of tests. LivingDNA offers one option: everything! They use "Family Line" to describe the atDNA test, "Mother Line" for the mtDNA test and "Father Line" for Y-DNA. Family Line will help with the past five or six generations of cousins and grandparents, Father Line for deep paternal ancestry and Mother Line for deep maternal ancestry. When I say "deep," I mean thousands of years.

Finally, tread lightly and determine your motivation before buying a test. I'm not discouraging testing, I'm just seeking to save testers the money, time and potential frustration over disappointing results. And most of all, do the research first!

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~ Dave Robison, President

Editorial

First, please accept our most sincerely apology for the address mix-up on the last (Fall 2017) magazine and any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused. Rest assured that the CSG member database remains unaffected. We export out the mailing list and then have to sort it into zip code order. Somehow, just the member number and first name columns in the file did not sort with the rest of the information. We will make sure that this does not happen again.

Also, page 17 of the last issue ended up being the same page 17 from the Summer 2017 issue. To view the correct page, please open the magazine on the CSG website, at www.csginc.org under Publications. Members, you must be signed in to view the document. It will appear in a pdf which can be downloaded and printed. If you prefer the CSG office to mail you the correct page instead, please contact the CSG office by phone at 860-569-0002 or by email at csginc@csginc.org.

Congratulations to all of the Literary Awards winners. The official presentations were made at the 2017 Annual Family History Seminar. We have included in this issue the winners' biographies along with photos and reviews of their books.

Also in this issue, we have continued our World War I anniversary series with profiles from Ashford, Connecticut heroes by Diane LeMay and a glimpse of

what the soldiers wore by Russell DeGrafft and Richard C. Roberts. There is much more to write about regarding this most fascinating, if not horrific era in our history so we will not be ending the series too soon.. We have some more story ideas in mind. If you have any ideas about this subject, or any other that you would like to either share with us or write, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Our spotlight shines on the town of Waterford this time. Once again, please keep in mind that these are just spotlights to help genealogists in their research and not an in-depth history of each town. Thank you to Russell DeGrafft for another very informative article on a Connecticut town. If your town has not yet been included, please feel free to write an article. We feel that those who live in the towns actually know them best. For more information on writing for *Connecticut Genealogy News*, please find "Guidelines for Magazine Authors" on the CSG website or call the CSG Office at 860-569-0002. We can also be reached by email at csginc@csginc.org.

You won't want to miss "Frank Farnsworth Starr of Middletown," by Richard Roberts, the next article in our series, "Connecticut Genealogical Pioneers."

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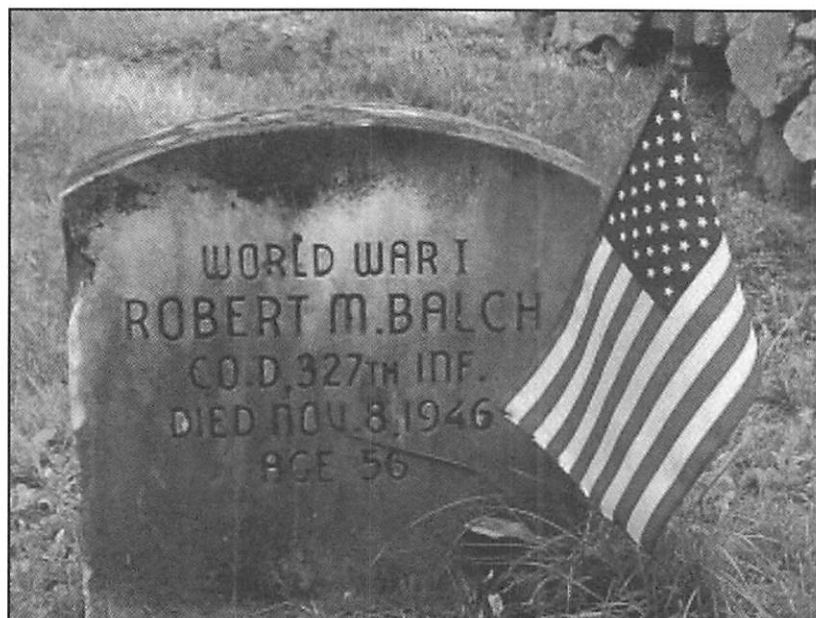
Profiles of World War I Heroes of Ashford, Connecticut

submitted by Diane K. LeMay, CSG #7571

World War One, also known as The Great War, lasted from July 28, 1914 to November 11, 1918, and was one of the largest and deadliest conflicts. Almost 10 million combatants and 7 million civilians died as a result. The United States joined the Allies in 1917. Five years after the war ended, treaties were still being signed. The League of Nations was founded shortly after the war on January 10, 1920, and was the first international organization founded with the principal mission of maintaining world peace. The Connecticut State Library has many military databases, including the Veteran's Death Index.

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Robert Maurice BALCH was born to George O. and Abbie (Murphy) Balch in Ashford's village of Warrenville June 26, 1890. His family appeared on the federal census in 1910 still residing in Ashford, and Abbie's 82-year-old widowed father, John A. Murphy, is also living with them. Robert signed up for the Draft on June 5, 1917 and listed his occupation as "Postmaster and Farmer," employed for the "Government." Robert was inducted into the Army in Putnam on September 20, 1917. Private First Class Balch served in the American Expeditionary Forces from April 25, 1918 until May 18, 1919; then was honorably discharged May 26, 1919. His WWII Draft Registration Card states that he is 51, unemployed and living in Warrenville. He died November 8, 1946 and is buried in Warrenville Cemetery, Ashford.



Samuel K. CURTIS was born in Eastford about October 1894. By 1900 the family had moved to nearby Ashford. He was inducted into the Army in Putnam on October 4, 1917. Samuel served in the American Expeditionary Forces from May 18, 1918 until May 12, 1919 and was honorably discharged on May 23, 1919. The 1930 federal census lists him in Waterford, New London County, Connecticut with his wife Margaret and two sons. Curtis is a truck driver with a lumber company. Shortly after, Margaret gave birth to daughter Emily, who is 10-years-old on the 1940 census. The family had moved to Ashford, and Samuel was still working in the lumbering industry. Samuel died May 5, 1977 in Putnam at the age of 83, and is buried in Westford Village Cemetery. Margaret died November 24, 1995, at the age of 86.

Emner White HOWLETT, Jr. was born to Emner W. and Elizabeth (Thridge) Howlett in Eastford on July 24, 1894. In 1910 he lived in West Hartford with his parents, younger brother Walter and some of his mother's family. He enlisted in the National Guard in Hartford on May 15, 1917. On November 17, 1918, while serving in the American Expeditionary Forces from September 16, 1917 until April 7, 1919, Emner rose to the rank of Sergeant. He was honorably discharged on April 29, 1919. Per the 1930 census, Emner had married Carolyn about 1919, was a watchman at a bank, and boarded at 74 School St., East Hartford. As his WWII Draft Registration Card states, he was living in South Windham by 1942 and working at Electric Boat Company in Groton. Emner died a widower on December 9, 1952 in Canterbury.

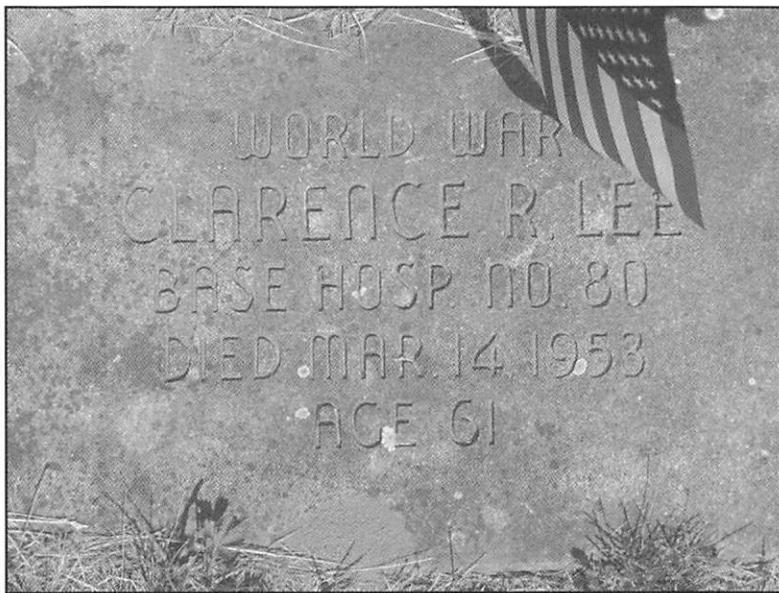
Edwin Ebenezer KNOWLTON, the eldest of James' and Lottie's four children, was born June 30, 1900 in West Ashford. Edwin, a farmer in Mansfield in 1918 as his WWI Draft Registration Card states, was inducted into the Army that same year in Putnam. Knowlton was granted his honorable discharge December 10, 1918. The 1940 census finds him unmarried, living in Worcester, Massachusetts with a great aunt and his occupation is given as chemist. He died there on August 3, 1994 and is buried in Woodward Cemetery, Ashford.



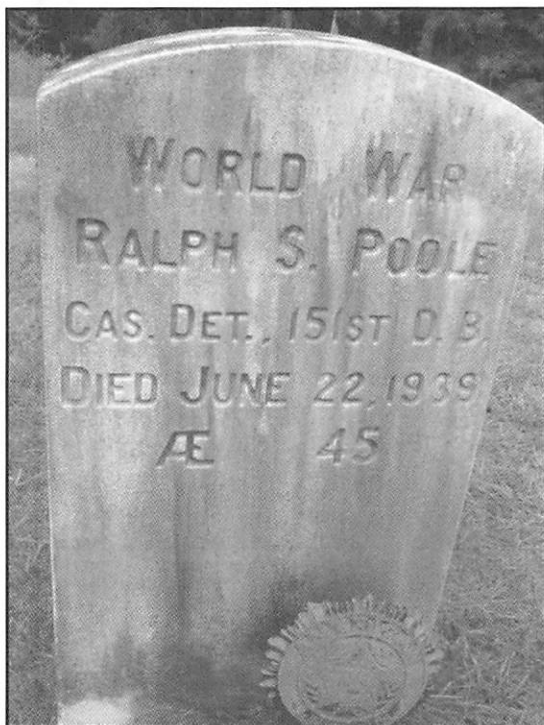
Earl Ernest JAMES was born in Ashford's village of Warrenville to Ernest L. and Lena A. James December 17, 1898. Earl was a farmer in Mansfield Center in September 1918 states his WWI Draft Registration Card. On October 22, 1918, he was inducted into the Army in Waterville, Maine and shortly after was granted his honorable discharge on December 12, 1918. He died in 1978 and is buried in Ashford's Westford Hill Cemetery, with his wife Alice Burrill James (1898-1983).

William Francis KORANY was born in New York City to Hungarian immigrants on August 19, 1893. By June 5, 1917, he was living in Ashford, single and a self-employed farmer. He was inducted in Putnam into the U.S. Army on July 25, 1918, and then honorably discharged on January 18, 1919. By 1930 he was married to Carla and living in Bronx, New York with his three-year-old daughter and a brother-in-law. Between 1935 and 1940 he had moved his family to Ashford. A second daughter was born about September, 1939. Pvt. Korany died in Sarasota, Florida on June 7,

1986, and his remains are in Gulf Pines Memorial Park, Englewood, Florida.



Clarence R. LEE, born in Ashford about 1891, was inducted into the Army on April 25, 1918. Lee served with the 152nd Depot Brigade, at Evacuation Hospital 24, and at Base Hospital 80 with the American Expeditionary Forces until he was honorably discharged on June 3, 1919. Soon after, he married Marjorie. The 1930 federal census lists him as a laborer in Mansfield with his wife, eight-year-old daughter and three-year-old niece. In 1940 his occupation was truck driver. Clarence died at the age of 61 on March 14, 1953 and is buried in Woodward Cemetery.



Ralph Sawyer POOLE was born in Wallingford to William and Mary L. Poole on July 26, 1893. By June 5, 1917, his family was living in Ashford, and Ralph was a farmer with his father. Inducted on April 25, 1918, Private Poole served with the 152 Depot Brigade, Co. D 302 Infantry and finally the 151 Depot Brigade until December 14, 1918 when he was granted an honorable discharge. In the federal census for 1930 he is a laborer, unmarried and living with his mother's brother and sister in Ashford. He died young on June 22, 1939 and is buried in Grove Cemetery, Eastford.

Dwight Knowlton SHURTLEFF was born in West Ashford on October 22, 1885. On the 1900 census at the age of 15, Dwight is listed as a student at the Connecticut Agricultural College in Mansfield. His military history is included in the *Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the U.S. Military*, by George Washington Cullum, which states he has the rank of "Second Lieut., The Cavalry, June 15, 1910." While in the military, Shurtleff served at the Springfield (Massachusetts) Armory from June 20, 1912 until June 20, 1914, and in Texas and Washington, D.C. prior to his honorable discharge on June 30, 1920. By January 1920 Dwight had married, had a five-month-old son and lived in Washington, D.C. In 1930 he resided at Aberdeen Proving Ground, a U.S. Army facility, adjacent to Aberdeen, Maryland with his wife Mary and son Dwight, Jr., who was listed as born in Pennsylvania. Dwight was awarded the Polish "Polonia Restituta," conferred occasionally to foreigners for outstanding achievements. He died July 12, 1936 in Ashford and is buried in Knowlton Cemetery in town.

Charles F. WANERKA was born in New York City July 20, 1887 to William and Mary (Pesi) Wanerka. Charles was inducted into the Army in Connecticut on July 25, 1918. Pvt. First Class Wanerka served in the 151st Infantry until his honorable discharge on January 27, 1919. He married Susie Britt (1897-1987) about 1923, and in 1940 they were living in Union. Charles died March 4, 1948 and both he and Susie are buried with his parents in Rindge Cemetery (also known as East Cemetery) in Union.

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Queries

CSG Members may submit up to three queries per issue. If you have more, check with the CSG Office for space availability.

Noah **DOWNS** b 1MAR1762 at MA or ME, d 30JUL1831 at Parma, Monroe County, NY; m Margaret (____); res Deering, NH, Tinmouth and Bennington, VT and Herkimer and Monroe County, NY. Revolutionary War Veteran. Need bpl and anc of Noah and Margaret.

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John **FULLER** b 1797 at Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, NY, d 1879 at Fulton, NY; m Nancy **MILLER/MULLEN**, b Canajoharie, NY. Need anc of John and proof of connection to Mayflower Fullers.

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Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities



Spotlight on Waterford

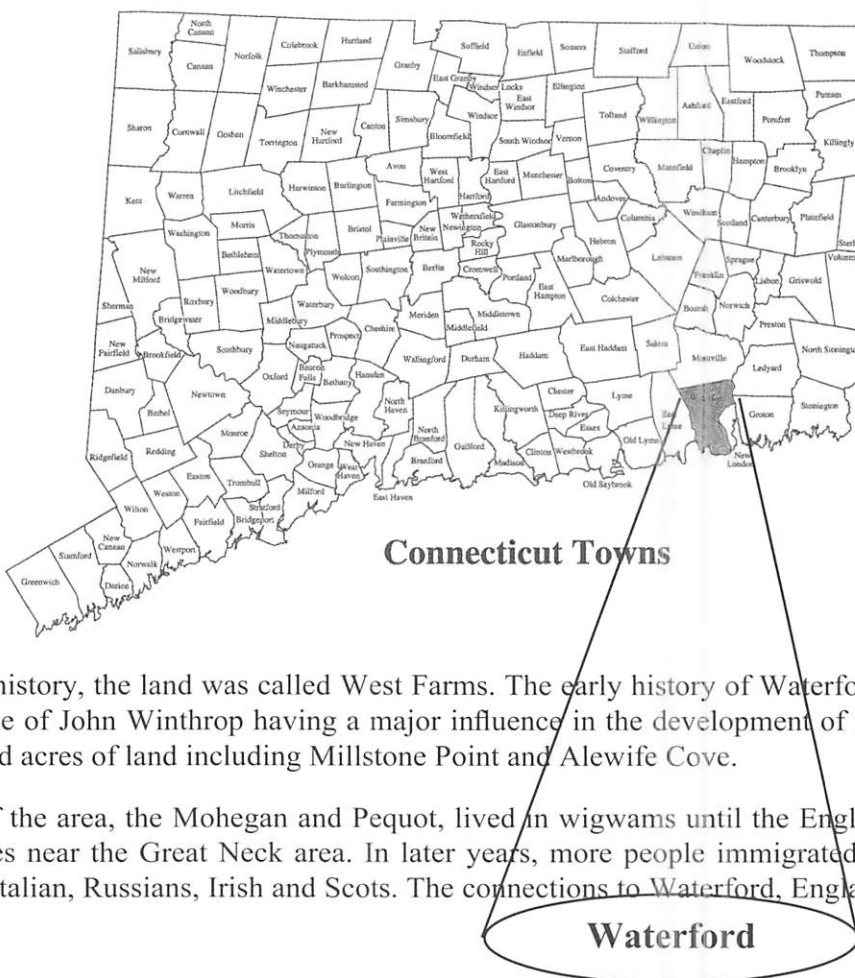
By Russell DeGrafft
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Author's Note: If you are planning a trip to Waterford, CT, be aware that it may take more than one day to see and do all that is available for you.

Historic and Genealogical Information

The very first settlers emigrated from England c. 1637 and sailed to this wild and widely under developed area. At this period of history, the land was called West Farms. The early history of Waterford, Connecticut sees the familiar name of John Winthrop having a major influence in the development of the area. He was given several hundred acres of land including Millstone Point and Alewife Cove.

The Native American residents of the area, the Mohegan and Pequot, lived in wigwams until the English settlers dug up plots for 38 houses near the Great Neck area. In later years, more people immigrated to Waterford, especially the Welsh, Italian, Russians, Irish and Scots. The connections to Waterford, England would extend into the future.

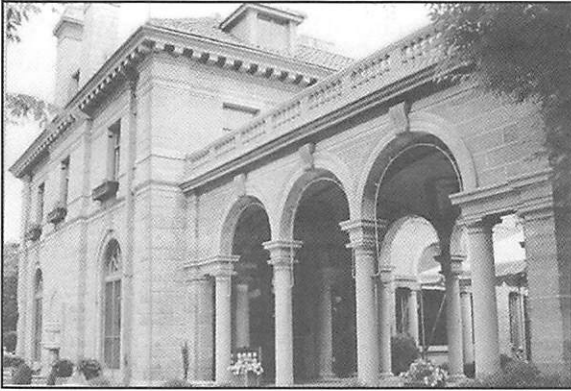


Primarily an agricultural community in the 1800s, Waterford maintained mostly sheep farms, but by the 20th century sheep farms were replaced by dairy farms. Lasting until the 1930s, the granite industry made Waterford a familiar name to many. The base of the Statue of Liberty as well as the foundation of Fort Sumter are made of Waterford granite. Graniteville, a district in Waterford, was named after this industry.

Places and Events of Interest

Waterford Beach Park

Cooling winds and spectacular views greet the summer patrons who are intent on developing their summer tans at Waterford Beach Park. Picnic tables dot the park and encourage one to linger, picnic and refresh their bodies. Located at 305 Great Neck Road, the beach stretches for almost 14 miles with sandy beaches and an extensive tidal marsh. Parking is limited, so plan on arriving early if visiting on a weekend. Nominal fees may apply.



Harkness Memorial State Park

A visitor will enjoy the spectacular views of Long Island Sound from “*Eiola*,” the elegant summer mansion of the Harkness family. The mansion is set on 230 seaside acres of sweeping lawns, stately trees and spectacular gardens. Named “*Eiola*” for the island home of the Greek god of winds, the mansion was built in 1906 and later purchased by Edward and Mary Harkness in 1907. This was a working farm, and the mansion served as a summer home for the Harkness family before being turned over to the State of Connecticut in 1950.

You can expect to see a Roman Renaissance Classical Revival-style mansion with forty-two rooms. Also on the grounds is a pergola and a restored carriage shed. Lush gardens flank the mansion on both the east and west lawns, and an Alpine Rock Garden adds to the beauty and splendor of the seaside views. Picnic tables dot the acreage, and barbecuing is allowed.

The mansion is open for tours on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day to Labor Day and is available for weddings, private parties, seminars, conferences, luncheons and teas from early March to December 23. Nominal fees may apply.

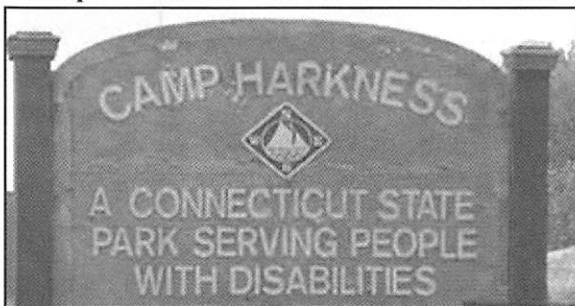
The Eugene O’Neill Theater

The O’Neill Theater is nationally recognized for its many contributions to the “world of acting and production.”

Actresses Dina Merrill and Katherine Hepburn, were long-time supporters of the Eugene O’Neill Theater Center. Katherine Hepburn also served on the center’s Board of Trustees for thirty-seven years. The largest performance space on the grounds was named in her honor.



Camp Harkness for Youth with Disabilities



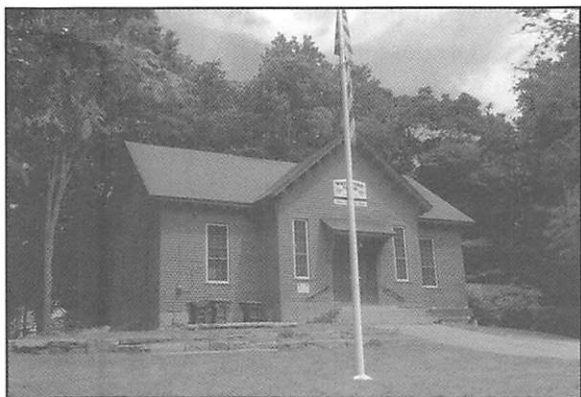
Adjacent to the Harkness Memorial State Park is Camp Harkness. This is a summer facility for children and adults with physical and/or mental disabilities. Overnight or Day camping at Camp Harkness is available in several different ways. Most of what is now Camp Harkness was once a golf course, but there is no longer a trace of this long-vanished course in evidence. Many generations of special needs persons have enjoyed the comradery that is so evident on the campgrounds.

Shopping Plazas

Take time out of your busy day to visit two of the largest shopping malls in Connecticut. The older of the two malls, Crystal Mall, boasts several nationally recognized anchor stores as well as its sparkling centerpiece, a chandler made from Waterford glass by artisans in Waterford, Ireland. Almost directly diagonal to the Mall is the recently constructed Waterford Commons shopping center which also boasts several successful anchor stores.

Waterford Speedbowl

This racetrack for modified stock car racing fans provides many popular events. The ever-popular Wild N' Wacky Wednesday series runs from late May to Labor Day. Don't miss the ever-popular drag races held on Sunday during the summer. It is suggested you call the raceway box office for any changes in times and events at 1-860-442-RACE.

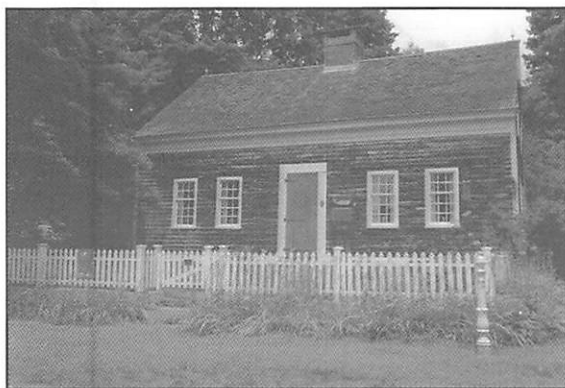
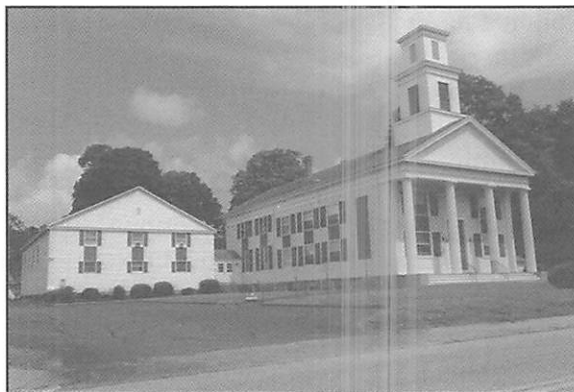


Historic Buildings of Waterford

It is not surprising that we are able to find original and interesting old buildings in the community.

Graniteville, a section of Waterford, was developed in the 1870s as a settlement for quarry workers. Replacing an earlier district school that was located further west, the Italianate-style Graniteville School was built c. 1878 and is now the home of Waterford Boy Scout Troop 36, established in 1940.

Families west of the Thames River, who did not want to travel across the river every Sunday, established their own Baptist church in 1710 in what would become the town of Waterford. They eventually built a church on Mullen Hill Road around 1796. The current Greek Revival meeting house of the First Baptist Church of Waterford was constructed in 1848 at 105 Rope Ferry Road.



The building known as the Jordan Park House was originally built in 1928 and was once the Waterford Public Library. When new library opened in 1966, the old structure was transferred to Jordan Park, where it would soon be joined by other historic buildings: the 1740 Jordan Schoolhouse and the 1838 Beebe-Phillips House.



The house at 75 Rope Ferry Road was constructed of granite ashlar blocks, atypical for Connecticut, that were quarried in Waterford. It was originally known as the “Stone House” and later as the “Powers-Allyn-Rosenthal House.” It was built in 1877, although the wing may have been built much earlier. A later resident of the house was Beatrice Holt Rosenthal, who was active in support of woman’s rights. Rosenthal was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention from Connecticut in 1956 and 1960 and a Democratic National Committeewoman in 1963.

The Jordan Village Historic District and the Ancient District and the Ancient Jordan Schoolhouse

Jordan Village and the town of Waterford in general, were originally based on the teachings and tenants of the Baptist Church, not the expected Congregational Church. Waterford favored the more evangelical Baptist persuasion which was introduced into Connecticut from Rhode Island in 1705. Thirty percent of the homes along the beautifully maintained green in the historic center of the community date back to 1840-1879 and are of the Greek Revival style. Lack of redevelopment as well as an absence of the Colonial Revival style have resulted in a small residential area that appears much as it did at the close of World War I. A warm feeling of colonial times envelopes visitors as they visit the area.



The earliest mention of a schoolhouse in Waterford was in 1740. Known as the Jordan Schoolhouse, the gambrel-roofed schoolhouse is the oldest public building still standing in Waterford and the first documented school in Connecticut. Farmers mainly wanted their children to be taught reading, writing, arithmetic and religion. The Jordan school also influenced proper manners and obedience. The Jordan School’s last day of teaching was in 1979 with a final assembly. The school is still used but is maintained as a museum to the public.

Genealogical Resources

Waterford Town Hall



The Waterford Town Hall is housed in the beautifully restored, multi-level, former Jordan Elementary School building, at 15 Rope Ferry Road. Be sure to call 860-442-0553 to set up your appointment. Extensive renovations were carried out so it could adequately house the governmental agencies of the community. The town clerk can be your best friend when doing your research. Be sure to have a driver’s license for identification and your membership card from Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. or other society licensed to do business with the State of Connecticut. Land records as well as plot maps can also be ordered or secured in this office. This is an extremely convenient way to colorfully add to your family narrative.

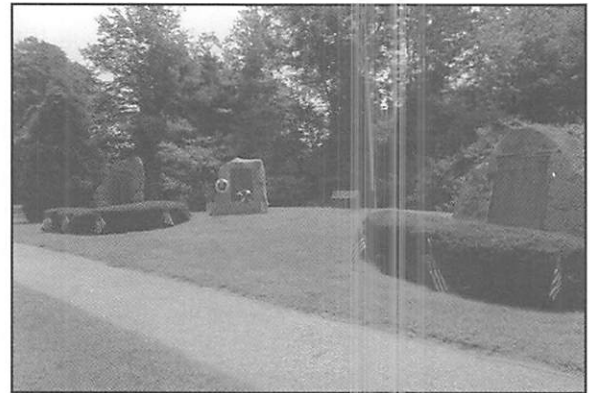
The Town Clerk's office has birth, marriage and death records from 1801 to the present. Earlier birth, marriage and death records may be found in New London. Records of "ear marks" of animals, required in colonial days, may also be available. The Tax Assessor's office is the place to locate old tax records belonging to your ancestors. Visit the Voter Registration Office to see when your ancestor registered to vote or if he/she held a public office. Contact the Superintendent of Schools office by calling 860-444-5882 to research an excellent collection of high school yearbooks.

On the grounds of the facility, a charming duck pond and a nearby children's playground will give you an opportunity to rest your feet, reflect on your findings and organize your notes while picnicking and feeding the teeming wildlife or watching the splashing fountain.

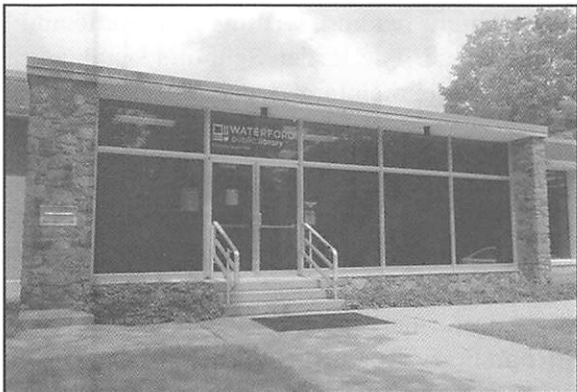


A Path of Honor

This special place, located on the corner of Rope Ferry Road and Boston Post Road is dedicated to past veterans and those men and women currently on active duty. You will find bricks there with service members' names, ranks and military occupations. There are many family groupings of bricks, which makes the tribute even more special.



For more information, contact the reception desk at Waterford Town Hall at 860-442-0553 or contact the Waterford VFW Post 6573 at 860-443-0442 after 4 p.m.. There is a Veterans' Memorial located across from the church.



Waterford Public Library

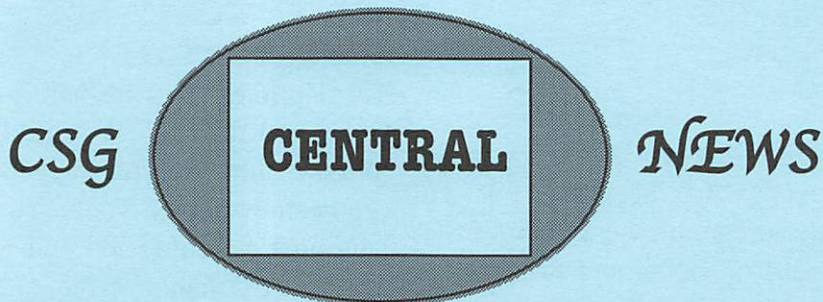
Waterford's public library is a state of the art facility. It has a vast collection of books pertaining to the history and development of the community. Be sure to examine the Beers Atlas of New London County as well as the fine collection of Waterford materials in their vertical files.

Waterford Historical Society

The Waterford Historical Society is housed in a delightful building at 65 Rope Ferry Road. You may also visit several old structures and gardens that have been moved to this Jordan Village Green location by calling for an appointment at 860-389-7529. A genealogist is available to share his/her extensive knowledge of Waterford, its people and places. On September 9 of this year the Historical Society celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special program on the green.

A special thank you to Michele Pedro, a member of Waterford Historical Society for her efforts in explaining the workings of their Society.

Editor's Note: See page 25 for sources used in compiling this "Spotlight on Waterford."



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**All CSG Events are open to the public
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These opportunities not only provide helpful knowledge and insights into various aspects of genealogy, but the comraderie found at each gathering is always a plus. Our attendees always take away more than what they expect when they sign up. Please pre-register with the CSG Office, so we can plan appropriately and notify you of any last-minute changes or emergency announcements. All events may also be found on the CSG website, www.csginc.org. Members are reminded to invite their friends and watch this space and/or the CSG website for updated information.

2017

18 November - "How Firm a Foundation, Building a Sound Genealogy" with Edwin W. Strickland II
Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE
 Please pre-register by 15 November so we may plan appropriately.

2018

17 February - WEBINAR!
Please watch for more information on how to sign up for this program.
 "Hiding Behind Their Skirts: Finding Women in Records" with Elissa Scalise Powell.
Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT.
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Cost: TBA

17 March - "Using FamilySearch.org" at the Godfrey Memorial Library. Speaker/Instructor will be a Godfrey Memorial Library staff member.
Place: Godfrey Memorial Library, 134 Newfield St, Middletown, CT 06457
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE
 Please pre-register by March 14th so we may plan appropriately.

18 April - "Ancestors from Many Cultures" Ethnic Fair
 Attendees will choose to attend one workshop:
 Irish: Nora Galvin
 French-Canadian: Dianne Lenti
 French: Bryna O'Sullivan
 Polish/Eastern European: Jonathan Shea
Place: TBA
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE

****Save the Date****

19 May - Celebrating 50 years of service to the genealogical community! Join us at the Casa Mia Restaurant (formerly the Hawthorne Inn) at 2421 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT at 11 a.m.

The program features Walter Woodward accompanied by the Band of Steady Habits. They use exquisite images, a powerful story, and evocative and moving songs from the past and present of one of America's first and most original states.

News

2017 Annual Appeal

The 2017 Annual Appeal has been sent out. To continue our “good works,” please support CSG with a gift. The Board of Governors thanks you for your generous support in the past and looks forward to your continued participation this year. Together we can make good things happen.

2018 Literary Awards Contest

The 2017 Literary Awards and “Tell Your Family Story” Essay contests are behind us (see pages 17-20), and the committee is gearing up the 2018 contests which open on March 15th. Entry forms will be available in the Spring 2018 issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News*, on the CSG Web page, or by calling the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 at that time. Deadline to receive entries is July 15, 2018. Notifications will be made on or about September 1st, 2018. Awards will be presented officially at the CSG Annual Family History Seminar on October 20, 2018.

2019 New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC)

Hold the date for the fifteenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference --

Family ~ A Bridge to the Past and A Link to the Future

April 3-6, 2019

Radisson Hotel

Manchester, New Hampshire

The conference will again feature an Exhibit Hall, Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show as well as Librarians Day, Professionals Day, Society Day, Technology Day and more. Watch the NERGC website, www.NERGC.org and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/NERGC/ for more information as it becomes available.

BOOKS FOR SALE!

The Holidays will be here before you know it! Check out the CSG Website Online Bookstore to find the right book for the genealogist on your list (you can even treat yourself). A lot of new books have just been donated and focus on Pennsylvanian and German research.

All orders placed through the CSG website are processed through PayPal, but a PayPal account isn't needed. Please contact the CSG Office prior to ordering to ensure availability or with any questions you may have at: 860-569-0002 or by email directly at csginc@csginc.org. MasterCard, Visa or Discover also accepted. Gift certificates are also available.

Frisbie-Frisbee Family Association of America 2018 Family Reunion

20-24 June 2018 in Tokeka, Kansas. If you or someone you know would like to attend, contact Mary Frisbie directly at 2018fffaareunion@wctatel.net or 641-494-9160 for more information.

About the Cover

Propaganda posters were an effective and fun way to communicate to the general public. Not only did they serve as recruiting tools for the various armed services, but they also were used by various departments of the U.S. Government. As you can see from the poster on the cover, the U.S. Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation were encouraging citizens to work together to help the war effort. The World War I propaganda poster “Together We Win” is under public domain but was found at: www.WW1propagandaposters.com through Google Images.

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17 February 2018

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Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT 06108

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Watch the CSG Website at www.csginc.org for more details on
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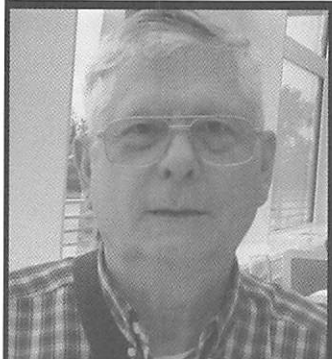
at 1:30 p.m.

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Please pre-register by 9 March 2017 so we may plan appropriately.
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2017 LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to all the winners of this year's contest, and thank you to all who entered. The winning "Tell Your Family Story" Essay will be published in its entirety in *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, Volume 50 #2 (November 2017). Book reviews of all the winning entries may be found on page 23 of this issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News*. Book Reviews of all the entries appear on page 24.



Winner of the 2017 CSG Grand Prize in Genealogy

The Genealogy and History of the Hubbell Family
Volumes 1 & 2

by Hilbert R. Hubble

Genealogy and History
of the
Hubbell Family
Volume 1

Hilbert R. Hubble is a retired Navy Commander raised in Chicago, Illinois and a graduate of Chaminade and Central Michigan Universities as well as the Naval War College. He has served on the board of directors of the Montgomery County (Maryland) Historical Society and the Hubbell Museum and Library of Des Moines, Iowa. He has held the positions of board member, committee chairperson, and president and is the current genealogist in the Hubbell Family Historical Society. He is the author of *A Military History of the Hubbell Family in North America* (2001), *The Genealogy and History of the*

Hubbell Family (2017) and *Hubbell Sea Captains* (2017). He lives in Silver Spring, Maryland with his wife, the former Joan Boggiali of Napa, California and has four children born in Germany, Morocco, California and Hawaii. His children's question, "Where are we from?" led to his interest in genealogy.

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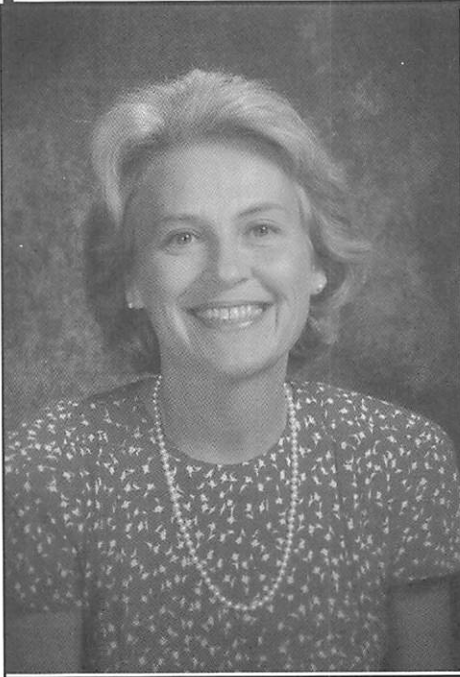
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**Honorable Mention in the 2017 Literary Awards Contest
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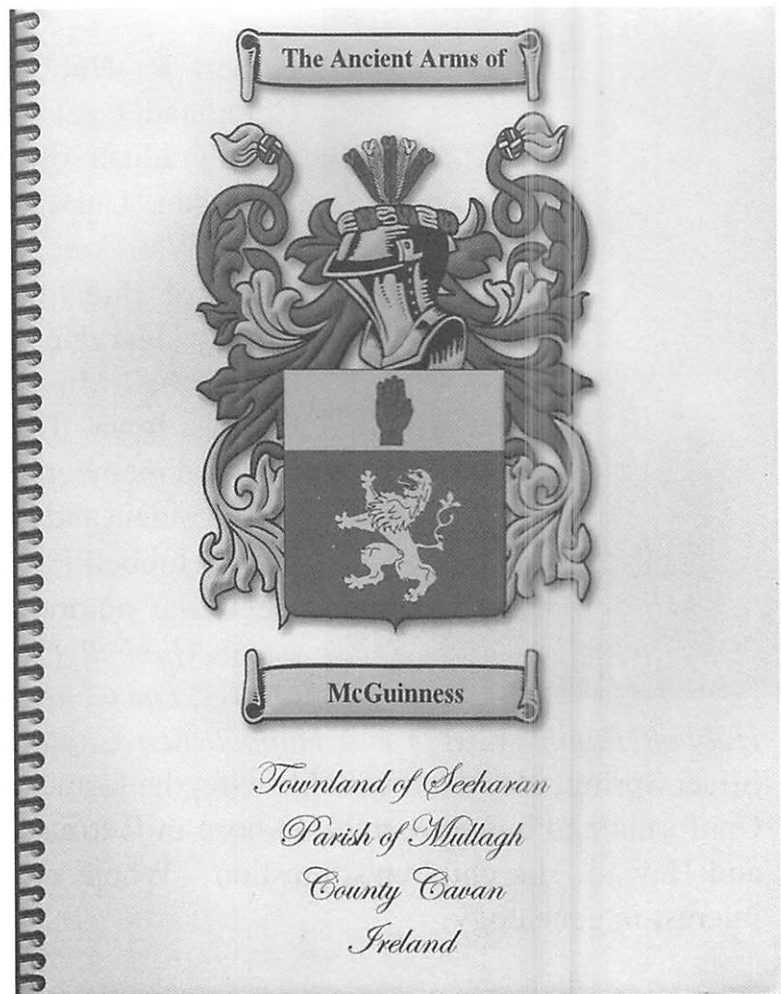
The McGuinness Story

by Barbara ORourke



Barbara has been researching her family's genealogy for over thirty years. She is passionate about investigating the correct facts, and she is now delighted to have more time to spend on this passion since her recent retirement.

Barbara was a mathematics teacher at Cromwell High School for thirty-seven years. She has three grown children, and four granddaughters. She lives with her husband Dennis in Cromwell.



Editor's Note: This year, there were two essays entered that were both deemed to be equally deserving of winning the contest. For that reason, the Literary Awards Committee decided to name them both the winners.

Winner of the 2017 Literary Awards “Tell Your Family Story” Essay Contest

“The Apelquist Family’s Irish Story”

by Fred W. Apelquist III



Fred W. Apelquist, III, M.Ed., has been in various management positions for more than two decades. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Professional Managers Association, coordinated the operations of its National Advisory Council, and now is a Lifetime Member. His background includes a wide-range of analytical, administrative, and management areas. He was an aide to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service and also served as Chief of Staff for the Security Office of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Further, he won national recognition for implementing and managing IRS’ e-mail assistance service, which was voted the best U.S. Federal Government Program in 2000.

He holds the Masters of Education degree from the University of Virginia and received the Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maryland, where he majored in political science with minor studies in philosophy and psychology. In addition, he has completed graduate work in public administration at the University of Maryland and George Washington University.

As a free-lance writer (www.yetmo.com), he has published dozens of op-ed, management, humor, and general interest articles in *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, *PMA Update*, *Interrace*, *The Journal Newspapers*, and *The Flagler Times* (Flagler County, Florida). His historical essay on Fairfax County school desegregation was distributed for curriculum use throughout the school system, which is one of the nation’s largest and most prestigious. His social and political commentary appeared regularly in *The Journal Newspapers* (Washington, D.C., suburbs) and *The Flagler Times*. He was also a member of the *Leaders Digest* editorial board, the IRS magazine for managers (circulation of 10,000), and was asked to serve as a judge for the Tinnets Hill (Falls Church, Virginia) festival essay contest.

Mr. Apelquist has held many church posts including deacon, elder, chair of the deacons and worship departments, chairman of the board, and Vestry member. He has served as Treasurer of the Flagler County (Florida) Education Foundation. Fred served as the first Contributing Editor to “The Forum” at the Understanding Government Foundation (www.understandinggov.org).

Editor's Note: This year, there were two essays entered that were both deemed to be equally deserving of winning the contest. For that reason, the Literary Awards Committee decided to name them both the winners.

**Winner of the 2017 Literary Awards
“Tell Your Family Story” Essay Contest
“Wooden Box Reveals Story of Undying Love”**

by Janice K. Howard



Janice K. Howard, a long-time resident of Brookfield, Connecticut, is a graduate of Western Connecticut State University, with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Journalism.

She is a former writer and editor of *The Brookfield Journal* and has worked as a reporter for other weekly newspapers, such as the *Weston Forum*, *New Milford Times*, *Valley Times*, and *Litchfield County Times*.

For over 25 years, she has volunteered for several Brookfield boards and commissions.

She is a member of the Brookfield Museum and Historical Society, and is currently a member of its Historic Cemeteries of Brookfield Association that oversees the care of historic cemeteries that are no longer in use. She has served for several years as a director of Brookfield Open Space Legacy, a private land trust.

She is the mother of three children and has four grandsons and one granddaughter. She is a member of The Connecticut Society of Genealogists and other genealogical organizations and has been researching her family history for over 35 years.

Ms. Howard is quoted as saying, “This family story was very precious to me as I have few memories of my uncle, and this box of his possessions and his letters to my aunt made me see him as he was, as a son, brother, uncle, and husband and not just from family stories about him. He and my aunt, though they had not been married very long, had a relationship that I know would have endured had he returned from the war.”

What the Soldiers Wore

by Russell DeGrafft, CSG # 19174 & Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680

In the early twentieth century, the army began plans for developing uniforms that provided efficiency, comfort and reliability. In 1901, Theodore Roosevelt, who, with his “Rough Riders” had worn custom neutral colored uniforms for the invasion of Cuba during the Spanish American War, had written: “The first requisite in the service uniform is absolute ease and freedom. Anything that binds the body, particularly the knees, hips and arms, and anything that confines the body is all wrong. . . . The present [Army] uniform is all right in the material, but dark blue is one of the worst possible colors for campaign use. The shirt should invariably be of the neutral tint, like gray or brown.” In 1902, a board was formed to review army uniforms. The result was General Order 81. Recognizing the need for camouflage and blending into surroundings, colors were eliminated; fabrics replaced. Khaki cotton and olive drab wool became the army’s staples. Buttons were either guilt for dress uniforms or bronze for the field. New insignia were also introduced. Winter wool and summer weight uniforms, tunics, and overcoats were worn by all ranks. The most obvious differences were the insignia displayed and a black band on the bottom of the officers’ sleeves.

The uniforms of World War I conformed to the War Department’s Regulations for the Uniform of the United States Army of 1908. Depending on the season, service uniforms were either cotton or wool and included underwear and socks, olive drab shirt, and service coat or “blouse.” The tapered trousers were olive drab and belts were russet brown.

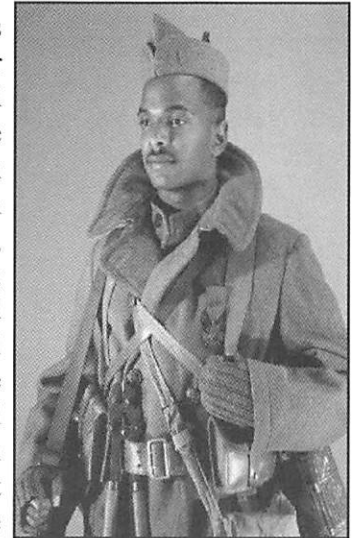


Doughboy

Wrapped like a bandage about the legs from the ankle to the knee were wool puttees (leggings), worn summer and winter, but most welcome as part of the uniform in the winter months. In 1917 hobnailed trench boots replaced the Russet Marching Shoes sometimes known to fall apart. The new boots were not waterproof, however, leading to many cases of trench foot. In 1918, a new design was issued that employed heavier leather, a thicker sole, and better waterproofing.

The U.S. tunic was patterned after the British design. Made of wool, it had pockets and pouches to hold various things.

Heavy wool trench coats (overcoats) for winter weather, double-breasted with six buttons; olive drab sweaters; campaign hats -- simple caps with a narrow tapered crown, were worn stateside; overseas caps (issued once in France); and steel helmets (also issued once in France) completed the uniform. American helmets were almost identical to those of the British except for the way in which the chin strap was attached to the metal shell. Although easily and rapidly produced, the helmets provided only limited protection.



WWI Soldier-93rd Div.

Beyond what they were wearing, each soldier carried ammunition, their field dress kit bag, and mess supplies along with their rifle, bayonet, entrenching tool, personal effects, and many other things. Many personal effects were carried in a “roll.” A condiment can normally contained a three-day ration of sugar, salt, coffee, and tobacco; meat or bacon was stored in a separate can.

The haversack included additional personal effects. Each soldier also carried a mess kit and a shaving kit, extra socks, extra underwear, and rations. Attached

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By Russell DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

***Genealogy and History of the Hubbell Family, Volume 1 and Volume 2*, by Hilbert R. Hubble, millenium edition. Published by Versa Press Inc., 1465 Spring Bay Road, West Peoria, Illinois 61611-0460, 2017. 7 X 10 1/4, hardcover, ISBN 0-9623097-4-5, Volume 1: 1,982 pages, Volume 2: 973 pages. Order directly from Pat Dawson, The Hubbell Family Historical Society, 500 SW 7th Street, Suite 307, Des Moines Iowa, 50309. Telephone: 515-243-3586 or email: dawson1383@gmail.com. Cost is \$140.00 plus shipping and handling.**

These two volumes were entered into the 30th Annual Literary Awards Contest, sponsored by The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. If I were a member of the Hubbell Family, I would surely want this massive investigation of their generations placed in my library. The author and his researching staff must be congratulated for this massive task, beginning with generation one and extending through generation fourteen. This is the fifth edition in a series of genealogies and histories of the Hubbell family. The authors have done a spectacular job organizing and assembling the facts so necessary for modern day genealogists.

The organization of the material in any book is essential, and this double volume provides spectacular guide posts for the researcher to grasp. Not only do we have an extensive forward and current updates, but the table of contents leads the way to a massive index. The author has chosen many long forgotten photographs as well as charts and graphs to lighten the researchers task. A memorable job well done.

***A Story for Louise*, by Eric Lanzieri, published by Lulu Publishing, 627 Davis Drive #300, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560, 6 x 9, softcover, ISBN: 978-1-4834-6852-5 for softcover or 978-1-4834-6852-8 for ebook, 45 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the address listed above or call 1-888-265-2120, ext. 5265, or email at dthomas@services.Lulu.com. Contact Person: Dan Thomas. Cost is \$9.99 for the softcover or \$3.99 for the ebook, plus shipping and handling.**

This book was entered into the 30th Annual Literary Awards Contest, sponsored by The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. This charming, simply written book, narrates the adventures of the author's grandparents as they emigrated from Italy to the United States. With very little documentation to guide him and with a strong sense of adventure, the author returned many times to Italy in an attempt to uncover his family's history.

The author did not provide the usual table of contents, index, or expected references. The final pages of the material do contain interesting pictures of family members and family settings. The author's persistence paid off, and this book will be an asset to any researcher tracing the Voccia line.

***The McGuinness Story*, by Barbara ORourke. Published by the author, 2012. 8 1/2 x 11, softcover, no ISBN or Library of Congress Control Number, 138 pages. To order, contact the author at: Barbara ORourke, 21 Woodsboro Circle, Cromwell, CT 06416, call 860-788-2302 or email at hkftbl@aol.com. The cost for the material will be determined by the author plus shipping and handling.**

This book was entered into the 30th Annual Literary Awards Contest, sponsored by The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. The very beginning of the material clearly states the author's reasons for writing her story, "It's a story written for her three children so they will know from whence they've come." Very few events in the story of Irish emigration have had such a profound effect as the Great Famine of the 1840s, and the author highlights her research using this fact. It is a wonderfully documented book, one that a family will cherish for many future years.

In its simplicity the author provides a clearly documented and excellently organized table of contents as a pathway for the reader to follow her story. While there is no index, a multitude of photographs, charts and graphs provoke the readers' curiosity. A great deal of time and effort is shown in this work.

***William Fowler the Magistrate and Some of His Descendants* compiled by The Reverend George Wells Razee, published by Lulu Press, Inc., 3101 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27607-5436, 2016. 8 1/2 x 11, hardcover, 114 pages. No ISBN or LCCN. May be ordered from the publisher at the address**

above, at www.Lulu.com or from the compiler The Reverend George Wells Razez, 30 Bokum Road, Unit 234, Essex, CT 06426-1545. Cost is \$14.13 plus tax and S&H.

This book was entered into the 30th Annual Literary Awards Contest, sponsored by the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. The author has assembled and continued works that were originally started by the grandparents of Elizabeth Stevens Fowler Perry and later inherited by her. Not only has The Reverend Razez provided massive amounts of significant dates for the researcher, he has written interesting and thoughtful narratives of these ancestors. If you are a descendant of the Fowler family in Connecticut, you are most probably related to William Fowler, the Magistrate who was born in England, sailed to the United States and who died and was buried in New Haven, Connecticut.

Beginning with a simple and easy to follow table of contents and concluding with a names index, this book is easy sailing for the researcher. The dedication page is a treasure, portraying not only a photo of Ms. Perry, but an exciting narrative of her works. The compiler should be commended for his efforts in completing the works of these dedicated genealogists. This is a thoughtfully researched document and a real value for any Fowler genealogist.

The Descendants of Robert Winthrop of New York, by Scott C. Steward and Chip Rowe. Published by Newbury Street Press, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, MA 02116, 2017. 6 1/2 X 9 1/4, hardcover, Library of Congress Control Number: 2017941655, ISBN: 13:978-0-88082-361-6, 494 pages. Order directly from the publisher or NEHGS, where you may check for the price plus shipping and handling of the material.

The authors have done an excellent representation of the life and challenges of Robert Winthrop. The vast amounts of material available for this era of colonization have been beautifully organized and any researcher of this period in the development of the early colonial period will definitely benefit from the efforts of the book's researchers. Once again, the NEHGS organization has made available an excellent publication.

When assessing a book, I am always aware of the guiding posts the authors have offered to the researcher. This book did not disappoint. It begins with its simple table of contents, followed by the usual introduction and acknowledgements. Augmenting the material is a colorful collection of photographs, several charts, as well as an extensive bibliography and index. This book should find its way to the shelves of any serious researcher. Scott Steward and Chip Rowe's study of this notable family is carefully and fully documented.

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Connecticut Genealogical Pioneers: Frank Farnsworth Starr

by Richard C. Roberts CSG # 8680



Frank Farnsworth Starr, a descendant of early Middletown settler Comfort Starr, was born 11 November 1852 at Middletown, Connecticut, one of six children of Major General Elihu William Nathan and Hanna Wetmore (Bush) Starr. His father had risen through the Connecticut militia,

ultimately serving as Connecticut Adjutant General as well as Middletown town clerk, city treasurer and Judge of Probate for the Middletown Probate District. Until 1845, his paternal grandfather, Nathan Starr, had manufactured scythes and later swords, pistols, and rifles in a factory beside what is now known as Starr Mill Pond.

According to his obituary notice in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Frank attended public and private schools in Middletown and in 1869 and 1870 was enrolled at a business college at Rochester, New York. However, he never pursued a business career. Instead, in 1870 at age 17 he was Middletown's assistant town clerk under his father. That year he was sent to England for research work.

On his return to Middletown he became a professional genealogist, undertaking research for a fee, a career he pursued for the remainder of his life. In the 1870s he collected records relating to the Starr family, fact-checked, and prepared the index for Burgis Pratt Starr's *A History of the Starr Family in New England*, published in 1879. In that volume (page 146) Frank is described as "a professional genealogist in Middletown, devoting his time to antiquarian and genealogical research among the musty records of the past, in the service of those desiring to obtain their family history." In 1880 his article "John Churchill of Portland Connecticut" was published in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* and he began transcribing and compiling excerpts from Middletown records for the

History of Middlesex County, published by J. H. Beers in 1884.

In 1881, Starr announced plans to compile genealogies of Middletown's early settlers, a project which, had it been completed, might have been similar in scope to the "genealogies" volumes prepared by Henry Reed Stiles for the histories of Windsor and Wethersfield. However, other circumstances intervened. Although Starr came from a prominent Middletown family, by the 1880s the family's assets were dwindling. Meanwhile, James Junius Goodwin (16 September 1835 - 23 June 1915), a cousin of J. P. Morgan, had retired from the investment banking business in 1871, and although serving as a director of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, and the New York, Lake Erie, and Western Railroad, and other corporations, devoted much of his time researching his ancestry. Starr was able to secure a commission from Goodwin to help research and publish a series of genealogies on the Goodwins and allied families. Together they compiled:

The Goodwins of Hartford, Connecticut, Descendants of William and Ozius Goodwin. Hartford: Brown and Gross, 1891.

The Edwin Jackson Family of Newton, Massachusetts, in the Lines of Commodore Charles Hunter Jackson, United States Navy, Middletown, Connecticut. Hartford: J. Wilson and Son, 1895.

The Roberts Family of Simsbury, Connecticut: in the Line of Captain Lemuel Roberts, 1742-1789. Hartford: J. Wilson & Son, 1896.

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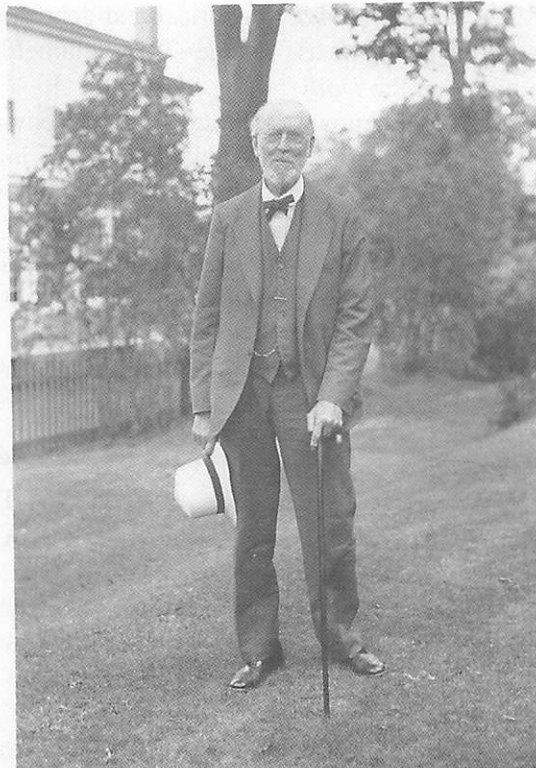
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Starr also authored *The Miles Morgan Family of Springfield, Massachusetts: in the Line of Joseph Morgan of Hartford, Connecticut, 1780-1847*, Hartford, 1904. With Lothrop Withington he wrote, *The Eells Family of Dorchester, Massachusetts in the Line of Nathaniel Eells of Middletown, Connecticut, 1633-1821*. Hartford, 1903. In 1900, as part of Middletown's 250th Anniversary Celebration he published some sketches, *Settlers of Mattabesek*, in the *Middletown Penny Press* and in a supplement to the *Middletown Tribute*. In later years he conducted genealogical research for clients and prepared genealogical sketches for books published by the M. M. Lewis Company in New York.



Between work on other projects, he created an index to pre-1850 vital records and transcribed over 11,000 cemetery inscriptions from the Middletown area. He also developed and sold a fan chart "Starr's Ancestral Register" which he advertised in such publications as *the New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, and *The "Old Northwest" Genealogical Quarterly*.

Those who use the Connecticut State Library's Barbour Collection may recognize Hartford entries cited as "FFS." Those citations are not to original Hartford records but to a manuscript transcription made by Frank Farnsworth Starr of Hartford vital records entered

within the land records volumes. As indicated in the introduction to the Hartford volume of the Barbour Collection:

"Pages 1 to 39 of this manuscript duplicate entries from the Book of Distributions [of Lands]; pages 39 to 56 are entries found in Vol. 1 of Land Records; pages 56 to 75, entries in Vol. 2, of Land Records pages 75 to 83, entries in Vol. 3 of Land records page 84 has one entry found on page 467 of Vol. 11 of Land Records pages 84 to 87, entries in Vol. 12 of Land Records page 88 has entries found page 430 of Vol. 14 of Land Records pages 88 to 84 entries in Vol. 30 of Land Records and pages 94 to 98, entries in Vol. 31 of Land Records."

Among other organizations, Frank was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Connecticut Historical Society (and served as a vice president), the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, and, in 1884 was elected as a Life Member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He was a founding member of the Middlesex County Historical

Society, which was incorporated by Special Act of the Connecticut General Assembly in 1901, and a director of the Commission on Parochial Archives of the Episcopal diocese of Connecticut.

Starr lived at the family home on Mount Vernon Street, Middletown for his entire life. He died unmarried in Middletown 18 September 1939 at the age of 86 and is buried in the family plot in Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown. His extensive genealogical collection is held by the Middlesex County Historical Society, founded in 1901 and headquartered in the General Joseph Mansfield House, 151 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457. It is dedicated to preserving the history of Middletown and neighboring towns and providing

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programs for adults and children to increase their understanding of the area's past. It possesses extensive artifact and archival collections. The Frank Farnsworth Starr Collection of Genealogy includes hundreds of individual family files as well as town, church, and cemetery records, along with several hundred volumes of town and family histories. While not part of the Starr Collection, the Society's African American Genealogy Collection is unique. Genealogy and Archival Research is by appointment which can be scheduled by writing to mchs@wesleyan.edu or calling 860-346-0746.

Interestingly, in spite of his long career as a professional genealogist and his obituary in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* referring to him as an "eminent genealogist," his death notice in the *Daily Advocate* of Stamford states that he was "widely known as a cemeologist."

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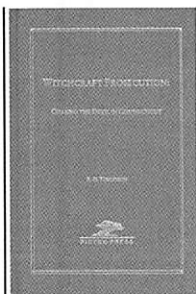
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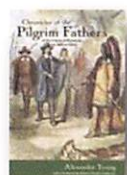
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