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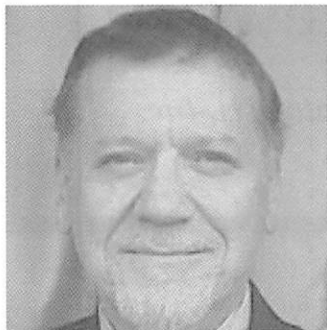
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President's Message



Virtual Presentations: Speakers from Around the World Coming to The Connecticut Society of Genealogists

Bringing in speakers from anywhere in the world certainly sounds bizarre and expensive. However, there's a technology being heavily used today that makes the concept an affordable reality. Anywhere in the world where there is an Internet connection, that is. Why would the Connecticut Society of Genealogists consider getting involved in the use of such technology? Let me explain what it is, what it does, how it works, and how it can be a significant benefit to CSG.

What is a seminar?

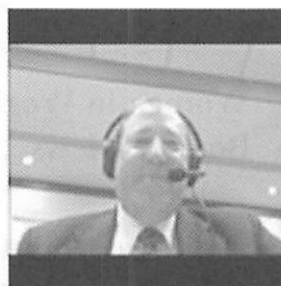
We all know what a seminar is: people gather in auditoriums, theaters or meeting rooms small and large to listen to experts in a specified field who come in to share their expertise and educate. Most seminars are structured in a way in which there can be full or partial participation from those gathered. This participation can be characterized as anything from simple panel discussions to open forums. That is the difference between a speech and a seminar. We show up at a speech, take notes and head home. The general goal of a seminar is to edify and enhance knowledge and expertise. This is often accomplished through interaction with the attendees along with presenting new material. There might be a single speaker or a panel of speakers. Typically, however, if the speaker is not local, the sponsoring organization must pay for transportation, hotels, meals, and sometimes incidental expenses above and beyond the honorarium. Obviously, it can get very expensive. The producing of seminars by small, local organizations is most often cost prohibitive.

What is a webinar?

It's been almost 142 years since Alexander Graham Bell made an historic phone call to his assistant and said, "Mr. Watson - come here - I want to see you." Mr. Watson was just in another room. But what if we could somehow utilize the Internet and make it a tool to help us conduct a seminar but over the World Wide Web from a presenter in Sweden to an organization in Connecticut? In other words, a "web seminar" or, more simply, a "webinar"

can be not only highly productive, but economical. The floodgates of potential speakers is officially open!

We can all agree that making a telephone call has become so common and is so deeply rooted in our lifestyles that it is hard to grasp how remarkable the Bell-Watson event was, how the world was about to change from that exact moment on. And we don't even make conventional calls anymore. After all, who still "dials" the phone? The person who doesn't have or at least use a mobile phone - I wish I was one of them at times - is more of an oddity than the standard. And a mobile phone today is far more than just a phone that happens to be mobile! We have the capacity to send and receive email, utilize social media, play games, shop, conduct our banking, and a myriad of other functions depending on the device and how much you're willing to spend on a data plan!



So, how does a webinar work?

The venues can be the same as a seminar: auditorium, theater, etc. The audience can certainly be the same. The hosts can be the same. But the speaker or speakers can literally be anywhere in the world. This image on the left

is of David Ouimette, CSG, CSGL who is speaking to a genealogical society in Chicopee, Massachusetts from his office at FamilySearch.org in Salt Lake City. The singular roadblock to having a speaker from Scotland or Australia or Japan is the capacity of the speaker's Internet connection. Fortunately, Mr. Ouimette had an excellent Internet connection! The purpose of this discussion isn't to delve into the technicalities of bandwidth, fiber optics, CAT-5 cabling, HDMI or VGA connectors and all the rest. Other than the "techies" out there, the eyes of most of the readers of this article would gloss over or they would fall asleep with any in-depth explanation on that side of the equation. Suffice it to say that in 2018, most speakers and most organizations with the desire to conduct a webinar have the potential to figure out the best way to make the technology happen.

With nearly everything being the same in terms of audience, venue, speaker, topics, projector, screen and other devices needed for either a seminar or a webinar, just about the only difference is the physical location of the speakers. They can be at home or at their office or any location with an Internet connection. No airports, no hotels, no need to pick them up or bring them back to the



An audience in Chicopee, Massachusetts listening to a presentation from David Ouimette in Salt Lake

airport. They just “auto-magically” appear on the screen!

Typically, a speaker is visible on the screen during the introduction and the opening of the webinar itself. Then the speaker “screen shares” a Power Point presentation by changing what the audience sees. The view switches from the speaker, who is visible through a web-cam, to the speaker’s computer screen which displays the presentation. If there is a handout, generally the speaker emails a copy to the organization, which can then make as many copies as necessary. Additionally, the handout can be available in an electronic format for emailing to registered attendees or posting on the organization’s website. No muss, no fuss and more importantly, no ink and paper or other printing expense.

How do we get all of this to happen?

Simple answer: software. There are quite a few options with regards to the software applications that are being used today to get the connections and the functionality required to conduct a professional webinar. The ideal scenario is for the speaker to use a quality headset to avoid feedback and providing a clear audio for the

audience experience.

Recording the webinar is encouraged in most cases with, of course, the blessing of the speaker. There are several options here: 1) record and archive; 2) record and archive behind a “pay-wall,” a password protected, members-only tab on the organization’s website, for example; 3) record and archive for a specific time period; or 4) no recording at all. These options depend on the speaker. It is understandable that speakers would not want their work product to just be “out there.” Most who allow a recording will be very specific about the use of the recording. Allowing a recording to be available for a brief period of time is generally the preference of a speaker whose subject matter is dynamic. What is true today may not be true a month or a year from now.

Is viewing and/or participating in the webinar restricted to the attendees in the room? Not necessarily. With most webinar software applications, folks who want to see the program but are restricted by their own location, schedule, or the ability to get transportation can “be there” in a virtual sense. Weather can also be

a factor that can devastate a seminar, but a webinar is not not necessarily held up by a snow storm. The simple explanation to how this works is that a website or URL can be provided that allows people to sit at home and watch from their own computers or even their mobile devices. Often a remote viewer needs a very small application downloaded to a device before to participating. These tiny applications usually download in seconds and install themselves. The speakers need to authorize the extent of this availability well in advance of the event.

How does someone interact when not even in the room?

Again, most applications allow the virtual audience to use a “chat room” where remote viewers can type in questions or comments. Those comments are monitored by someone who is at the meeting and can interact live with the speaker on behalf of the remote participant.

Advantages:

Broadly increases the range of speakers who can be solicited to appear. For example, an expert in Irish research who lives and works in Ireland can easily be brought, virtually, to an event.

Significantly reduces the expense to the organization through savings in air fare, hotels, meals, incidentals, and the logistics of picking up and returning the speaker to the airport or train station.

When an event is recorded (subject to the agreement with the speaker), the recording can be archived in a variety of place to the advantage of the organization.

The possibility of expanding the “menu” of speakers can be a significant draw to potential members and maintaining renewing members through interesting programs that might not be able to be presented otherwise.

Where do we go from here?

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists is taking a giant leap with the use of 21st century technology. A webinar certainly does not replace local talent from appearing at CSG events. But having the ability to use the technology opens up a broad spectrum of possibilities. Speakers? Sure. Recording individual lessons or courses? Absolutely. A four-session course in any genealogical subject can be offered by subscription. Conducting meetings? One of the reasons the technology was developed.

Great, sounds interesting. Where can I find other recorded webinars?

YouTube

For free archived webinars, the first place you might want to try is YouTube. Open www.youtube.com and search for “genealogy.” You’ll certainly want to fine tune your search, because by just using that one search term, you’ll get over 10,000 returns on nearly every family research subject you can think of. For example, a famous genealogy instructor who goes by the name “Dear MYRTLE, your friend in genealogy,” a/k/a Pat Richley-Erickson, conducts webinars three or four times a week. Some are simply discussion panels, some are with guest speakers and many are instructional videos and “classes” with eight or ten other genealogists on her panel. She alone has uploaded over 800 individual webinars. Anything you find on YouTube is free (that’s not a reflection on the quality however).

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Another great resource is Legacy Family Tree Webinars. When you visit www.familytreewebinars.com, you’re taken to the website where you will find a menu of all the upcoming events. As of today, there are 94 scheduled. You can watch these webinars for free on the day of the event and they stay open to the public for 10 days. You’ll also find a library of nearly 700 other webinars. The speakers are usually well-known genealogists such as “The Legal Genealogist,” Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL; Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD; Patti Lee Hobbs, CG; Diahan Southard and a great many others. A membership will give you access to the presentation handouts and everything that is on file as well as discounts on a wide variety of genealogy products, books, and software. The monthly fee is \$9.95, but the annual fee is only \$49.95, a true bargain.

GeneaWebinars

There’s a calendar of genealogical events at www.geneawebinars.com. Click the calendar tab to view a great many other webinar events, both live and recorded. You can choose free presentations or others that may require a subscription or membership.

Ancestry Academy

Again, this is a resource with hundreds of recorded lessons. Some of the videos are free, but a bulk of what’s available requires a subscription which costs \$11.99

per month or \$99.99 per year. It is included in a World Access membership.

With these resources at hand, you'll be glued to your computer screen 24/7! But it's best taken one step at a time. Pick a topic and start with the basics. DNA is a good example. Don't just jump in and expect to get an education. The subject "DNA" is a prime example of the need to start from scratch. Until you know the absolute basics, you'll get lost in the sauce once you start taking on triangulation and other deep topics.

In Summary

You can learn at home or you can learn at society meetings and webinars. By using the society format you're bound to hear questions that you may not have thought to ask; you'll be with friends and associates who enjoy genealogy and all that it offers and you'll get to meet others with those same interests.

In short, webinars are an excellent tool to continue your education, formal or informal, in a field you love!

~ *Dave Robison, President*

Editorial

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists is stepping out into the realm of webinars and in this issue our President goes in-depth on the subject to give us a better look at what we should expect and where we can go to find them.

Thank you to Richard Roberts for his article on Women in WWI. While the anniversary of the United States entering the war may be over, the centennial of the war goes through November 2018. We will continue to provide articles as they become available.

As I'm writing this, it is still winter, but when this issue is published, it will be spring and our readers will be looking for activities to do in the warmer weather. One idea is to plan a family reunion. Thank you to Diane LeMay for her insightful article on how to plan a family reunion. They are a lot of work, but the fun and family history that can be had cannot be beat. I am reminded of the Webster Reunions that I attended as a child in northern Vermont. Of course, as a child, I didn't have to do anything for it except eat and have fun. I met lots of family that I would never have known otherwise. I was disappointed when they stopped having them.

Thank you to Russell DeGrafft for shining our Spotlight on the Connecticut Town of Voluntown, a town that got its name because of the volunteers that lived there. I have actually camped in the CCC youth camp area in the Pachaug State Forest, located in Voluntown. The campground is well maintained, and the rangers are very professional. It is perfect for youth groups that would like a place to camp, hike and learn about nature. Be sure to keep the quiet hours though. There is a family campground "around the corner."

I can't believe how fast time flies. In Volume 6, Issue #1, Spring 2013, we published a compilation of the Table of Contents of the first five volumes of *Connecticut Genealogy News*. It is that time again. In this issue you will find the Table of Contents for Volumes 6-10.

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.

Enjoy the issue!

~ *Stephanie Hyland, Editor*

ABOUT THE COVER

Not all women who served in the military as early as World War I were nurses. Helen Houston of East Haven served as a Yeoman (F) in the U.S. Navy. Read more about her in *Woman of World War I* on page 6. (Source for the cover photo is listed in the sources for the article.)

Women in World War I

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG #8680

Unlike previous wars in which most women who followed armies came from the working class and performed services such as cooking, doing laundry, and nursing, during World War I American women from across the economic spectrum found roles through which they could provide service.

Even prior to America's entry into the war, thousands of women, mostly from the upper classes, formed or joined relief organizations such as the American Red Cross, YMCA, and Salvation Army. Although some middle- and lower-class women joined such organizations, it was more typical for them to replace men who had gone off to war in home-front jobs or to serve as clerical workers or nurses.

Navy Yeomen (F)

The Naval Reserve Act of 1916 made no mention of gender, making World War I the first war in which American women were permitted to serve in the Navy and Marines. Thousands volunteered. Beginning in 1917, a total of over 11,000 women enlisted in the Navy as "Yeoman (F)," a designation identifying them as female enlisted persons performing administrative or clerical work. Most of these women served at stateside Navy bases, replacing men who were sent to sea. For example, Julie Esther Sternberg of Meriden was a stenographer at Traveler's Insurance Company in Meriden prior to the war. She joined the Naval Reserve Force at the U.S. Receiving Barracks at the State Pier in New London, rising to the rank of Yeoman First Class (F) on March 9, 1919. After the war she returned to civilian life as a stenographer. She wrote that "I was very anxious to do something to help my country, so was glad of the opportunity to replace men who were held as clerks, thus allowing them to get into actual service overseas. I found that the setting up exercises and drills were very beneficial to my health. Mentally, the experience was broadening."

Prior to the war Helen Houston of East Haven was a typist at Yale University. On September 30, 1918, she entered service, like Julie Sternberg in the Naval Reserve Force at the State Pier, New London. She

was promoted to Yeoman First Class (F) on April 16, 1919, transferred to the Naval Experimental Station in New London on May 19, 1919, and discharged on July 17, 1919. After the war she was a stenographer.

While some, like Julie Sternberg and Helen Houston found jobs in the private sector after the war, others were appointed to Civil Service positions. Ella Veronica Houlihan of Ansonia enlisted in the Naval Reserve Force on March 28, 1918, at New London as a Yeoman Second Class. She was promoted to Yeoman First Class on June 19, 1918, and promoted to Chief Yeoman on December 20, 1918. She was assigned to the U.S. Anti-Submarine Squadron at Fort Trumbull in New London on April 19, 1919, and to the U.S. Submarine Base at New London on July 26, 1919. She was released from active duty on August 1, 1919, and became a stenographer as a Civil Service employee at the Submarine Base. She considered "the experience gained while on Active Duty in the U.S. Naval Reserve Force an invaluable part of my education."



Helen Houston



Ella Veronica Houlihan

Navy Nurses

By the time of the Armistice on November 11, 1918, there were 1,386 Navy nurses, some stationed in the U.S., others at facilities in the Pacific and the Caribbean. In addition, the Navy established five Base Hospitals in France, Scotland, and Ireland as well as Navy Operating Teams near the front lines that included nurses. A total of 19 Navy Nurses died, over half from influenza. Starting in August, 1917, 305 women enlisted in the Marine Corps to fill stateside positions such as clerks and telephone operators. Women in the Navy and Marine Corps received the same pay as men. All of the women who served with those branches of service were discharged at war's end and were considered veterans.

The Army Nurse Corps

Unlike the Navy, women were not allowed to enlist in the Army. However, some were officially attached to the military service or to government agencies and nurses served in the Army Nurse Corps. Bertha May (Butterfly) (Kieft) Flynn was a Registered Nurse at New Britain General Hospital prior to entering service in the United States Army Nurse Corps on July 6, 1917. She was promoted from Nurse to Chief Nurse on March 28, 1918. Bertha spent her time in the Nurse Corps stateside, serving at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York; Camp Gordon, Atlanta Georgia; and Gerstner Field, Lake Charles, Louisiana. After the war she married John A. Flynn on June 20, 1919. She wrote, "Military service in time of war is indeed valuable for without Military discipline what would happen? I gave the very best that was in my power and knowledge gratefully and willingly to serve our Boys at the Camps located in N.Y. State and Georgia. Wonderful experiences both Mental and Physical." She added, "What a glorious privilege to have been able to serve our country and Flag also our State and God."

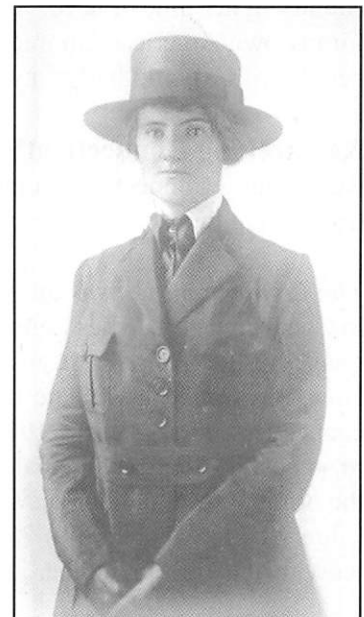


Katherine Pauline Duelle

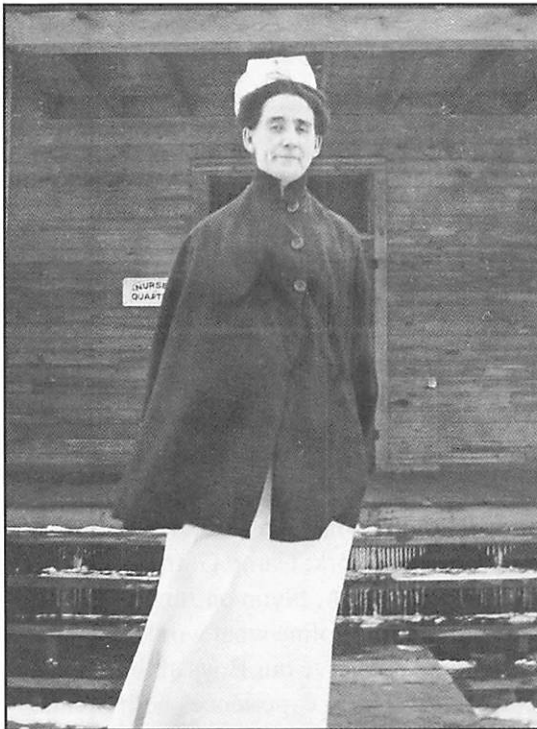
Katherine Pauline Duelle of Hamden was born December 8, 1890 in Clinton, Connecticut. She served with the Border Service from September 8, 1916 to June 25, 1917 and was called into active service on December 21, 1917. She initially served as a nurse at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia. She embarked on the Olympic from Hoboken, New Jersey on July 12, 1918 and arrived at Southampton, England on July 20. She served at American Red Cross Military Hospital Number 5 and at Camp Hospital Number 4 near Paris, France, serving overseas until July 22, 1919. She was discharged on September 5, 1919. Reflecting on her service, she wrote, "Every one of the Am. E. F. was as your sister or brother. Everyone worked together. My only regret is that the American Women were not allowed to talk and associate with our American enlisted men till a little

before we came home. I feel we would have been a good influence." During the 1940s she was Executive Director of the Visiting Nurses of San Diego, California. She never married, and died December 31, 1984 in San Diego.

Mary Louise Flanagan of Fairfield was born April 16 1891, the daughter of John and Mary (Long) Flanagan. She enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps on January 16, 1918, at Fairfield and was briefly stationed at Camp Merritt, New Jersey prior to embarking from New York on the *S. S. Brazos* on July 20, 1919. She arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico on July 25 and was assigned to the Base Hospital there. She left San Juan, arriving in Charleston, South Carolina on January 24, 1919, on the *City of Savannah* and was relieved from service at New York on February 3.



Mary Louise Flanagan



Rose Martha Heavren

Rose Martha Heavren of New Haven was born January 19, 1870 in New Haven. Her parents, Patrick Henry and Mary (Duffy) Heavren had both been born in Ireland. Rose had served as an Army nurse from August 17, 1898 until August 25, 1900 before returning to work as a private duty nurse. On October 25, 1917 Rose took the oath of office as a nurse in the Army Nurse Corps, and was initially assigned to the U.S. Base Hospital, Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois. On June 11, 1918, she embarked from New York and arrived at Southampton, England on June 25. She served at Saint-Aignan, France beginning July 6, 1918, returning to New York on July 13, 1919. She was relieved from service on September 13, 1919.

Red Cross nurses' uniforms were worn with appropriate changes of insignia by Army and Navy nurses and provided the initial patterns for the new outdoor uniforms adopted by both branches of service. Although women doctors were not allowed to join the Army Medical Corps, the Army issued contracts to a small number of female physicians, who remained civilians even though they worked in uniform.

The Signal Corps

Approximately 223 bilingual

American women served as switchboard operators in France for the U.S. Army Signal Corps. One of them was Helen Elizabeth Hill, the daughter of George Amos and Clara (Dibble) Hill of Ansonia, a student at the University of Washington in Seattle. On February 20, 1918, she joined the Signal Corps as a telephone operator. She embarked from New York on the *S.S. Lapland* on June 28, 1918, arrived at Liverpool, England on July 12, and served at Bar-Sur-Aube and Neufchateau in France. She wrote, "I wished to give my services in any capacity to the best of my ability, for my country in her time of need." She added that "I gained a broader sympathy for my own American comrades, and a better understanding of the foreign people with whom I had many pleasant associations."



Helen Elizabeth Hill

Researching Connecticut's Female World I Veterans

Researching Connecticut women who served in World War I is similar to researching the men, but there are some twists.

The Connecticut Census of Nurses

In Connecticut a "Nurses Census" was conducted in conjunction with the "Military Census of 1917." Although the images of the Manpower Census forms are available on Ancestry.com, the Nurses Census has not been digitized. However, Connecticut State Library staff has prepared an index, available at <http://www.ctatatelibrarydata.org/connecticut-nurses-census-1917/> that includes the name, birthplace, age, residence, form number and box number of some 5,067 male and female nurses. If a field within the index is blank, it is because the person who completed the original form did not answer that question. Copies of census forms may be obtained by contacting the State Library by telephone (860) 757-6580 or <https://ctstatelibrary.org/contact-us/email-us/>. Include the name of the individual and form number in your request.

When researching women nurses, keep in mind that the census forms (and consequently the index) reflect surnames as of 1917, usually maiden names. Remember, too, that not all of the women who appear in the "Nurses Census"

etc. There is also a search box so that one can find all those named “Bertha” or “Theresa.” Using this index prior to going to Ancestry.com allows one to determine in advance whether or not one or more photos exist.

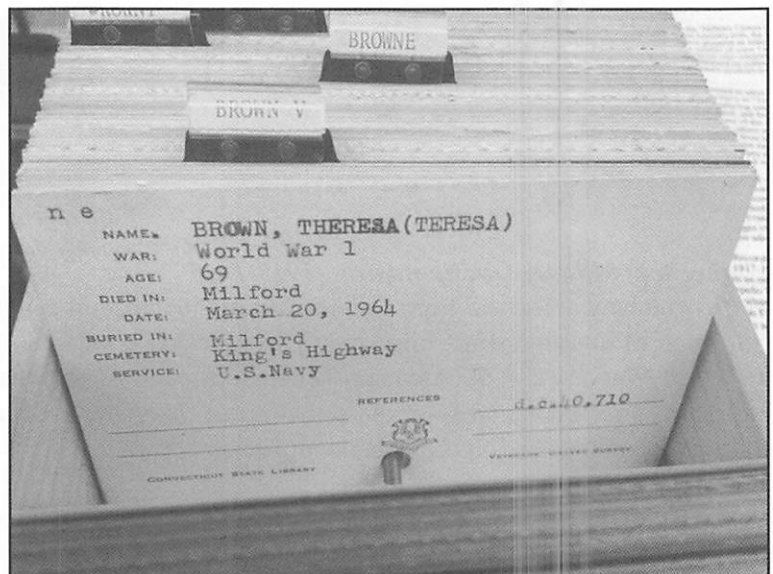


Clara Alvina Ketelhut

The questionnaires provide an insight into the diverse origins of the Connecticut women who served. As examples, Bertha May (Butterfly) (Kieft) Flynn was born in West Rolland, Vermont. Her father, James Butterfly, was born in Claremont, New Hampshire; her mother, Sarah (Wise) Butterfly, was born in Canada. Bertha was a Catholic and a member of Laurel Commandry, Order of Golden Cross. Delia Veronica Connelly [see questionnaire on page 11] was born in Ireland, as were both of her parents, John Connelly and Mary (Kelly) Connelly. Delia was a Catholic. Katherine Pauline Duelle was born in Clinton, Connecticut, but her father, Joseph Duelle, was born in Constance, Switzerland, and her mother, Pauline (Schroff) Duelle, was possibly born in France. Katherine was a Catholic. Clara Alvina Ketelhut was born in Meriden, but her father, Herman H. Ketelhut, and mother, Mathilda (Pisall) Ketelhut, were both born in Germany. Clara, who entered service on September 17, 1918, at New London as a “Landsman for Yeoman,” part of the Navy’s clerical force, was a Lutheran. Ida Selesnitzky, of New London was born in New York. Her father, Louis Selesnitzky, and mother, Sarah Horowitz, were both born in Russia. Ida identified her religion as “Hebrew.” Stenographer Bertha Cecelia Stalsburg was born in Deep River Connecticut, but her parents were both born in Norway. She belonged to the Congregational church and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Veterans Deaths and Burials Index

The Veterans Deaths and Burials Index in the State Library’s History and Genealogy Index Corridor includes information on deceased veterans who served from Connecticut in colonial times through the Vietnam era and includes some of the women 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. The index reflects a woman’s name at the time she died. As an example, Theresa Watt served as a Yeoman First Class in the Navy in World War I. In the Veterans Deaths and Burials Index she is indexed under her married name, Theresa Brown.



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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.

D. H. R.—Form 1
State Library



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MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

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

Name in full Welia Veronica Comely
(family name) (first name) (middle names)

Date of birth Oct-12-1881
(month) (day) (year)

Place of birth Ireland
(town) (county) (state) (country)

Name of father John Birthplace Ireland
(country)

Maiden name of mother May Kelly Birthplace Ireland
(country)

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

Citizen yes Voter — Church R.C.
(yes or no) (yes or no) (denomination)

Married no 1 at _____

To _____ Born _____ 1 at _____
(maiden name)

Children _____ Born _____ 1 at _____
(name)

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Fraternal Orders Wood Men

Previous military service or training Nurse at Camp Miller & ?

Occupation before entry into the service Nurse

_____ ; employer Private Nursing

Residence before entry into the service 225 Clinton Ave New Haven Ct
(street number) (town) (county)

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

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Book Reviews

by Russell A. DeGrafft CSG #19174

Foote Family, Genealogy and History, Volume III, Book Three, Descendants of Frances (Foote) (Dickinson) Barnard, Daughter of Nathaniel Foote of Wethersfield, Connecticut with English Ancestry, by the Foote Family Association of Connecticut and edited by Edwin W. Strickland II. Published by Otter Bay Books, 3507 Newland Road, Baltimore, Maryland, 21218-2513, 2017. 8 ½ x 10 ½, softcover, Library of Congress Control Number 2009929282, 572 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address. Cost plus shipping and handling will be provided by publisher.

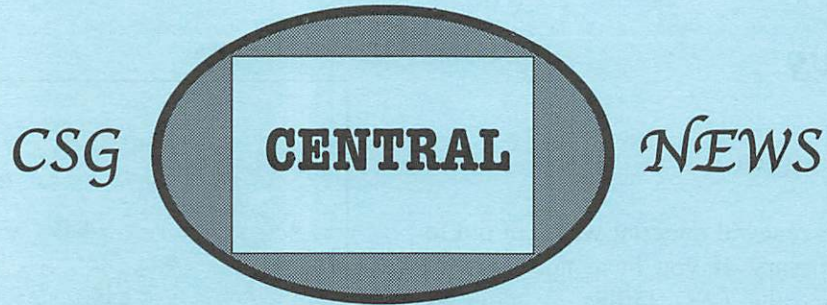
This massive book gently guides the researcher through the wanderings of fourteen generations of the Foote Family. The editor must be complimented for his diligent guidance and massive observations in this book. This is a reference guide I would want on my library shelf for any genealogical references I was making to my Foote Family. This Association stretches over many miles and has a wealth of information to offer to any Foote scholar.

A book should not only inform a researcher about its special content, but must also provide assistance to that researcher with standard guide posts along the way. This book is equipped with just such aids, beginning with a simple table of contents and providing two well-thought-out appendices as well as a complete bibliography and index of Persons and Places. The members of this Family Association must be commended for their hard work in the completion of such a thorough document.

George and Ruth Castle, Our Family's Journey, 1613-2016, by Sharon Castle with the Castle Genealogy Project Work Group, 2017. Published by Sheridan Books, Inc., Chelsea, Michigan, 8 x 10, hardcover, ISBN: 978-0-692-86823-2, Library of Congress Control Number, 2017941694, 455 pages. Order directly from Sharon Castle at scastle201@comcast.net. The author will provide information on cost, postage and handling.

This beautifully designed book is well written and carefully documented by the author and her work group. The Harworth family immigrated to this country in the late 1600s and began a legacy of traditions that shaped the Castle family history. From its beginnings in the small town of Ridge Farm, Illinois, this massive document chronicles the four family generations that converge on this town. The completeness of this book will surely provide any researcher with an abundance of the family's love and hard work. This author would definitely include this document on his library shelf.

The book is well organized, with all of the necessary guides along the way. To add an even more interesting trip, the addition of massive amounts of illustrations provides the researcher with welcome distractions from this book's multitude of facts. From an easy-to-follow table of contents to the glossary and notes in its appendix at the end, the authors have provided easy traveling for the genealogical researcher. Ms. Castle and her Project Work Group should be congratulated for an excellent job.



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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.

*Webinars may be available to members only. Watch Connecticut Genealogy News and the CSG website at www.csginc.org for more on upcoming webinars.

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 only one workshop and may not switch due to space limitations.

PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATIONS BELOW

For Irish, French-Canadian and French, please go to: the **Raymond Memorial Library, 840 Main Street, East Hartford, CT.**

Irish: Nora Galvin

French-Canadian: Dianne Lenti

French: Bryna O'Sullivan

For Polish/Eastern European wth Jonathan Shea please go to the **Connecticut Society of Genealogists Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT.**

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

19 May - 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION and Annual Meeting!

Celebrating 50 years of service to the genealogical community! Join us at the Casa Mia at the Hawthorne, 2421 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT at 11 a.m. There will be a brief business meeting, including the election of the 2018-2019 CSG Officers and Board of Governors, followed by lunch at noon.

The program, beginning at 1:15 p.m., features Walter Woodward accompanied by the Band of Steady Habits and their program, "What Makes Connecticut, Connecticut?" 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.

CSG News

It's Dues Time Again...

The 2018-2019 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 Life Membership, their membership cards will be sent out in early April. If you have any updates, please let us know.

From the Literary Awards Committee

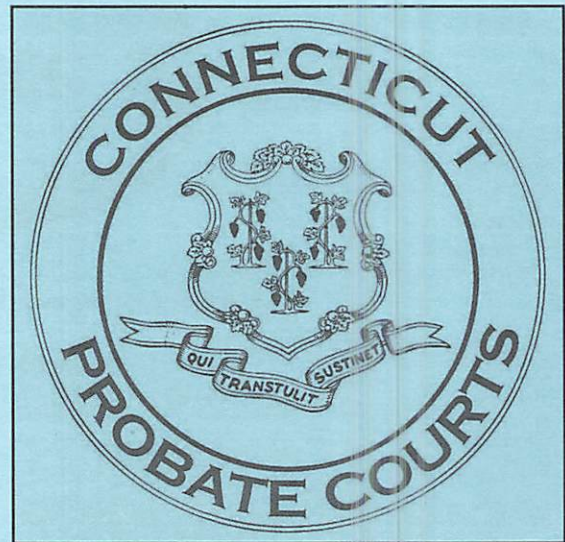
The 2018 Literary Awards and "Tell Your Family Story" Essay contests opened on March 1st. The entry rules can be found on pages 17-18 of this issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News*. Entry forms and rules may also be found on the CSG website at www.csinc.org or can be obtained by calling the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 or emailing at csinc@csinc.org

From the Publications Committee

The Connecticut Nutmegger is looking for articles. Articles with ethnic backgrounds are acceptable. Transcribed Bible Records or other genealogical family documents may also be submitted. Thank you to those who have submitted articles in the past. Articles should have, but are not limited to, some connection to New England with emphasis on Connecticut. Please contact the CSG office for a copy of Guidelines for Nutmegger Authors. Copies may also be found on our website at www.csinc.org under Publications.

If you have an article to submit or need help beginning, contact The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. for more details at csinc@csinc.org or call 860-569-0002.

In Other News



Did you know that the Connecticut Probate Court puts out user guides periodically? These can normally be obtained by visiting your local Probate Court.

The booklets are "intended to answer some of the questions you may have regarding the procedures, roles and responsibilities of the Probate Court...."

Two that have been published within the last couple of years are *Administration of Decedent's Estates* and *Termination of Parental Rights and Adoptions*. Both are topics that we receive a lot of questions about.

More information on Connecticut Probate Court can be found online at ctprobate.gov. Forms relating to Probate Court matters may be found on this website as well as in the local Probate Courts.

Upcoming Family Reunions

The Frisbie-Frisbee Family Association of America is holding a family reunion on June 20-24 in Topeka, Kansas.

If you are interesting in attending, want more information or have questions, let Mary Frisbie know at 2018FFFAAREUNION@WCTATEL.NET or call 641-494-9160.

Brochures describing the FFFAA are available for genealogy societies to display or to make people aware of them and to entice them to join their association. Brochures can be obtained by contacting Diane at DIDAVISFFFAA@GMAIL.COM. You can also visit their website at FFFAA.org.

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

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“Ancestors from Many Cultures” Ethnic Fair

Irish: Nora Galvin

Located at: Raymond Memorial Library, 840 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108

French-Canadian: Dianne Bordeaux Lenti

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Polish and Eastern European: Jonathan Shea

Located at the CSG Library at 175 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT 06118

Participants will register for *one* of the above

~ Open to the Public ~

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Seating is limited so register early

To pre-register, to ask questions or for more information, contact the CSG Office at
860-569-0002 or email at csginc@csginc.org



“Ancestors from Many Cultures” Ethnic Fair” - 21 April 2018.

Registrations until Friday, 20 April 2018, by 3 p.m. or until we meet max room capacity.

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Workshop attending: _____

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



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The Connecticut Society of Genealogists'
50 years of service to the genealogy community*

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

Followed by the meeting, lunch, and the program

Cost: \$38 ~ Open to the Public

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**Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. 50th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Meeting
~ Pre-register required by 14 May 2018 ~**

Name: _____ CSG # _____

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Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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Make checks payable to CSG, Inc. and mail to: CSG, Inc., P.O. Box 435, Glastonbury, CT

LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST OCTOBER 2018
THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL
ENTRY RULES

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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 1, 2018, and Entries must be received in CSG’s Office by July 15, 2018.
- 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 (2013 or later) 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 or 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 entry 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 name 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 20 October 2018. Winners will be notified by September 1, 2018.

For entry forms, visit the CSG website at www.csginc.org or email or call the CSG Office.

LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST OCTOBER 2018
SEVENTH ANNUAL

“TELL ME YOUR FAMILY STORY” ESSAY CONTEST
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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 1, 2018. All entries must be received in CSG’s Office by July 15, 2018.**
- 3.) Essay must have some relevance to New England (at least one of the six states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and/or 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 also be hand delivered.
We cannot accept emailed entries.
- 7.) Photocopies of the Entry Form are welcomed.
- 8.) 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 winning 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.

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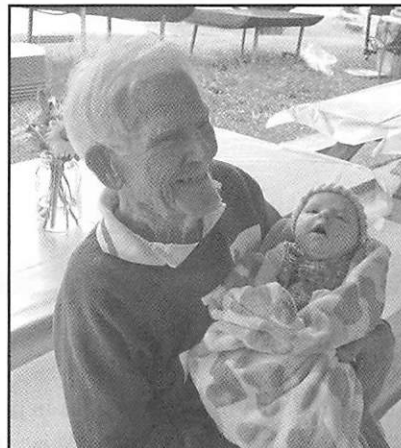
Planning a Family Reunion

by Diane K. LeMay, CSG # 7571

Through the years have you thought that you'd like to plan a family reunion? With summer right around the corner, now is the time. You want to set it up now, before family members plan their own vacations.

It really does not have to be elaborate to be memorable. My mother was one of seven children. I still remember family picnics on Memorial Day in my grandmother's back yard. It was due to my wonderful memories that I decided to plan a reunion for my husband's family in 1994. In addition, I have attended a few Gallup/Denison reunions, celebrating paternal ancestors of mine who married 300 years ago.

Location, food, activities and invitations are the main considerations. Of course, the first three have to be decided before invites are prepared and sent out. Locations can vary. The first reunion that I planned was in a church hall. Since then, they have moved to various places, including the French Club and a campground. If you have a connection to an organization or family farm or homestead and your location would be free, that is best, of course. Just keep in mind that some places like a church hall, state park, or campground may have a minimal charge.



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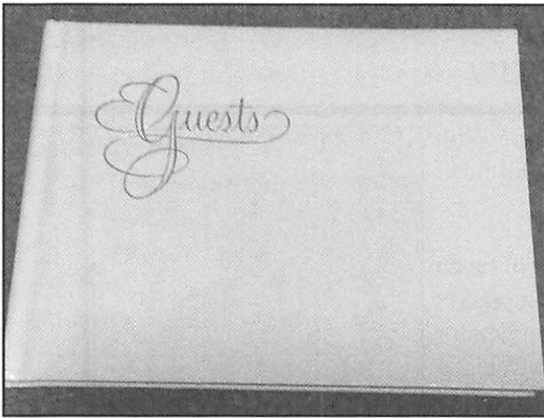
Food planning may be as simple as everyone bringing their own, a potluck, with each family bringing a favorite dish to share, or the food could be catered. In the case of a potluck, long distance travelers may make a donation to cover such things as beverages, paper goods, rolls, meat, aluminum foil or trash bags. The last two reunions I attended, celebrating wedding anniversaries of 100 years and 300 years, included large cakes for dessert.

At the very least, activities need to be planned for little children. Depending on the location and the weather, you may want to plan indoor and outdoor activities, anything from a movie on dvd to swimming or a fishing derby. One adult activity I planned was a quiz with ten questions. Customized to your family, you

may ask for one family address in a particular town, who is the youngest of the grandchildren, which grandchild child was married first, how many children joined the military, etc.

Another activity that has become a tradition for us involves simple prizes under \$20 (book on Connecticut, small fleece blanket, baby book, gift card), recognizing who came the farthest, who is the youngest attendee, the oldest attendee, who has been married the longest, etc.

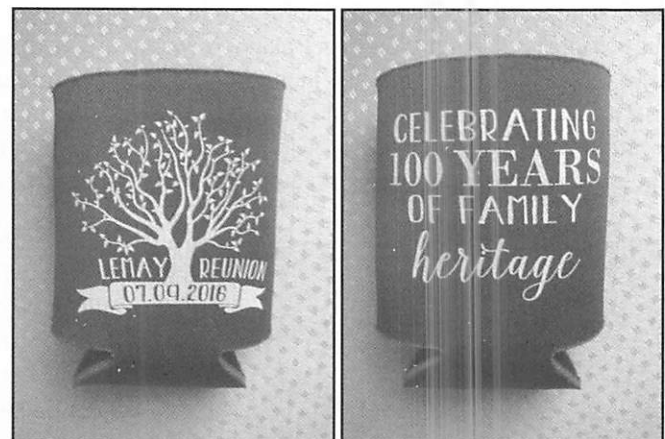
Some activities may be a competition between family groups, football, volleyball, croquet, or the like. If someone researches the family history, ask if he or she would bring a family pedigree. As the family genealogist, I bring our family pedigree chart and give a family "Birthday Calendar" to each family group. It is a colorful 4-page spreadsheet birthdays entered for every family member.



It is a good idea to have a guest book and name tags at a check-in table if you have a large family. Be sure to assign someone to take pictures, especially group shots of each generation. I attended a reunion that had a tag sale. Family members donated items to be sold to cover some of the expenses. Since so many nephews in my husband's family rode a motorcycle, we planned a motorcycle tour of about 1.5 hours through the state before lunch.

In addition to time and place, invitations may need to include other information. Food suggestions may be included if a potluck is planned - salads, main dishes, and desserts. You may want to tell family members to bring photos, recipes or tag sale items to share. Depending on the location, attendees may need to bring their own chairs. You may choose to send out your invitations via social media and/or email. This makes invitations much easier and saves on postage costs.

These are just a few suggestions in planning a reunion. If you want to get more involved, you may pick a theme and have a gift, such as a T-shirt or a "one size fits all" soda can cozy. Make paper available and ask for feedback from the family regarding the date, location, quantity/quality of food and drinks, activities, if they would like to purchase T-shirts, and any other likes or dislikes. For more ideas, check online or seek out books at your local library.



Queries

Mrs. _____ Risley, wife of Richard Risley b before 1615, probably England, died 1648 Hartford, CT. Children Sarah, Samuel, Richard. He is one of the Founders of Hartford. Following his death, "Widow" Risley married William Hills. Seeking her full name and documentation to support that name.

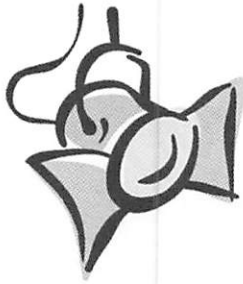
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Seeking the full name of Richard(2) wife and documentation to support that name.

Mrs. _____ Arnold, wife of Josiah Arnold who was b abt 1724, probably Chester Co, PA. Josiah Arnold was the s of Richard Arnold (above) and _____. Josiah Arnold died 30OCT1754 in Hampshire County, VA. Seeking the full name of Josiah's wife and documentation to support that name.

I have extensive Risley and Arnold documentation to share.

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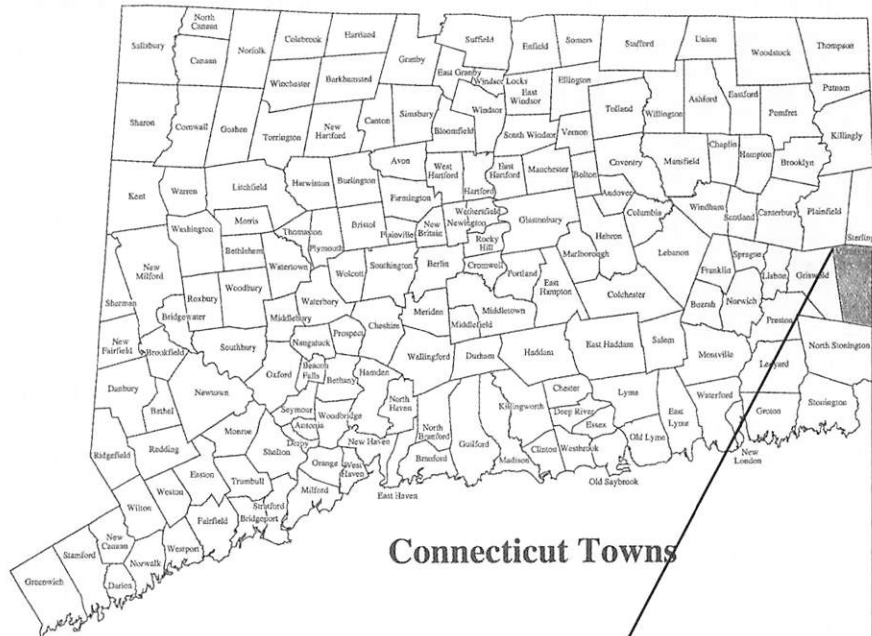
Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities



Spotlight on Voluntown

by Russell A. DeGrafft,
CSG # 19174

Voluntown was established in 1721 and has a rich history of textile mills, historic buildings, the CCC Camp and local folklore. Voluntown is located in the northeastern corner of New London County, with two-thirds of the community being composed of state forest. The town hall and library are located in the village center along with the pre-school through eighth grade school, Constitution Field, the walking track and gazebo. It was originally known as Volunteer Town. The town was named for the English volunteers in the 1675 Indian Wars (King Phillip's War) who stayed to fight "and went not away." Land owners included Benedict Arnold, who would become famous for betraying his country through his collusion with British troops during the Revolutionary War.



Connecticut Towns

Voluntown



Wylie School: The Wylie School was built in 1850 and used by the town to educate its children until 1939. It sits on a small piece of land at the juncture of Ekonk Hill and Wylie School Road. The National Park Service listed it on the National Register of Historic Places in December of 1991. Worthy of a visit, the schoolhouse is a simple wooden-framed structure with a gambrel roof. The interior has two vestibules with closets between them, leading into a single large school room with a raised section in the back. The property also includes a period "privy."

Tree Farms: The Geer Tree Farm, Hartika Tree Farms and Olsen's Tree Farm are living proof that Voluntown is a rural agrarian community. These farms come to vibrant life in early November as the Christmas season slowly spreads throughout the state. The owners of the farms capitalize on the season, encouraging their patrons to choose and harvest that "perfect tree." Hay rides and food trucks that serve snacks of all kinds are provided to entice their many repeat customers, as well as those who are newly aware of their existence.



Pachaug State Forest: Rich in Native American history, the Pachaug State Forest was originally established in 1928 and is now the largest state forest in Connecticut, covering 26,477 acres in six towns. With its beautifully-maintained trails for hiking, picnicking, off-roading vehicles and horse trails, it maintains a seldom-heard-of “horse camp.”

In 1700, a six-mile square tract of land was granted to the King Phillip’s War Veterans. It was from this act that the town of Volunteer (or Volunteer Town)



received its name. Old cellar holes and miles of stone fence winding through the woods reveal to the hiker that the entire forest was once farmed or was pasture land. There are several legends with circulating rumors that parts of the forest may be haunted, such as Maud’s Grave or the area around Hells Hollow Road. Interesting, but not-confirmed stories, also circulate around Gallup’s Cemetery, which is located off Cedar Swamp Road on Porter Pond. You may want to visit this very nice little cemetery and Maud’s Grave.

Voluntown Baptist Church: The quaint Voluntown Baptist Church is a historical landmark which officially began in 1832 as a branch of the Packerville Baptist Church. When a community was established in those early days, a Congregational Church was usually built, seldom a Baptist Church. Within six years the congregation began meeting in the present sanctuary. The local “White Mill,” also known as the Doane Manufacturing Company, was credited with building the edifice. In the late 1800s, there was a fire in the south end of the church and significant repair is still taking place. The 1938 hurricane did additional damage to the roof of the parsonage, the church’s chimney and doors. There was also massive destruction to the chapel building and carriage sheds. There are plans, in what is called Phase III, to repair the fire damage and reopen the balcony, restoring the church to its full beauty.

Genealogical Resources



Voluntown Town Hall: Pam Theroux, Voluntown’s Town Clerk, is ready to assist you at her facility. Her office is currently open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., but is closed Fridays. It is suggested that you call ahead at 860-376-4089 to request an appointment. Genealogical researchers need to bring their driver’s licenses and Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., membership cards (or membership cards from a society such as ours that is licensed to do business with the State of Connecticut) for identification.

The Town Hall holds a wealth of information for the researching genealogist. Not only are you able to locate the usual birth, marriage and death certificates, but may also inquire whether your ancestors had registered any pets or “ear marked” their cattle. Land and housing plots as well as voter registration and Veteran’s Discharge papers, are often overlooked when researching and writing family narratives.

Voluntown Public Library: The Voluntown Public Library, located at 107 Main Street, is a small and friendly structure staffed by a very helpful volunteer. As you might expect, the size of the community definitely affects the size of the library; however, the warmth and friendliness of its volunteers make any visiting researcher realize that he or she has found a place of welcome. Be sure to call before you visit, as the hours of operation vary. The facility is closed on Sunday. Call 860-376-0485 to confirm its hours of operation. The library has a surprising collection



of books and materials that will guide the researcher through the twists and tangles of Voluntown's history.

Voluntown Historical Society: The Voluntown Historical Society has a massive agenda, with its site committee identifying seven areas of the community that will receive its attention and preservation. It plans to identify, reclaim and restore the many historic areas in the town of Voluntown. Under the able direction of Jen Panko and her board members, the organization meets once a month at the Voluntown Elementary School to consider the various projects it is concentrating on. To reach Ms. Panko, contact the Voluntown Town Hall and leave a message.

A special thank you to Ms. Theroux and her staff at the Voluntown Town Hall, the helpful volunteer at the Voluntown Public Library, and Jen Panko who

ably and professionally manages the Voluntown Historical Society.

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Which is the Right Way to Write?

by Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG,
CSG # 3794.

This is a little quiz for those of you that are interested in writing your family history.

1. Where do the commas go?

- a. He was born at Salem, Mass., in 1650.
- b. He was born at Salem, Mass. in 1650.
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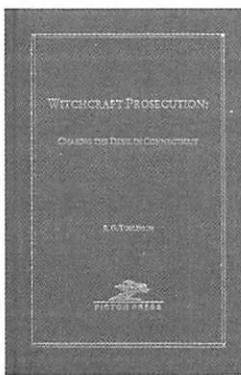
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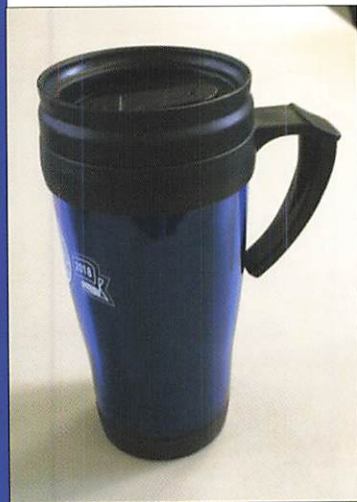
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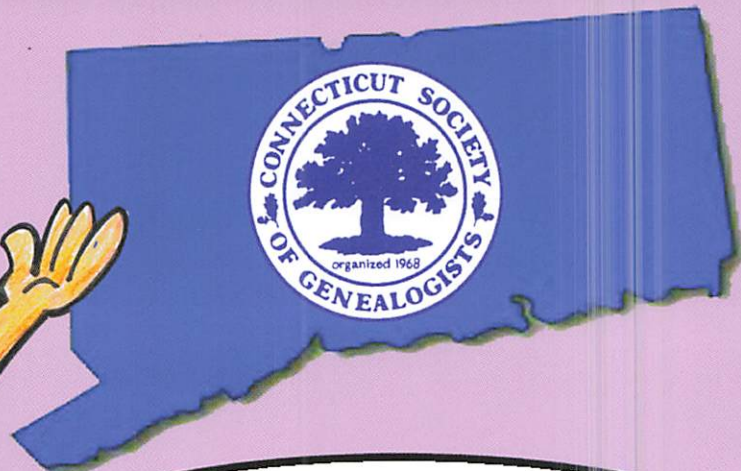
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President's Message



Recently I read an article about a city that was updating its antiquated information processing system at City Hall. This part may or may not be true, but an anecdote included within the article mentioned that the city had hired a new person for the

clerical staff who looked at a bulky machine on one of the desks and asked, "What's that?" Back in the ancient days of typewriters, aspiring typists would use various phrases to improve their skills and their WPM efficiency. That's "Words Per Minute."

The typing practice line was "Now is the time to come to the aid of our country." Typing students would type that over and over again. I wasn't a typing student, but my mother, my sister, and my aunt told me about the typing classes they took at the High School of Commerce in Springfield, Massachusetts. I would use the line to practice cursive writing. We'll talk about cursive in another article one of these days! Another phrase was, "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog." That ditty was a bit trickier because it uses almost every letter of the alphabet.

Back to "Now is the time." At our Annual Meeting in May, we elected a slate of officers. I offer my sincere thanks to all who came to the aid of our local genealogical society, CSG: Jenny Hawran, who is joining the Governing Board as Secretary; Judith Bowen, who is returning to the Board after a few years' absence, and Pauline Merrick and Keith Wilson who are new to the Board. I also want to express my sincere thanks to Don Naples, Olivia Patch, and Lisa Vasas, who agreed to be re-elected to the Board for an additional two terms; to Richard Roberts, Peg Limbacher, and Diane LeMay who were re-elected as Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer for one more year; and to Linda Carlson, Russell DeGrafft and Edwin W. Strickland II who will remain on the board.

Although we currently have a membership of over 2,100, many of our meetings are only attended by 30-40 members, sometimes less. Many of our members are not from Connecticut; not even from New England for that matter. Our Board's goal is to identify and implement ways for our "distant members" to participate more fully in the benefits of being a member of CSG. Were it not for these who have been elected and those who cheerfully volunteer their talents and abilities, we would be looking at

contraction rather than exploring opportunities for growth.

This is what is drawing attention to CSG. Our programs, our plans, but most importantly, our membership. I have many ideas as we grow: a smaller version of a NERGC conference centered around Connecticut; collaboration with other regional groups; for those interested in teaching or lecturing, offering them the opportunity to develop their own speaking skills and supporting them in their efforts to speak to regional societies; and there's more. Some of those ideas might even come to fruition.

No one does it alone; I have many people to thank and I don't think I do it enough. So here we go:

THANK YOU!

~ *Dave Robison, President*

Editorial

The editor and staff of *Connecticut Genealogy News* would like to welcome (or welcome back as the case may be) to the CSG Board of Governors, Judith Bowen, Jenny Hawran and Keith Wilson. We have included "Sources of Information" for Pauline Merrick (appointed to the Board in the Spring of 2018), Judith Bowen and Jenny Hawran, who give us a brief look into why they are into genealogy. We hope to include Keith Wilson's in an upcoming issue. Also, thank you to all the Board Members who were elected at the recent 50th Anniversary Celebration. We couldn't do this without you.

In this issue we will continue our series on "Connecticut Genealogical Pioneers" with an article on Donald Lines Jacobus. What an amazing person to have accomplished so much in his lifetime for the field of genealogy...and from such a young age! Thank you Richard Roberts for that insight into Jacobus' life and also for the preview of the featured 2019 NERGC speakers. Our thanks go out to Russell DeGrafft for shining our spotlight on the Connecticut Town of Salem and for faithfully writing book reviews which we hope will be of interest to you.

Don't miss our highlights of the 50th Anniversary Celebration in this issue. A great time was had by all. We looked back on the last 50 years and saw how far we've come since 1968. We caught up with old friends and made new ones. Walter Woodward and The Band of Steady Habits shared with us the history of our great State of Connecticut through music. The next 50 years will be even better.

~ *Stephanie Hyland, Editor*

Connecticut Genealogical Pioneers: Donald Lines Jacobus

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680

Over the past few years *Connecticut Genealogy News* has included articles on a number of “Connecticut Genealogical Pioneers” including Lucius B. Barbour, Charles R. Hale, Charles Dyer Parkhurst, Frank Farnsworth Starr, and Charles William Manwaring. We now turn to one of our state’s most significant genealogical pioneers, Donald Lines Jacobus, considered by many to be the “Dean” of Connecticut Genealogists.



Donald Lines Jacobus was born October 3, 1887 in New Haven, the son of John Ira and Ida Wilmot (Lines) Jacobus. Even as a child he had an interest in history and genealogy. In May 1900, when he was 12 years old, the *New Haven Register* published a genealogical essay in which, as he stated in his introduction,

Jacobus attempted to “prove that Inachus, the old mythological patriarch, is identical with Nachor’or Nahor, the brother of Abraham, and son of Terah.” He even mentioned the sources he had utilized: Smith’s *Classical Dictionary*, Anderson’s *Royal Genealogies*, Totten’s *Studies*, I, IV and V, and Lavoisine’s *Genealogical and Historical Tables*. In June 1902 at the graduation exercises of Hopkins Grammar School he was recognized “for excellence in knowledge in Latin grammar and Caesar.”

Donald earned a B.A. from Yale in 1908 (his classmate Walter Goodwin Davis, Jr., of Maine was Secretary of the Class and became a noted genealogist in his own right) and an M.A. in 1911. While still an undergraduate, Jacobus’ “The Wilmot Family of New Haven, Conn.” was published in the January 1905 issue of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* and “Notes on the Family of Henry Bristol” was published in the April 1905 issue. While at Yale he also wrote the words to a song,

“Sons of Eli,” published by the Treat and Shepard Co. of New Haven. The chorus:

Oh, we are jolly comrades, so give us a
rousing cheer lads,

Here’s to the blue and the friendships true,
and Mother Yale so dear lads;

It gives us joy old friends to greet, as we
again together meet

Come all the cup, then raise it up, and drink
to Mother Yale.

From 1912 to 1917 he worked as Secretary of the New Haven Building and Loan Association but spent his spare time continuing to compile information on New Haven’s early families. He also published a book of poems in 1914.

On February 23, 1917 Jacobus responded to Connecticut’s Military Census. At that time he gave his address as “26 Court Street” [New Haven] and his profession as “Genealogist.” He gave his age as 29 4/12, his height as five feet 9 1/2 inches, and his weight as 135. He indicated that he had experience with clerical work, bookkeeping, and farming and could handle a team of horses; however, he could not ride a horse or drive an automobile and was not a good swimmer.

Donald’s father, John Ira Jacobus, had died on January 13, 1912. Donald never married and provided for his mother until her death on February 27, 1952. In turn, she assisted him in the transcription of vital records and headstone inscriptions and by reviewing printer’s proofs of his articles and publications. In May, 1918, as he prepared to enter the Army, he made an unusual arrangement with the Connecticut Historical Society. He presented “his extensive collection of genealogical compilations and copies of vital records, principally of the towns of New Haven County” to the Society as a gift but with the stipulation that “during the lifetime of the donor’s mother a fee ‘of one dollar per hour or



**Ida W. L. Jacobus
and Donald Lines Jacobus, June 1899**

fraction of an hour' shall be charged by the Society for their use, and the amount received it to be paid to Mrs. Jacobus." Another provision was that "Mr. Jacobus shall have the privilege of temporarily removing any of these records from the custody of the society for the purpose of amplifying and correcting them."

Donald was inducted into the Army on May 23, 1918. He was assigned to the 26th Company, 152d Depot Brigade at Camp Upton on Long Island until June 17, 1918; then at Camp Hancock near Augusta, Georgia with the 37th Provisional Ordnance Depot Company. He embarked from Newport News, Virginia on the *America* on July 31, 1918 and arrived at Brest, France on August 12. He was a file clerk at the Base Ordnance Office at Saint-Nazaire, France from January 1 to April 5, 1919 and head of the Mail Service in Saint-Nazaire from April 5 to May 31. He arrived at Hoboken, New Jersey on the *Santa Rosa* on September 23, 1919 and was honorably discharged from service at Camp Dix, New Jersey on October 4, 1919. [See Military Record on page 5.]

In July 1922 he established the *New Haven Genealogical Magazine*, which, in 1932 became *The American Genealogist and New Haven Genealogical Magazine*. In 1937 the title was shortened to *The American Genealogist*. He served as the periodical's editor and publisher until 1966. The first nine volumes, covering some 35,000 residents of seventeenth and eighteenth century New Haven, Connecticut and which he dedicated to his mother, Ida Wilmot (Lines) Jacobus,

were reprinted in three volumes as *Families of Ancient New Haven* by the Genealogical Publishing Company (GPC) in 1974.

Between 1930-1940 he prepared the three-volume *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield* for the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter (Fairfield, Connecticut), Daughters of the American Revolution. The first two volumes were reprinted as three volumes by GPC in 1976. The original third volume, covering Fairfield's Revolutionary War records, was reprinted by GPC in 2004 with the title *Revolutionary War Records of Fairfield Conn.* Although "History" appears prominently in the title, it should be noted that the work is a "history" of families compiled from earlier manuscript genealogies, vital records, church records, probate records, and gravestone inscriptions, not a history of the town.

In 1930 Jacobus published *Genealogy as Pastime and Profession*, outlining the basic principles of genealogical research including use of primary sources, evaluation of evidence, and documentation and citation of sources. His *Index to Genealogical Periodicals* was initially published between 1932 and 1953; a second edition, revised, with introduction by Milton Rubicom was published by GPC in 1968, and a revised edition, prepared by Carl Boyer III, was published by Picton Press in 1995.

During Connecticut's Tercentenary, in 1936, Jacobus compiled the *List of Officials, Civil, Military, and Ecclesiastical of Connecticut Colony from March, 1636 through 11 October 1677* on behalf of the Connecticut Society, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America. A review in the February 2, 1936 issue of the *Hartford Courant* suggested that it was "not a book to appeal to the cursory general reader, but of interest and importance to the student of state history." He contributed an article on "Connecticut's Colonial Committee System" for the January 1938 issue of the *Connecticut Bar Journal*.

The many family genealogies of which he was author, co-author, or editor include *The Pardee Genealogy* (1927); *The Bulkeley Genealogy* (1933); *A History of the Seymour Family* (1939); *The Waterman Family* (1939-1954); *The Granberry Family and Allied Families* (1945); *The Genealogy of the Kimberly*

Donald Lines Jacobus' Military Record

WAR RECORD

Inducted into service or enlisted on May 23, 1918, at New Haven, Conn

as a private

in the Infantry section of

the National Army

Identification number _____

Assigned originally to 26th 152nd Depot Brigade

(or) _____ at Camp Upton

Trained or stationed before going to Europe: —

School, camp, station, ship	From (date)	to (date)
<u>Camp Upton</u>	<u>May 24, 1918</u>	<u>June 1918</u>
<u>Camp Hancock</u>	<u>June 1918</u>	<u>July 1918</u>

Transferred to: —

Company	Regiment	Division	Ship	Date	New Location
<u>37 P. O. D.</u>		<u>Ordnance</u>			<u>Camp Hancock</u>

Promoted: —

From (rank)	to (rank)	Date

Embarked from Newport News, Va. on America

July 31, 1918 and arrived at Brest, France, Aug 12, 1918

Proceeded from Brest to Mehun Aug 1918

From Mehun to Jonchery (A.O.D.#4) Sept 6, 1918

From Jonchery to St. Nazaire Dec 17, 1918

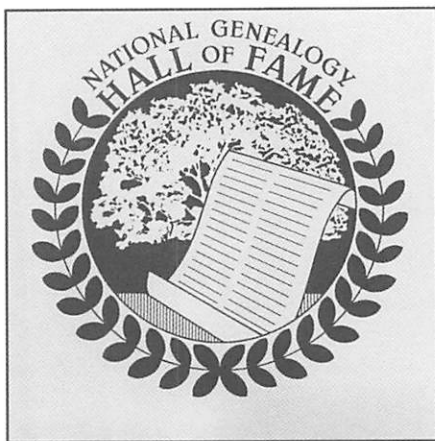
Trained or stationed abroad: —

Country	Place	From (date)	to (date)
<u>France</u>	<u>St. Nazaire</u>	<u>Tick Clerk, Base Ordnance Office</u>	<u>Jan. 1 - to Apr. 5, 1919</u>
<u>England</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Head of Mail Sec., "</u>	<u>Apr. 5 to May 31 "</u>
<u>France</u>	<u>St. Nazaire</u>	<u>Convoyer</u>	<u>May 31 to June 16 "</u>
		<u>on convoy orders to the U.S.</u>	<u>June 20 to Sept. 11 "</u>

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.

Family (1950); *Hale, House, and Related Families: Mainly on the Connecticut River Valley* (1950); and *The Shepard Families of New England* (1971-1973). He assisted with the completion of volumes 7 and 8 of *The History of Woodstock, Connecticut: Genealogies of Woodstock Families*.

Over the years, Jacobus experienced difficulties both in obtaining subscribers and articles of sufficient quality for *The American Genealogist*. Seeking an organization to take over publication of the journal led him to propose a professional genealogical society with an honorary component. In December 1940 Arthur Adams, John Insley Coddington, and Meridith Colkett began the process of forming such a society, leading to the formation of the American Society of Genealogists. Jacobus was elected as the fourth Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists (FASG) in 1941; in 1972 that society established the Donald Lines Jacobus Award “to encourage sound scholarship in genealogical writing,” which is “presented to a model genealogy published within the previous five years.” Although ASG ultimately did not take on *The American Genealogist*, since 1997 it has owned and published another prestigious journal, *The Genealogist*, founded by Neil D. Thompson in 1980. After 96 years, *The American Genealogist* continues as an independent journal featuring articles reflecting careful research and analysis.



Jacobus was a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, serving on its Committee on Publications for several years, and an honorary member of the National Genealogical Society; in 1986 he was elected as the first member of the National Genealogy Hall of Fame. He was an Honorary Director of the New Haven Colony Historical Society, now the New Haven Museum. From 1949-1953 he was consulting

genealogist for the Connecticut Society, Colonial Dames. He is the Connecticut Society of Genealogists' member #1 (honorary).

Donald Lines Jacobus died October 7, 1970 in New Haven, four days after his 83rd birthday. A memorial service (which he had written) was held October 28, 1970 at the New Haven Colony Historical Society. It included the reading of several poems, “a catalogue of his likes and loves,” and selections from the Book of Ecclesiastes and Paul’s Letters to the Corinthians read by prominent genealogists John Insley Coddington, George E. McCracken, and Carroll Alton Means, a noted collector of Valentines and a Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Connecticut. Although his parents are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery, New Haven, Find A Grave shows Donald’s burial location as “unknown.”

The bulk of Jacobus’ papers are held by the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford. Articles and reports were separated from correspondence and are included within the Society’s family files. The correspondence files are organized by correspondent and within each correspondent by date and include both Jacobus’s carbon copies and the correspondent’s original letters, so it is possible to follow entire “conversations”. Barbara Mathews, a professional genealogist who has worked with the Jacobus papers, reports that “One of my favorite conversations in here is the one in which Jacobus and George Clarke Bryant [another member of the NGS Hall of Fame] figure out how many George Clarks lived in Milford at the beginning. They sort out farmers and deacons and juniors and seniors. There were town records and deeds and vital records and church records and probate records to read and assess. It is truly fascinating reading this conversation over their shoulders. The conclusions were published in Bryant’s Clark book [*Deacon George Clarke(e) of Milford, Connecticut, and Some of His Descendants*] and are clear and concise there. What you don’t realize is that it took two great minds nearly a year to figure out.” She also notes that the correspondence reveals much about Jacobus’ ability to deal with difficult people: in negotiating disagreements, “His calm, his careful fact-checking, and explanations took the onus away from confrontation and put the focus on working things through in the most truthful way possible.”

Additional Jacobus materials are held by the New Haven Museum, including papers relating to the

Bradley, Beach, Dayton, and other families. Of special significance are research material and the original manuscript of *The Shepard Families in New England*. A finding aid is available at <http://www.newhavenmuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/MSS-101.pdf>.

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Family - a Link to the Past &



a Bridge to the Future

15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference

The 15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference, "Family - a Link to the Past & a Bridge to the Future," will be held 3-6 April 2019 in Manchester, New Hampshire. The Connecticut Society of Genealogists is a Participating Society.

Manchester is a vibrant city with world class entertainment at the Southern New Hampshire University Arena, one block from the host hotel. The mill district along the riverfront offers museums, relaxation at spas, and fine dining at well-known restaurants. Live music and nightlife is featured at Irish, Mexican, Asian, and American establishments an easy walk from the Conference hotel (currently the Radisson, but which will become a Doubletree by Hilton by the time of the Conference).

The Conference Committee is planning special tracks and other events on Wednesday, regular conference presentations on Thursday through Saturday, as well as the Exhibit Hall, Ancestors Road Show, Society Fair, and other events.

The 15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference is being held at the Manchester Downtown Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Radisson) situated just one hour north of Boston; one hour west of Portsmouth; two hours north of Providence; two and a half hours north of Springfield and Hartford; and three hours south of Burlington. Hotel reservations are now open. Rooms are available at the conference rate from Tuesday evening, April 2 through Sunday night, April 7. Room reservations need to be made through the Manchester Downtown Doubletree Hotel, (603) 625-1000, and not through Hilton. Anyone who has already made reservations through Hilton are asked to cancel and re-book through Manchester Downtown.

Manchester Downtown Doubletree Hotel

700 Elm Street
Manchester, NH 03101
Telephone: (603) 625-1000
Conference Rate: \$164.00 single/double; \$174.00 triple; \$184.00 quad.
Check-in 3:00 p.m. Check-out 11:00 a.m.

Please note that these room rates include a \$10.00 rebate per room-night payable to NERGC to help offset conference expenses.

Use the name of our organization, "NERGC" to secure the rate when you make your reservations. Parking is \$12.00 per night for overnight parking or \$6.00 per day (until midnight) without in and out privileges for commuters. Parking tickets must be validated at NERGC's registration desk to receive the discounted rate.

Featured Speakers



Blaine Bettinger

Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., has been a genealogist for nearly 30 years and has specialized in DNA evidence since his first DNA test in 2003. He is the author of the long-running blog *The Genetic Genealogist* and frequently gives presentations and webinars to educate others about the use of DNA to explore their ancestry. He is the author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing* and *Genetic Genealogy*, and co-author with Debbie Parker Wayne of the award-winning *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, the world's first genetic genealogy workbook.



Dr. Thomas Jones, PhD

Tom has been pursuing his ancestry since 1963. For the first twenty years he was clueless about what he was trying to accomplish and how to do it. When he started climbing the genealogy learning curve, he repeatedly experienced the challenges, joys, and rewards of tracing ancestors reliably and fully understanding their lives. Tom eventually became an award-winning writer, board-certified genealogist, editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, recipient of honors from genealogical organizations, and author of the textbooks *Mastering Genealogical Proof* and *Mastering Genealogical Documentation*. Using his nearly lifelong career in education as a springboard, he enjoys teaching at weeklong genealogy institutes, weekend seminars, and local, national, and international genealogy conferences.



Cyndi Ingle

Cyndi Ingle is the owner and webmaster of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet, www.CyndisList.com, a categorized index to over 336,000 online resources. In its 21 years online, Cyndi's List has consistently remained in the top tiers for genealogical research tools online. It is an award-winning site which helps millions of visitors worldwide. It has been featured by the History Channel web site and in the media and several publications, including ABC News, NBC News, *USA Today*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Parade Magazine*, *Wired*, *Family Tree Magazine*, *Family Chronicle*, and *Internet Genealogy* magazines. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 37 years, is the recipient of the 2016 National Genealogical Society President's Citation. She is a past-member of the Board of Directors for the National Genealogical Society. Cyndi is a nationally known guest lecturer for various genealogical society meetings and seminars (www.CyndisList.com/speaking-calendar/). Cyndi is the author of a best-selling book for genealogical research on the Internet titled, *Netting Your Ancestors*. She is also author of another book, a printed version of her web site, *Cyndi's List*. Her latest book is *Planting Your Family Tree Online: How To Create Your Own Family History Web Site*. Cyndi and her son, Evan, live in Edgewood, Washington.

REGISTRATION FOR NERGC 2019
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www.facebook.com/NERGC
<http://nergc.blogspot.com/>

SOURCES of Information

Judith Bowen, *CSG Board of Governors*

Judith (Briggs) Bowen has been working on her family's history since 1976 and has been a member of NEHGS since 1984. She has roots in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire as well as Lower Canada, Ohio and finally Wisconsin where her Briggs ancestors settled as lumberman and land owners after leaving Maine. Recently, she has become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution with three patriots and a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants as a descendant of John Howland. Currently, she is working on a second article for the NEHGS *Register* and is developing plans to create a project that identifies all the descendants of David Briggs to her father's generation. Her other genealogical interests are focused on her mother's Irish Catholic ancestors who immigrated to the U.S. in the 1850s.

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WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?

I first became interested in genealogy during the U.S. Bicentennial when I was living in an 1840 house in Massachusetts and then received family photos, family bibles and papers from my father.

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WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?

My favorite sources for genealogical information are Familysearch.org and Ancestry.com. Many (but not all) records in state and federal archives are now online.

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WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS YOU HAVE LEARNED DURING YOUR CAREER?

To stand up for what I believe in and to respect the work of others.

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WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST BRICKWALL AND HOW DID YOU OVERCOME IT?

My biggest brick wall was identifying the parents of my third great-grandfather, Daniel Briggs, born about 1784. I solved it by assembling and analyzing all the information I had gathered over the years. I put it into an article in the *Register* which demonstrated that the preponderance of the evidence warranted the conclusion that his parents were David Briggs, born 1749, who married Hannah Briggs in Halifax, Massachusetts.

SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.

PERSEVERANCE.

SOURCES of Information

Jenny Hawran, CSG Secretary

Jenny Hawran has been researching her genealogy for almost 25 years and has deep roots in Connecticut's first town - Windsor. She has a degree in Journalism from Southern Connecticut State University and is certified in web design. She is currently enrolled in the Boston University program for Genealogical Research to become a better researcher and family historian. She is the Volunteer Information Specialist for Windsor's Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter of the DAR, a member of the NGS and The Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor. She is a two-year Ambassador at RootsTech, and the owner of the blog, www.like-herding-cats.com. When she is not chasing ancestors, Jenny is the Executive Director of Windsor Community Television. She and her husband, Fred, live in Windsor and have raised three incredible, creative, and family history-oriented daughters, Sara, Katie and Michelle.



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WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?

I become interested at age 15 when my grandfather showed me photos from the 1870s of our ancestors. I thought it was SO cool to see someone who looked so much like my sister. It was like a lightning bolt hit me that these people were a part of me. It was fascinating to me.

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WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS YOU HAVE LEARNED DURING YOUR CAREER?

Although I don't have a career as a professional genealogist yet, I do a fair amount of private assistance for family and friends on their genealogy. The biggest lesson I have learned is that you need to be kind when you discover something in a lineage that may be awkward or sensitive. The thrill of discovery should never take over being a kind, human being to descendants who have new information to process that may be unsettling.

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WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?

Lately, my favorite archive is the Windsor Historical Society Archives along with the Town of Windsor Town Hall archives. I've been delving into my Windsor roots and the amount of records, newspapers and documents available to me right up the road has been incredible. The personal service of a small archives is unmatched.

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WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST BRICKWALL AND HOW DID YOU OVERCOME IT?

My great-grandfather disappeared in 1911 from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He left behind a wife and four little girls. For 99 years, no one could find any trace of him. In 2010, at 3 a.m., I was searching in a new Ancestry database of California Death Indexes. Up popped my great-grandfather in 1942. Same name, but different birthdate and birthplace. Months of research later proved that this was, indeed, my great-grandfather who had been hiding in plain site for 40+ years by changing his birthdate and place. Even further research showed my great-grandmother had actually filed for divorce in 1913. That was a huge revelation to the family. There is much more to the story that I discovered...but that is for another time to share!

SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.

SURPRISING.

SOURCES of Information

Pauline Merrick, *CSG Board of Governors*

Pauline Merrick holds BSBA in Accounting. She has worked in the business world for the last 25+ years. At the same time, she has been studying methods of genealogy; attending classes and seminars, enjoying genealogical conferences, and learning through hours and hours of research in libraries and archives. She started taking clients in 2014. She has submitted articles to journals and published a full genealogical work in 2015. Her experience lies mainly in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York research, and making the most of online resources. Interpretation and correlation of records is key to proving a family line, a skill she has much experience in. DNA for genealogy has fascinated her for several years, and she has planned DNA research and assisted others in interpreting their results. For information about her book or samples of her work go to her website at <https://bmdbeyondne.com>.



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WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?

I grew up immersed in genealogy. My paternal grandmother lived in the home that her grandfather built just after the Civil War, and it was filled with family memorabilia. In addition, her mother-in-law was quite interested in the family history, and made numerous lists of family ties. My real genealogical journey began when I started to explore my mother's side of the family, about 25 years ago.

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WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?

The Connecticut State Library is where I do most of my research. My forebears have been in Connecticut since the early days of the Colony, and there are always new avenues to explore.

SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.

CONNECTICUT.

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WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS YOU HAVE LEARNED DURING YOUR CAREER?

Verify, Cite, and Write! Make sure that the records of your ancestor's life make a complete picture, without explainable deviations. Keep track of where that information came from. Write up your original research and publish it – that is the only way to let others know how you came to your conclusions about your family history.

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WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST BRICKWALL AND HOW DID YOU OVERCOME IT?

I have not yet found any real brick walls in my own family. My husband's family is a different story. His mother never knew any of her grandparents, and the available records were incomplete. We found her roots through DNA testing, and communicating with matches. Hubby's DNA results showed a surprising percentage of European Jewish, and we have concluded that his paternal grandfather is not his biological grandfather. We are closing in on a solution, again using DNA, building family trees, and learning new research techniques.



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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.

*Webinars may be available to members only. Watch Connecticut Genealogy News and the CSG website at www.csginc.org for more on upcoming webinars.

Summer Thursdays:

DNA Boot Camp - July 12th, July 19th, July 26th,
August 2nd, August 9th & August 16th

See flyer on page 15 for session topics.

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

Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday evenings as indicated.

15 September - "S.O.S: Save, Organize, Share"

Tammy Kirby will help you think of ways to save all your memories, from printed to digital by looking at all different options that are out there for saving your photos.

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

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

21 October - Annual Family History Seminar "Researching at 3 a.m."

"Comparing the Genealogy Giants: Ancestry, Family Search, Findmypast, and My Heritage," a Webinar by Sunny Morton; "Using the National Archives and Library of Congress Websites for Genealogy," Bryna O'Sullivan; "Connecticut State Library Databases," Barbara Austen; "Find Your Connecticut Family in Online Newspapers," Janeen Bjork.

Place: Four Points Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT

Time: Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Cost: TBA

See the inside back cover for registration form and more details.

17 November - "Getting Started with Jewish Genealogy" presented by Linda Carlson and co-sponsored by Kehilat Chaverim.

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

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Save the dates for CSG's programs in 2019 to be announced soon.

16 February

16 March

**3-6 April - See you at the 2019 NERGC
conference in Manchester, NH.**

18 May - Annual Meeting

CSG News

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership for the 2018-2019 year.

From the Government Relations Committee:

HB 5408, introduced during the 2018 session of the Connecticut General Assembly, would have made it possible for adults adopted prior to October 1, 1983 and their children or grandchildren to obtain an uncertified copy of the original birth certificate. The bill received a public hearing, was reported out of the Judiciary Committee, the Appropriations Committee and the Legislative Commissioners' Office. It made it as far as being placed on the House Calendar during the final hectic days of the 2018 session, however never made it to the floor for a vote.

Connecticut residents with an interest in having a similar bill introduced during the 2019 session may wish to contact their State Representative or Senator. See <https://www.cga.ct.gov/> and scroll down to "Find Your Legislators."

From the Library Committee

Just acquired from author William Stanco "Additional Information Related to the book, *The Stanco and Petricone Families: The Ancestors of William Stanco -2003,*" We have the book in our library. Come in and check it out.

The CSG Library also has Ancestry.com and Fold3 available for patrons' use in the library. The library and office are open Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

From the CSG Literary Awards Committee

The deadline for both the Literary Awards Book contest and the "Tell Your Family Story" Essay contest is 15 July 2018. For more information, entry rules and forms, please go to www.csginc.org and click on Awards or contact the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 or email csginc@csginc.org.

- The "Richard G. Tomlinson" Grand Prize for the overall best book entry is \$500!
- We also offer two First Place prizes of \$250 each for the overall best Family History (Brainerd T. Peck Award) and the overall best Genealogical Resource Publication (not yet named).
- The prize for the overall best essay is \$100.

From the Technology Committee

We appreciate the patience of all our members as we continue work on our new website. We have found that some are still able to access our old website. If your computer is set to save your passwords or auto-complete, any login you had for the old or the new website will no longer work.

The entire new website, except for the "Members" tab is now open to the public. For members to access back issues of *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, *Connecticut Genealogy News*, the Special Publication/Webinar menu item or to renew your membership, you have to let your cursor hover over the Members tab and a menu with those items will drop down. Click on the one you want. The next page will ask you for a password.

A new password went into effect on 1 May 2018 and are being sent out with membership cards. A special mailing was sent to those who received their membership card prior to the new password going into effect. Please do not share this password with anyone, as some of the content we will be putting up, such as the webinars, are under a members-only restriction. Each year we will send out a new password along with the membership cards. While members may renew at any time, the official dues renewal season is between February and April. If you are renewing after 30 April and want to do so online, please contact the CSG Office for the password. All reinstating members need to contact the CSG Office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CSG Office.

About the Cover

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Donald Lines Jacobus at age 6.

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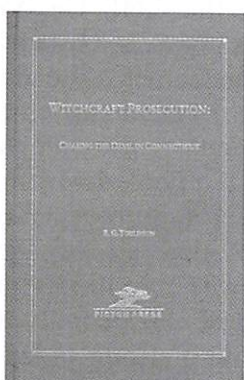
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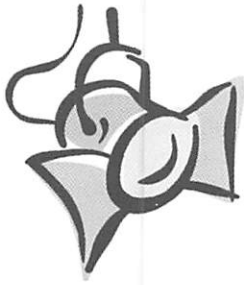
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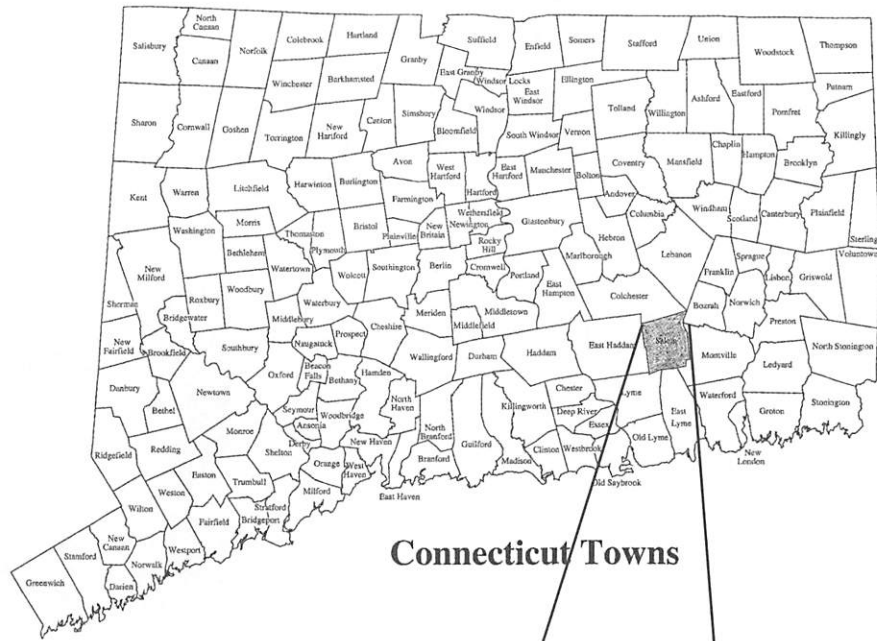


Spotlight on Salem

by Russell DeGrafft,
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History of Salem

According to a brief history of the town, Salem's origins go far deeper than her incorporation in 1819. Though settled by Europeans as early as 1664, the original land was called Paugwonk, a name affiliated with a Mohegan tribe that settled near what is now called Fairy Lake. Until 1775, the land was used as primary hunting grounds for the Mohegan tribe. The land comprising today's Salem was held by both Lyme and Colchester. The two towns eventually decided to sell off portions of their lands to various patrons. In Colchester 1,500 acres was acquired by Colonel Samuel Browne, a "transplant" from Salem, Massachusetts in 1775, who was given permission by officials to establish his land holdings as New Salem. Browne's land holdings were forfeited to the State of Connecticut in 1779 with smaller segments deeded to small farm owners. Finally, in 1819, the boundaries of Salem were fixed, and the town was incorporated.



Connecticut Towns

Salem



Hiram Bingham III

Notable People from Salem

Hiram Bingham III, a long-time town resident and United States Senator, was also an adventurer and explorer who rediscovered Machu Picchu in Peru in 1911. He retrieved artifacts for Yale University, which in 2010, returned many items to Cusco, Peru.

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Daryl Blonder, another long-time resident of Salem was rather young when he died. He is noted for his acting ability and as a published author. He died at the age of thirty-one. Daryl was a person intensely interested in politics and was proud to be called a Libertarian.

Samuel M. Hopkins was a United States Representative from New York. Born in Salem, he graduated from Yale College in 1791 where he studied law. He was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in LeRoy, New York in 1793 before moving to New York City.

Ik Marvel, a pseudonym for Donald Grant Mitchell, was a published poet who lived in Salem. His home is still standing and is considered one of the historical homes worthy of visitation.

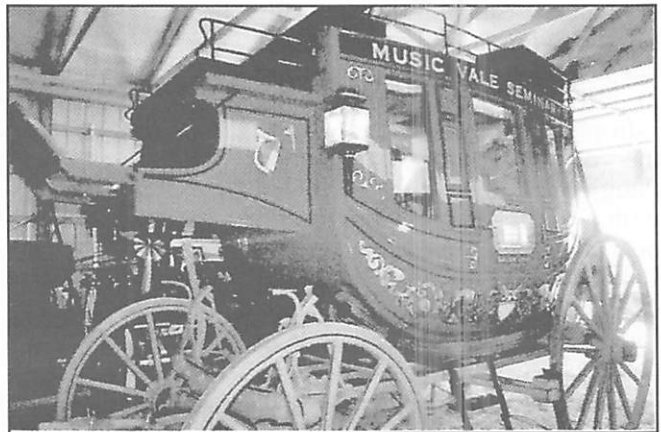
Rachel Robinson, born 19 July 1922 in California, aside from being the widow of baseball great Jackie Robinson, is a nurse and a professor. She has held the positions of Assistant Professor at Yale School of Nursing and later the Director of Nursing at Connecticut Mental Health Center. She incorporated, and served as president for ten years of, the Jackie Robinson Development Corporation, which is a real estate development company for low to moderate income housing. She also founded the Jackie Robinson Foundation which provides education and leadership opportunities for minorities. She co-authored *Jackie Robinson, An Intimate Portrait*. She has been awarded the Commissioner's Historic Achievement Award by Commissioner Bud Selig; the UCLA Medal from Chancellor Gene Block; twelve honorary doctorates; the Candace Award for Distinguished Service from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women; the Equitable Life Black Achiever's Award; the Associated Black Charities Black History Makers Award and also the Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award from the Baseball Hall of Fame. She currently resides in Salem.

Places and Events of Interest

Looking for a new place to camp or fish? Try Salem! There are several campgrounds and fishing spots that will attempt to entice you to sample their facilities. Witch Meadow Lake Campground is centrally located in Salem, on Witch Meadow Road. Seems like a bit of tongue-in-cheek humor here as Salem, Connecticut borrows their name and scary reputation from Salem, Massachusetts. The folks at Witch Meadow are definitely family oriented, providing lakeside entertainment for youngsters as well as the "young at heart." If you want to concentrate on your fishing skills, the Fairy Lake fishing map

contains information about the very best fishing spots this lake has to offer as well as the nearby cottages, campgrounds and bait and tackle shop. The map also shows hotspots where fishing junkies have caught lunkers and posted photos and stories. Subscribe to the latest newsletter to get the hottest deals, latest news and photos sent to your inbox.

On the way to historic Salem is Natures Art Village one of the fastest growing tourist attractions in Connecticut. The huge dinosaur-themed maze, New England's largest splash pad, a Jurassic moon bounce, panning for gold, and the fossil quarry are just a few of the exciting adventures awaiting the adventurous. If shopping is also your interest, the many shops on the site displaying everything from gemstone jewelry to antiques from yesteryear will more than tantalize the visitor. The PAST Antiques Marketplace is proud to be Yankee Magazine's 2014 Editor's Choice "Best Antique Shop."

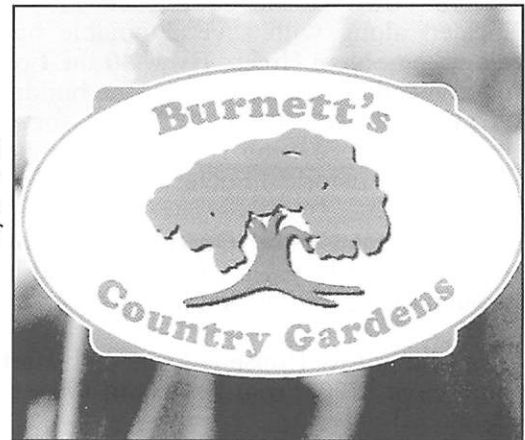


Music Vale Road is a quick but definite stop on any explorer's journey. Although nothing is currently on the site but a barn and a state-sponsored historical marker, it marks the location of the former Music Vale Seminary. Salem became a well-known location upon the founding of Framed Whittles Music Vale Seminary in 1835. Students of the school learned music but also embraced farming for their own sustenance. Pianofortes were manufactured about two miles up the Hartford and New London Turnpike, just north from the seminary, by the seminary founder and his two brothers. Now located at this site is the fire house and Maple Shade General Store. The seminary burned down and was rebuilt, but when Mr. Whittler died it was the beginning of the end for the school. When it burned down again, shortly after Mr. Whittler's death, it was never rebuilt. A beautifully reproduced Music Vale Concord Coach, named Bluebird, was featured in an extensive newspaper article in 2014 and is a highlight of the Memorial Day Parade, held each year, weather permitting, in Salem. Dave Wordell, an avid lover of history, commissioned this Civil War-Era coach by

contacting an Amish Mennonite in New Holland, PA, and thus after two years of intensive research, Bluebird was born.

Horse Pond, just south of Salem Four Corners, off Route 85, has been the site of many horse-related incidents and legends. This thirteen-acre lake, mostly surrounded by state forest, is also an excellent fishing area and has ample off-road parking. Legend says that a young man and the daughter of a local chief rode their horse off a cliff into the pond to avoid being caught together. The cliff became known as Lovers Leap. A 1969 report from the Salem Historical Society said that on moonlit nights, the pond shimmers like the mane of the white horse the couple rode to their deaths. This is an excellent spot to stop, picnic and throw in a fishing line.

Originally established in 1984, Salem Country Gardens began as a family-operated roadside stand selling plants. In 2012, the name was changed to Burnett's Country Gardens and it has since grown into one of the largest garden centers in Connecticut and one of Salem's unofficial landmarks.



In 1725 the General Assembly authorized that a tax be levied for the support of a church. The following year two acres were deeded on what is called Music Vale Road on which to place a church, burial ground and training field. This site was home to two separate buildings before it reached its final resting place on the Salem Town Green. The Salem Congregational Church has cycled between times of want and prosperity, with membership to match. Much of this was due to dramatic reductions in the town's population prior to World War II. Now the Congregational Church of Salem is vibrant and active with many families worshipping together.

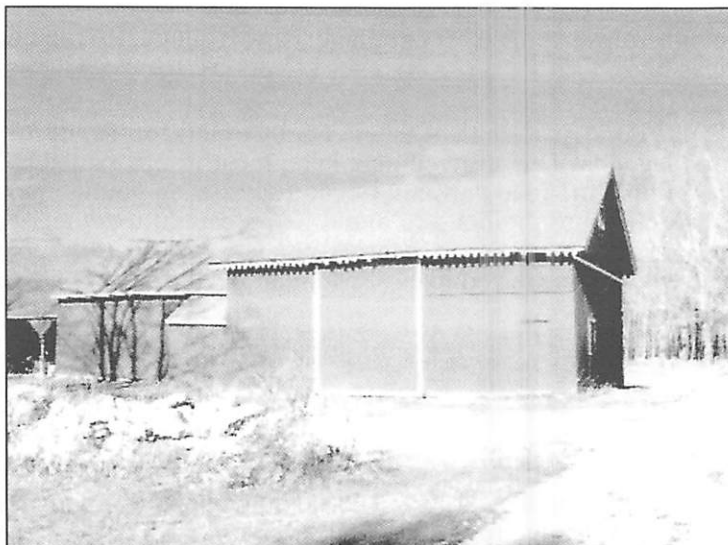
The annual Apple Festival is always held on the last Saturday of the month during October, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until they sell out. The organizer suggests it's a good idea to arrive on time. The festival started in 1969 as a way to pay off the church's mortgage. Residents and many others fill the Town Green to take part in one of the town's most treasured traditions.

Old Structures Worth a Visit

Salem Congregational Church Parsonage is a Greek Revival house built in 1856. Located at 244 Hartford Road in Salem, it has experienced some modern touches in recent years.

Austin O. Gallup House, dated to 1840, was purchased in 1851 by Judge Austin O. Gallup. It is a Greek Revival house and farm at 320 Hartford Road. A later generation of the family opened the Salem Herb Farm on the acreage in 1997.

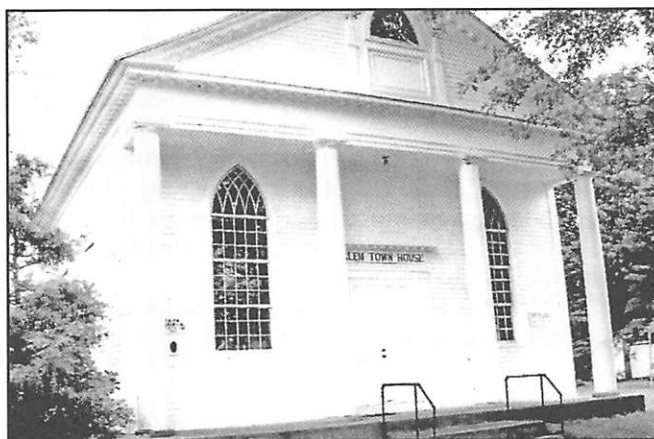
The Music Vale Seminary Barn, mentioned earlier, was built in 1849 and is typical of an English barn; also, a type called a side-entry, or eave barn, known as a “thirty by forty,” based on its dimensions; a “Yankee Barn,” or a “Connecticut Barn.” The music school’s large barn played an important role for the institution. It supplied animals and crops to the students. The barn is now part of what is known as the Music Vale Farm.



Salem Town House dates back 1749 and is located along with several notable buildings along the Salem Green. By 1840 the Episcopal church had closed. Soon after the building was acquired by the Town of Salem for general meetings. Since 1969 it has been the home of the Salem Historical Society.

The Ancient Central District Schoolhouse was built in 1885 and joins a number of other historic buildings on the town Green. This old building is now home of the Grange. A new school was built around the year 1940 and has received many expansions.

The Simon Ray House is located on Hartford Road, at the corner of Round Hill Road. The house was built circa 1750. From 1890 until 1903, the Ray House served as the Salem Post Office.



Genealogical Resources

The Salem Town Hall is located at 280 Hartford Road on the Town Green and ably staffed by Linda Flugrad, CCTC, the Town Clerk and Registrar of Vital Records. She may be reached by telephone at 860-859-3873, extensions 5, 170, and 180. It is always wise to call ahead for an appointment, and be sure to bring your Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. membership card and your driver’s license for identification purposes. The Town Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed on Friday. Ms. Flugrad can help you untangle all of those road

blocks that crop up when you are writing your family history. Did your ancestors own 100 acres of farm land or 1,000? Did they register to vote? Did they own livestock or pay taxes? She and her staff can assist you in locating the answers.

The Salem Historical Society is located along Route 85, on the Town Green and is free and open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. It is usually staffed from Memorial Day into the month of October. Historical Society President, Dave Wordell, spear-heads the many activities of this ambitious organization. The Society is dedicated to the preservation of Salem’s unique history including Music Vale Seminary, their fine artists and so much more of the community’s fascinating history.



In the 1980s, the Salem Historical Society held a strawberry festival to raise money for renovations to its building on the town green. More than thirty years later, the festival and specifically its strawberry shortcake are a Salem staple and part of their Memorial Day parade. Residents come every year for the strawberry treats and delicious ice cream sundaes. To this day the money raised at this event is used to preserve Salem's heritage. This is a fun activity for the whole family.

The Salem Free Public Library is a modernistic structure located at 264 Hartford Road. It is worth a short visit to view their small collection of Salem's history. This is also a spot for you to sit, relax and organize your notes and thinking in a quiet environment. This very busy institution has varying hours, so it is suggested that you call to be sure they will be open. The library director is Vicky Coffin and she is delighted to share her collection and inform you of materials she has given to the Salem Historical Society. They can be reached by calling 860-859-1130.

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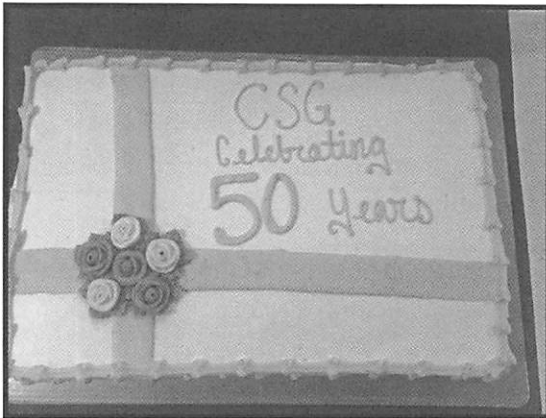
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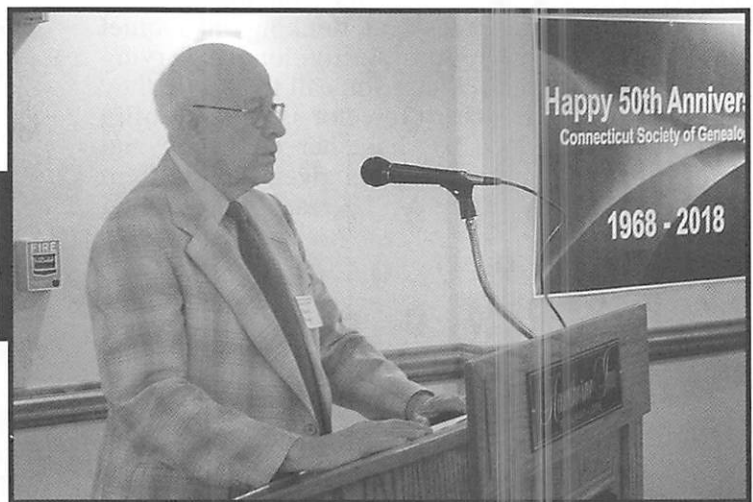
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Highlights of the 50th Anniversary Celebration 19 May 2018



The cake celebrating CSG's
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The Rev. Stuart Brush, CSG
President from 1996-1998, delivers
the blessing prior to our luncheon.



President Dave Robison displays
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Marcia A. Leclerc and Governor Dannel
P. Malloy recognizing CSG for 50 years of
service to the genealogy community.

Governing Board member Don Naples, Chair of the
Literary Awards Committee (left) and President
Dave Robison (right) present a resolution to Dick
Tomlinson (center) renaming the Grand Prize in
CSG's Literary Awards Contest in his honor.



Those who have served as President of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists at its 50th Anniversary Celebration. Front row, L-R: Helen S. Coty (1998-2000), Margaret H. Limbacher (2012-2013), Janet Horton Wallace (2007-2009), Richard G. Tomlinson (1973-1975, 2013-2014). Back Row, L-R: David Lile Brown (1994-1996), James H. Leatherbee II (2000-2002), David M. Brunelle (2002-2004), Dave Robison (2017-), Richard C. Roberts (2015-2017), Edwin W. Strickland II (2009-2012), Stuart X. Brush (1996-1998).



President Dave Robison presents a Certificate of Recognition to Janet Horton Wallace in recognition of her volunteer efforts and commitment to the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

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Some Descendants of William Buell, Generations 1-8 and *Some Descendants of William Buell, Generations 8-14*, both compiled by The Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, Inc. and edited by Edwin W. Strickland, II. Both self-published by The Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor Inc., 8 1/2 X 11, softcover, Generations 1-8, 382 pages; Generations 8-14, 693 pages. Each book may be ordered separately. Go to Amazon.com for ordering information.

Once again the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor Inc., have proven their dedication to the preservation of the history and genealogy of early Windsor. This group should be congratulated for continuing to strive for genealogical excellence. These two books are not intended to be a complete genealogy of the Buell family but reflect information extracted from DFAW's genealogical database that has been documented in the verification of members' lineages, including lineages through the female lines. Any genealogical researcher finds essential the ability to follow and conquer a book and its content of valuable materials. These two books meet the standards of academic excellence by following a simple pathway for one to follow. The table of contents guides us through each book toward their index of "Windsor People." The table of contents and the index are user friendly, and the material straight forward. These two volumes are an important resource need to be in the library of any researcher of Windsor history.

Early Vermont Settlers to 1771, Volume 1, Southern Windsor County, by Scott Andrew Batley, published by New England Historic Genealogical Society, American Ancestors.org, Boston, MA. 6 x 9 1/4, 2017. Hardcover, ISBN-13: 978-0-88082-371-5, Library of Congress Control Number: 2017958563, 487 pages. Order directly from Ellen Maxwell, Publication Design Manager, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 or call 617-536-7307 or order online at: AmericanAncestors.org. The cost of the book is determined by the publisher plus shipping and handling.

This beautifully organized book is a credit to its author. For any genealogist who has an interest in uncovering their Vermont family heritage, especially if those ancestors were located in South Windsor County, it is a rare jewel that should find a special spot on the shelf. The book is composed of 137 sketches organized by towns and then alphabetically by the names of heads of households. It is filled with magical stories and events, which every Vermont researcher will appreciate. The mechanics of a book determines the comfort of a researcher's journey. *Early Vermont Settlers* has provided all of those essential guideposts, and I was able to navigate the materials with relative ease. I especially like a volume that concludes with a strong index of names.

World War I Beyond the Front Lines

Knights of Columbus Museum

The Knights of Columbus Museum's exhibit - WWI: Beyond the Front Lines commemorates the 100th anniversary of the United States' participation in the war.

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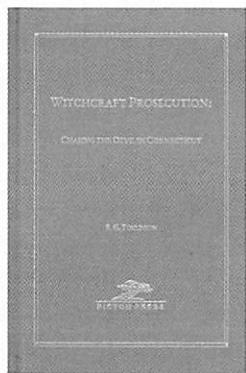
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- 10:00-10:30: Break - Visit the exhibitors
- 10:30-11:30: *“Using the National Archives and Library of Congress Websites for Genealogy,” Bryna O’Sullivan*
- 11:30-Noon: Break - Visit the exhibitors
- Noon-1:00: Luncheon
- 1:00-1:15: Break - Visit the exhibitors
- 1:15-1:45: Presentation of CSG’s 2018 Literary Awards
- 1:45-2:45: *“Connecticut State Library Databases,” Barbara Austen*
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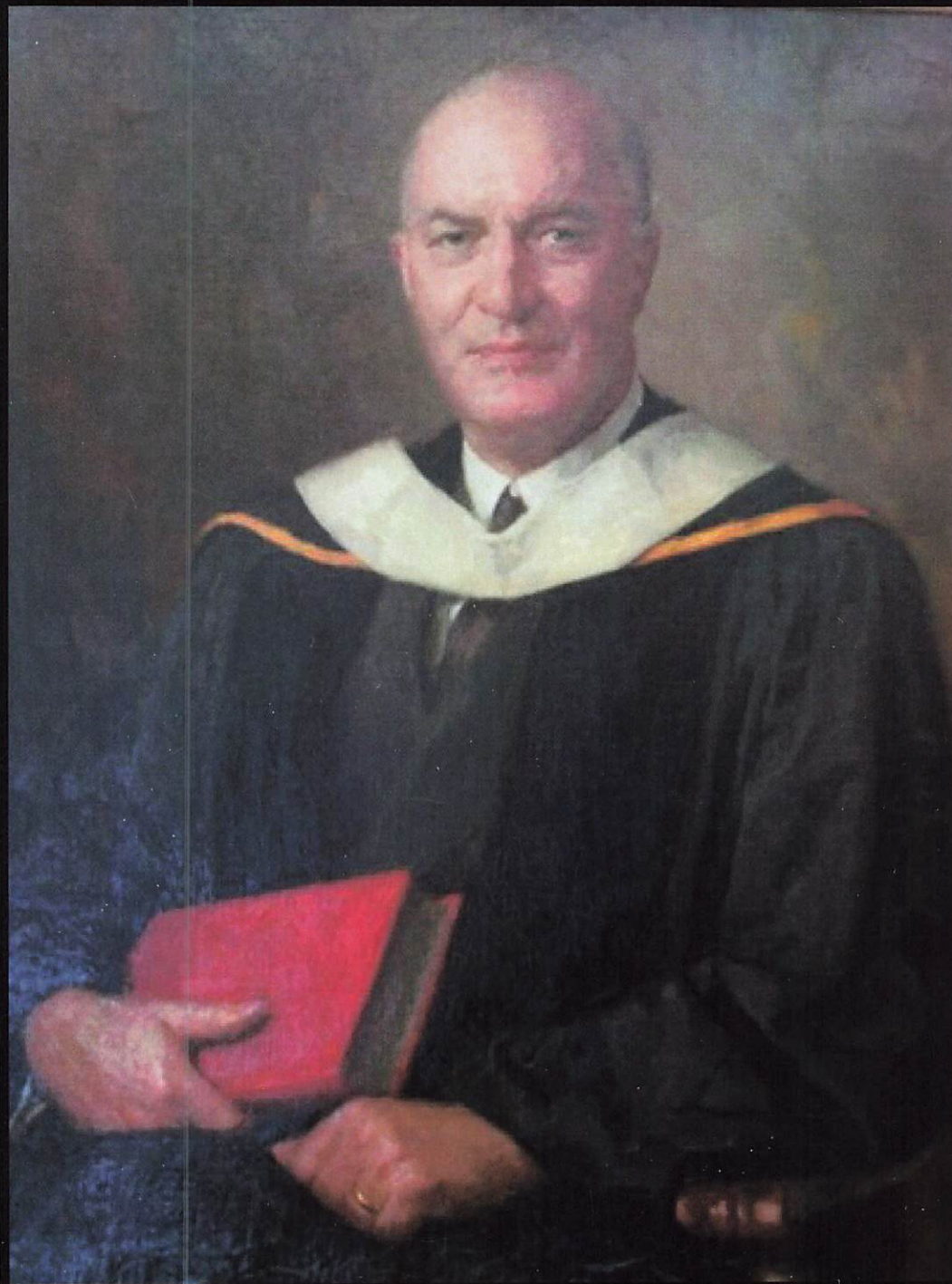
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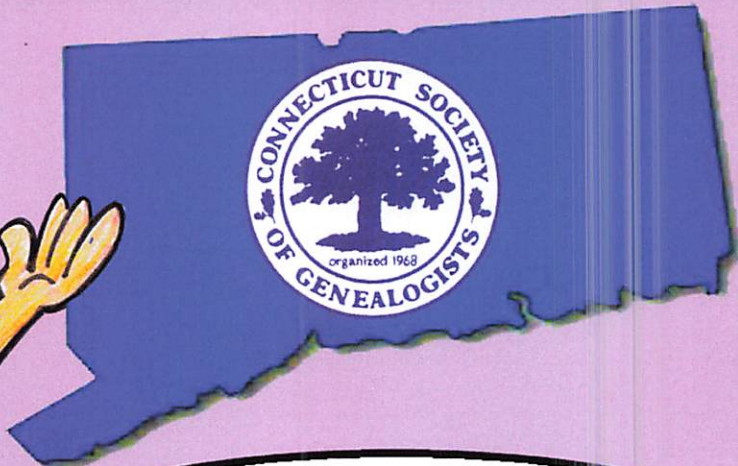
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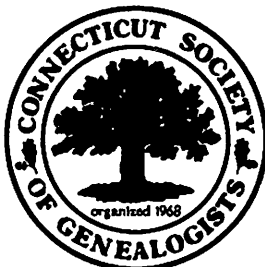
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President's Message



With all that is happening in and about the genealogy communities, I really don't know where to start!

Here's a short list of just the conferences:

- The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) January 13-18, 2019.
- The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) for professionals January 21-25, 2019.
- February 27 – March 2, 2019 will see the largest global genealogical conference, RootsTech, taking place in Salt Lake City, Utah. Last year, over 23,000 found their way there.
- The New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) April 3-6, 2019 in Manchester, New Hampshire.
- National Genealogical Society's 2019 Family History Conference will take place from May 8-11, 2019 in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- The International German Genealogy "Connections 2" Conference will be in Sacramento, California June 15-17, 2019.
- The Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold their annual conference in Washington, DC August 21-24, 2019.
- Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research (IGHR) July 21-26, 2019 Athens, Georgia.
- For all of you world travelers, the Auckland Family History Expo was sponsored by the Auckland Council Libraries in cooperation with the New Zealand Society of Genealogists in August 2018, but I'm sure there will be opportunities to visit New Zealand in 2019!

In 2019, the New England Regional Genealogical Conference opens with DNA Day, Professionals Day, Librarians Day, Societies Day and Technology Day

on the 3rd of April, and the full conference is the 4th through 6th of April 2019 at the Manchester Downtown Doubletree Hotel, Manchester, New Hampshire. CSG has been a participating society since NERGC's inception in 1992.

CSG has a financial commitment to NERGC. It's one of the 24 sponsoring societies that put up the "seed money" to get every conference off the ground. Total expenses will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000! And that doesn't count speaker fees, featured speaker airfare/hotel accommodations and a shopping list of peripheral expenses like printing, tote bags, badges, and more. Seed money is a good thing. CSG's other important responsibility is our commitment to provide a minimum of 20 volunteer hours during the conference. I will also sign up for the many volunteer opportunities for which many of you have already offered to provide.

Finally, as a result of your generous support through CSG over the years, NERGC has been able to build its reputation and attract interesting and knowledgeable speakers, both local and national. NERGC 2019 will feature three outstanding genealogy personalities: Blaine Bettinger Ph.D., J.D.; Dr. Thomas Jones, Ph.D; and Cyndi Ingle, sole owner of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet. Cyndi is the 2018 recipient of the Prince Michael of Kent Award for outstanding contributions to the field.

As we move our way through 2019 and beyond, I would like to extend my continued gratitude for the support provided by each and every one of you!

~Dave Robison

About the Cover

**Arthur Fremont Rider
Genealogical Pioneer.**

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Editorial

This issue is chock full of information that we hope you will find useful. To that end, we have had to rearrange some of our features just to make it all fit.

As you can see, the Queries and Donors are on this page. Members may submit up to three Queries per issue or as space allows. Thank you to everyone who donates to CSG, whether it is money or time.

The Annual Appeal will soon be mailed out to CSG members. Please consider a donation as we move into the holiday season. Also, if your company does a matching gift donation, there is a place to indicate that as well. Thank you to everyone who has donated in the past.

We couldn't do any of this without the generous support of our members.

Once again we thank Richard Roberts for a very informative article on yet another genealogical pioneer, Arthur Fremont Rider, and Diane LeMay for shining our spotlight on the Connecticut Town of Burlington.

This issue contains "Sources of Information" for Keith Wilson who was elected to the CSG Board of Governors in May 2018. Thank you Keith for providing this

information to us. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Years before the Salem Witch Trials, Connecticut was facing its own witch trials. These are described in "Connecticut's Early Witchcraft Trials" by Richard Roberts and it has been brought to our attention by a CSG member that there is a Connecticut Witch Memorial for which his group is trying to raise money. We have included his thoughts on pages 14-15.

Also, our thanks go out to Olivia Patch for submitting more helpful Researching Tips and to Russ DeGrafft for all the Book Reviews. Going along with the Connecticut Witchcraft Trial theme, check out the Book Review for Richard Tomlinson's new book on page 27.

Please look for the Winter issue of Connecticut Genealogy News a little later this year. We still plan for it to be out in December, but we are still looking for articles. If you like to write, please check out our Guidelines for *Connecticut Genealogy News* or *The Connecticut Nutmegger* at www.csginc.org under Links.

All of us at CSG and *Connecticut Genealogy News* wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

~ Stephanie Hyland

Queries

Hannah P. (CLARK) JOHNSON b abt 1766 Woodbridge (Amity), CT dau of David CLARK, b 1742, d 1778 and Hannah (JOHNSON), b 1744, d 1815; m 1785 Ebenezer Beecher JOHNSON at Derby, CT.

Need documentation of parents and/or relationship to siblings: Elionai, Lucy (m SLOCUM), David J., Stephen, Sarah (m Todd WHEELER). All lived in the Derby, Woodbridge, Amity, Bethany area. Published genealogies cite a private record.

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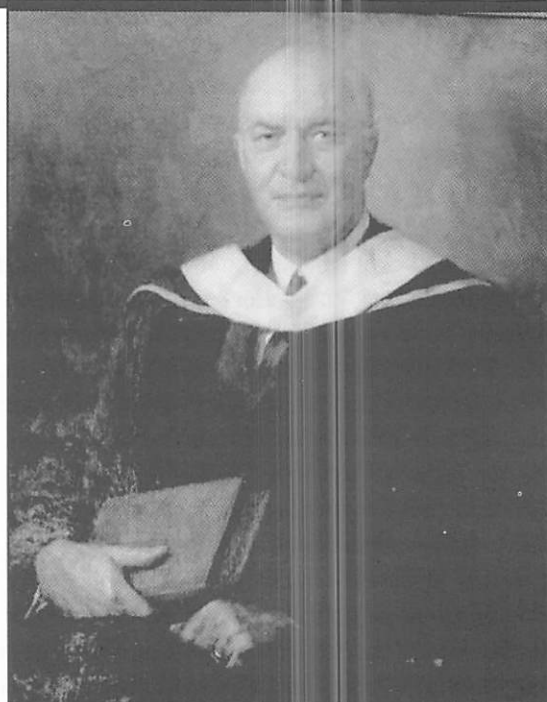
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Connecticut Genealogical Pioneers: Arthur Fremont Rider

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680

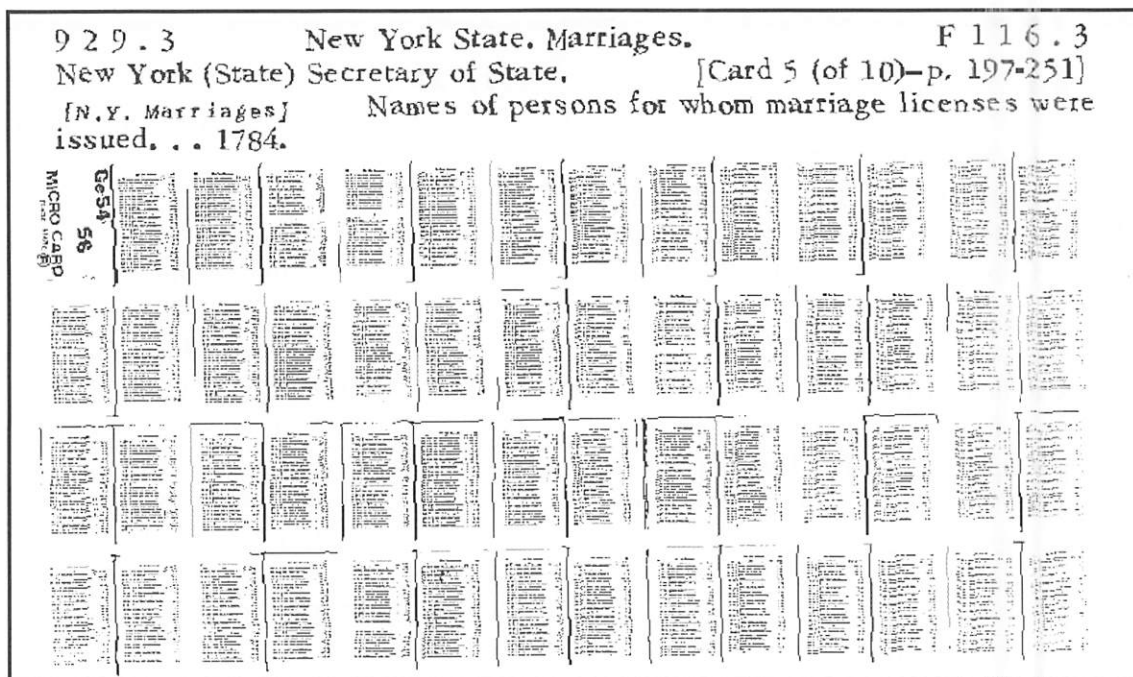
Arthur Fremont Rider was born 25 May 1885 in Trenton, New Jersey, the son of George Arthur and Charlotte Elizabeth (Meader) Rider. Although the Riders were from Middletown, Connecticut, Arthur was born in Trenton while his father was on a business trip on which he had brought Charlotte along.

Arthur, who in later life went by his middle name, Fremont, grew up in Middletown. Although he attended local schools, he later wrote that most of his early learning took place through the resources of Middletown's Russell Library. When only 13, he was given special permission to use Wesleyan University's library. Rider later wrote, "I had now under my finger tips, not merely the treasures of the Indies, but the very much greater treasures of the Wesleyan University Library."



Arthur Fremont Rider

Rider received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from Syracuse University in 1905. In 1907 he attended the New York State Library School at Albany but did not complete the program; instead he worked with the School's director, Melvil Dewey, to revise the Decimal Classification System. On 8 October 1908 at Milford, Massachusetts, he married Melvil Dewey's niece, Grace Godfrey, daughter of George A. and Lottie E. (Meader) Godfrey. They had two children, Leland Arthur, born 29 July 1910 (who married, first Priscilla Fowler and second Ruth Gordon Creagh) and Deirdre, born 11 May 1913 (who married Cornelius George Ferguson on 6 June 1936) and died 20 June 1956.



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University, he was named one of the 100 Most Important Leaders of Library Science and the Library Profession in the twentieth century by the official publication of the American Library Association. His legacy continues through the *American Genealogical Biographical Index* and the Godfrey Memorial Library.

American Genealogical Biographical Index

Fremont's inspiration for the AGBI was the Who's Who books that were becoming popular in the twentieth century. Although there were some 80,000 Who's Who entries in 1930, there were only about 10,000 entries in biographical dictionaries for individuals who lived in earlier years. He wanted to document everyone he could who lived before 1890, and described the

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Sample AGBI page

AGBI as “a personal and genealogical archival record of those millions of most uncommon common folk -- farmers and sailors and artisans and traders and adventurers -- who over three centuries built this nation we now enjoy.” To implement his dream, Rider sought funding from Rockefeller and Ford. In a 1935 letter to Henry Ford, he wrote, “I sincerely believe that the stimulation of the widest possible popular interest in our historical origins, the widest possible popular pride in the family tradition and local history that the vital and personal part of those origins, is one of the socially most desirable of efforts because this interest and pride are stabilizing forces of incalculable importance.”

Rider ultimately acquired over 800 genealogies, biographies, and local histories, each of which was indexed according to standards that he devised. Many of the books that were indexed had no index at all prior to the creation of the AGBI. In addition, for years the AGBI was the only place you could find your ancestor in the 1790 census without going through all the volumes of it published in 1908 (unlike today, when census information is readily available on Ancestry.com).

The Index, which ultimately consisted of 226 volumes, includes over four million names found in holdings at the Godfrey Library. The set is available at the Godfrey Library and other large genealogical libraries including the Connecticut State Library. Each entry includes a person's name, year and place of birth, and citation to genealogies and local histories published prior to 1950; the complete 1790 census; published Revolutionary War records from most of the colonies, and the *Boston Transcript* Query Column, which consisted of queries and answers published in *Boston Evening Transcript* between 1896 and 1941. Although the quality of information in the columns is uneven, the queries, answers, and occasional transcriptions from books and other records often provide good clues not found anywhere else.

While the AGBI contains references to many out-of-print sources, those sources are held by the Godfrey Library and many are additionally held by other large genealogical libraries such as the Connecticut State Library, the Connecticut Historical Society, and the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Today the *American Genealogical Biographical Index* remains a key source for genealogists, and in this digital age it is now available to researchers all over the world. A digital version of each volume is available through the FamilySearch Catalog collection, and online versions of the Index are available through Ancestry.com and

the Godfrey Library's Godfrey Scholar program (see below). For those using hard copies of the Index, photocopies of pages cited may be obtained by sending an e-mail to the Godfrey Library at ReferenceInfo@godfrey.org with "AGBI Request" in the subject line. For Godfrey Scholars, the AGBI is now online with links to digital versions of the books. Additionally, the New England Historic Genealogical Society has digitized the *Boston Transcript*; after locating citations in the AGBI, NEHGS members can then go to AmericanAncestors.org to see the queries.

The Godfrey Memorial Library

The Godfrey Memorial Library, located at 134 Newfield Street in Middletown, was named in honor of Fremont Rider's in-laws. Incorporated in 1947, it first opened its doors in May 1951. Fremont founded it as a place for the books he had collected to compile the AGBI and to be the headquarters for working on it. Today it holds over 200,000 books and periodicals, of which approximately 25 percent are New England local histories, 25 percent are genealogies, and 18 percent are special collections (which include memorial addresses, funeral sermons, and more) and some 19th century U.S. newspapers. The Military Collection includes regimental histories, biographies of officers, muster rolls, etc. Godfrey also holds many DAR resources, including the *DAR Patriot Index*, and Mayflower resources, including the Mayflower Families "Silver Set" and the *Mayflower Descendant*.

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Connecticut's Early Witchcraft Trials

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Although the Salem, Massachusetts witch trials are well known, relatively few people realize that the very first witchcraft trial in all of the colonies took place in Connecticut in 1647 and that at least 11 individuals were hanged.

The witchcraft trials in Colonial New England grew out of European witch-hunts that began during the Reformation. At that time, there was widespread belief in magic and hidden forces that emanated from stars, planets, stones, plants, metals, angels, and God. According to State Historian Walter W. Woodward, witches were believed to possess a battery of magic powers including love magic (making people love each other), weather magic (causing draughts or floods that could lead to famine); harming animals; and altering natural processes (for example, causing cheese to be full of worms). They were believed to be capable of shape-shifting; divining the future; and inflicting illness or injury, harming neighbors, society, and even the future of the world itself.

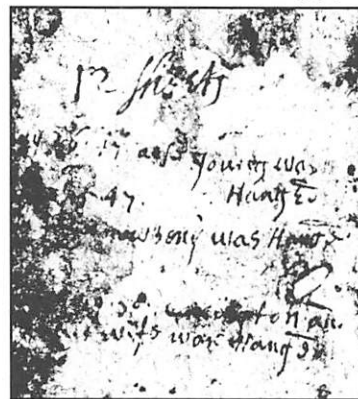
Meanwhile, the Reformation had split churches and communities. The Church, wanting greater social control, connected witchcraft to devil worship and to individuals making pacts with the devil, for only if a connection with the devil – believed to be the most powerful force next to God -- could be shown could the accused be executed. The Church allowed interrogators to use torture as it was felt that since witches had the power to ask the devil for help, prosecutors needed every means available to counter that power. The confessions thereby elicited “proved” the devil’s involvement. Between 1500 and 1700, there were tens of thousands of victims, including 50,000 in Germany 10,000 in Poland, 5,000 in France, 1,500 to 1,800 in Scotland, and 1,000 in England.

Most of those accused of witchcraft were women, as women were considered the morally vulnerable sex, easily tempted by the devil. Rebellious women, those with little or no support beyond their family, and those inheriting independence were frequently charged. Women aged 40 and over were singled out as witches by a ratio of four to one.

In England there was no physical torture of the accused, and those convicted were hanged for treason rather than being burned as heretics as was the case in much of Europe. Additional English concepts included the “familiar,” an agent that conveyed messages between the witch and the devil, and the “witch’s test”. James I of England (James VI of Scotland) wrote a treatise on demonology, changed witchcraft laws, and was an aggressive prosecutor of witches. Between 1645 and 1647, a witch-hunt led to at least 47 deaths in Puritan Essex.

The Puritans brought the fear of witches to New England. During the famous Salem witchcraft trials of 1692-3, 30 were convicted of witchcraft, and there were 19 executions. But what is often overlooked is that in the half-century prior to Salem, at least 100 New Englanders were accused of witchcraft. Between 1647 and 1691, 57-61 residents of Connecticut and Massachusetts were tried for witchcraft and 14-16 were executed. Three of the Connecticut cases are described below.

The Trial of Alse Young(s)



The hanging of Alse Young of Windsor on 26 May 1647 is now generally recognized as the first execution of one accused of witchcraft in New England, but records relating to her case are sparse. Within the entries covering the period March 1646/7

through 30 May 1647, John Winthrop’s Journal records that, “One [blank] of Windsor was arraigned and executed at Hartford for a witch.” The name of the person executed is provided by an entry on the inside front cover of Matthew Grant’s “diary” or notebook, which says simply, “May 26 .47 Alse Young was hanged”. However, whether never recorded or subsequently destroyed, there are no references pertaining to Alse Young in the records of the Connecticut colony, and the very earliest Windsor town and church records have not survived.

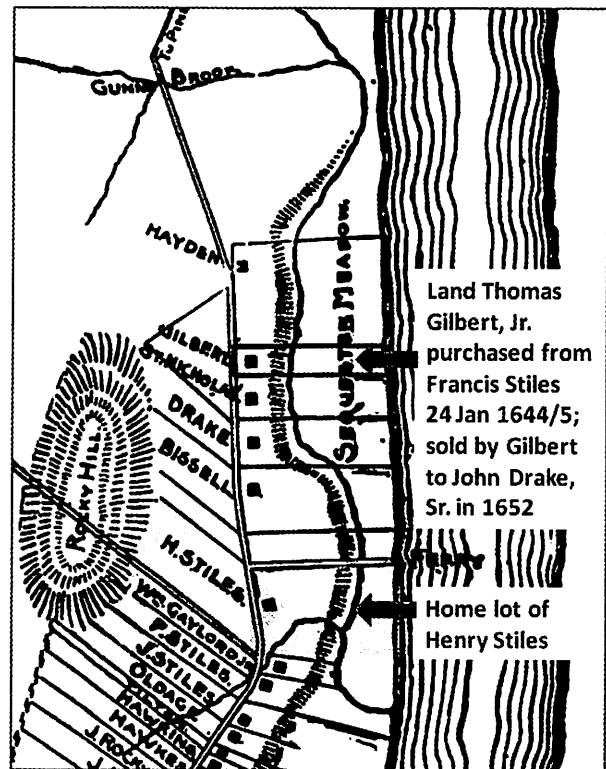
What was Rev. Hooker's inspiration for choosing his text? Is it possible that Alse Young was accused of not glorifying God or not giving thanks or of idolatry? Or, as suggested in the body of the sermon, did she "not serve God aright"? Did she claim that the church covenant "was but a deceit"? Was she examined in order to determine whether she stood to the truth or "never had the truth of God" in her hart? Was she the humor that had to be cleansed?

The Trial of Lydia Gilbert

By 1642 Thomas Gilbert, Jr. was in Windsor, Connecticut as a single man and was in what Richard Tomlinson calls "bad company (Witchcraft Pers., p. 56)." On 2 March 1642/3 the Particular Court ordered that William Roscoe "take into his Custody James Hullet Tho: Gybbert Lidea Blisse & George Gybbs and to keepe the[m] in giues [shackles] & giue the[m] course dyuet hard worke sharpe correction (Particular Court, p. 19)." Probably at Windsor Thomas married as his second wife the woman who has become known as "Lydia Gilbert". Tomlinson asks, "Could this have been Lydia Bliss?" (Witchcraft Pers., footnote p. 57). It is certainly a tantalizing suggestion.

Meanwhile, Francis Stiles, leader of the party that had arrived in Windsor in 1635 as representatives of "Lords and Gentlemen," had accumulated extensive holdings in Windsor. In preparation for a move to Stratford, Stiles began selling his land, including a sale of about five acres to Thomas Gilbert [Jr.] on 24 January 1644/45 (Stiles, v. 1, p. 157; Gilbert Family, p. 14). However, Gilbert apparently also farmed property owned by Francis Stiles, for when Francis sold his remaining land in Windsor to Robert Saltonstall on 12 September 1647, it was described as "at present in the tenure of Thomas Gilbert and John Bancroft (Gilbert Family, p. 14)."

The sale of the surrounding property forced Thomas Gilbert to find alternative land to farm. At the same time, Francis Stiles' brother, Henry Stiles, then over 50 years old and with no wife or family, needed a place to live and someone to care for him. It appears that about March or April 1649 arrangements were made whereby either Henry boarded with the Gilberts or the Gilberts lived with Henry (Gilbert Family, p. 15). As part of the arrangement, Thomas Gilbert's wife -- believed to be Lydia -- made and repaired Henry's clothing and tended him when sick, perhaps in exchange for Thomas Gilbert's use of Henry's farmland (Gilbert Family, p. 14).



On 3 October 1651 (Stiles, v. 1, p. 448) or 3 November 1651 (Gilbert Family, p. 14; Witchcraft Pros., p. 53), while drilling with the Windsor trainband, Henry Stiles was accidentally shot and killed by Thomas Allyn, son of the Honorable Matthew Allyn. In December 1651, an indictment was brought against Thomas Allyn for suddenly and negligently cocking his firearm and carrying it just behind his neighbor and that when it went off in his hands, he slew his "neighbor to the great dishonor of God, breach of the peace, and loss of a member of this Comon wealth (Particular Court, p. 106)." The jury found Thomas Allyn guilty of "Homicide by misadventure" (Particular Court, p. 107) and ordered him to pay a fine of 20 pounds, be bound to his father for his good behavior, and not be permitted to bear arms for 22 months. In December 1652 Matthew Allen and his son Thomas were freed on their recognizance for Thomas' good behavior and were granted liberty to attend training, watching and warding (Particular Court, p. 114).

Two years later, on 3 October 1654, the General Court remitted the 20 pound fine (Pub. Rec., v. 1, p. 263) and on 28 November indicted Lydia Gilbert, the neighbor who had cared for Henry Stiles, for having "killed the Body of Henry Styles besides other witchcrafts for which according to the law of god and the Established law of this Comon wealth thou deservest to Dye

“Else” or Alice Young(s) is now generally identified as the wife of John Young(s) of Backer Row, an early Windsor road that no longer exists. Alice (Young) Beamon, wife of Simon Beamon of Springfield and whose son sued a man for slander in 1677 for saying “his mother was a witch, and he looked like one” was very probably their daughter (Demos, p. 505). Beth Caruso has suggested a connection between Else and the family of Mary (Merwin) (Tinker) Collins. By researching the Young’s neighborhood for the period between 1641 and 1647 using land records and mapping techniques and exploring family relationships and major events she created a map of the Row specific to the year in which Alice Young was hanged. She soon realized that that the homelot of John Young had been sold to him in 1641 by William Hulburd, husband of Ellen Tinker, a daughter of Mary (Merwin) (Tinker) Collins. Further, the Young property fell between that of Thomas and Anne (Tinker) Thornton and Rhoda (Tinker) (Hobbs) Taylor. Within a short time after Alice was hung as a witch, the whole extended Tinker family group left Windsor.

The lack of court records mentioning Else Young has led to considerable speculation as to what she did to be accused. In 1904, Annie Eliot Trumbull suggested that “Her name inevitably wears a suggestion of youth which is not the obvious one of the name itself: it has a certain appealing, innocent rhythm. It may only have been that she bewitched some one’s cows or stuck pins into a virtuous good wife or a bawling child, but, since we know no more than her name, it may be permitted us to guess that her death was ennobled by something in the grand manner – that she was too fair to be safe from jealousy – too young to have lost the magic of voice and laughter.” Miss Trumbull’s sentimental vision was perpetuated, leading the *Hartford Courant* to refer to her in a May 1947 story as “the beautiful Miss Young.” The story suggests that “she was too beautiful to be safe from jealousy, in a day when feminine charms were a hazard rather than a blessing,” and reports that “It has been said that Else Young went to her death on a morning as fair as herself, and that with her passing she left the perfume of regret in the nostrils of her judges and that she carried more than one heart with her.”

Although we will perhaps never discover the actual charges against Else Young, there appear to be clues within Matthew Grant’s notebook, in which he transcribed sermons, other religious writings, as well as his own family record, which suggest a scenario more

complex than “feminine charms.” Grant, Windsor’s first surveyor and second town clerk (after the first clerk, Dr. Bray Rossiter moved to Guilford), is best known for the vital records he reported to the Colony (entered in Volumes 1 and 2 of the colony’s land records and published in *Births, Marriages and Deaths Returned from Hartford, Windsor and Fairfield*) and his “Old Church Record.”

Grant’s notebook shows that on June 29, 1647, just a month after Else Young was hanged, “mr. hooker paster at hartford” preached at Windsor “whilest mr. waram was absint in the bay.” Grant notes that the text of the sermon was Romans 1:18. A modern translation of that verse and the verses immediately following reads:

¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Within the sermon, Hooker includes these points:

- Worship of God must be done according to God’s will.
- God leaves those who live in continual opposition against God so that that they see neither right nor reason.
- Baptism should be dispensed only to children of the church.
- Through examination and trial we may discover whether a heart stands to the truth; if one is a professed opposer of the truth, “he is a man that neuer had the trueth of God in his hart.”
- If you have a humor in your eye you must cleanse your stomach.

(Particular Court, p. 131).” Beyond the brief report of the case in the Particular Court records, nothing is now known of the “other witchcrafts” Lydia was charged with or what evidence was presented; Richard Tomlinson suggests that “she was simply a scapegoat for Thomas Allyn (Witchcraft Pers., p. 57).” She is believed to have been hanged in Hartford (Witchcraft Pers., p. 55), becoming the second Windsor resident to be executed for witchcraft.

Soon after the death of Henry Stiles, in late 1651 or early 1652, Thomas Gilbert [Jr.] sold his house lot to John Drake, Sr. (this land ultimately became part of the property of Justice Oliver Ellsworth) and purchased an 11 3/4-acre house lot from Josiah Hull (Gilbert Family, p. 14). On 23 May 1655 Thomas, then of Windsor, and widow Katherine (Chapin) Bliss of Springfield, widow of Nathaniel Bliss, entered into a contract at Springfield, Massachusetts with Thomas promising to pay the children of Katherine’s first marriage the inheritances ordered by the court on 5 March 1654/5 after their father died intestate. Thomas married Katherine as his third wife, on “31. day. of the 4 mon: 1655 (Springfield VR, v. 1, p. 21).” That year Thomas Gilbert [Jr.] sold the house and 11 1/4 acres of land, formerly the home lot of Josiah Hull, from his land in Windsor to Thomas Bissell (Stiles, v. I, p. 78) and removed to Springfield.

Governor John Winthrop Jr.’s Role in the Connecticut Witchcraft Cases

John Winthrop Jr., Governor of Connecticut from 1657 to 1671, played a key role in determining the handling and outcome of many of Connecticut’s witchcraft cases. He was an industrial entrepreneur, New England’s most sought-after physician, and a leading scientist and member of the Royal Society of London for Improving of Natural Knowledge. He was also an alchemist and had founded New London in part as an alchemist colony. Then, science and religion had not yet broken apart. For the alchemists, turning lead into gold was a symbol or metaphor for bringing purity out of corruption – lead was the most bane of metals; gold the purest.

Winthrop was considered an expert in things magical. Between 1655 and 1661, no one in Connecticut was convicted of witchcraft, as Winthrop, whose position as Governor also made him chief magistrate in witchcraft cases, would contend that the case did not involve true witchcraft. However, in 1661, Winthrop went to England to secure a royal Charter for the

Connecticut Colony. Shortly after his departure, Goody Ayers was accused of causing the death of eight-year-old Elizabeth Kelly through witchcraft, setting off the great Hartford witch panic of 1662-1663. There were eight trials in eight months. Four people, Mary Sanford, Rebecca Greensmith, Nathaniel Greensmith, and Mary Barnes were executed. Five others fled the colony in terror. Elizabeth Seeger, who had previously been indicted for blasphemy, adultery, and witchcraft, was charged with witchcraft for a second time. In an attempt to mute things, Winthrop returned to Connecticut in 1663. Goody Seger was ultimately acquitted of witchcraft but convicted of adultery.

The Trial of Katherine Harrison

Katherine Harrison, the independently wealthy widow of John Harrison of Wethersfield, had acquired a reputation of being able to cure diseases. Accused of fortune telling and practicing astrology, practices verging on elite magic, her case also involved the questions of harms, murder and injury by magic, and shape-shifting. Thirty-eight residents of Wethersfield signed a petition seeking an independent prosecutor. Instead, Winthrop called for a ministerial synod headed by the Reverend Gershom Bulkeley, who, in addition to being Winthrop’s friend, was a physician and alchemist. Bulkeley refined the evidentiary standards for witchcraft; subsequently there needed to be two witnesses to the same act at the same time. As a result, Harrison was freed, “precedents had been set and rules of evidence established that sharply narrowed the grounds and procedures required for conviction on a witchcraft charge,” and execution of witches in Connecticut was permanently ended, and there were no witchcraft trials in New England for another 20 years (Witchcraft Pros., p. 137).

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CT WITCH Memorial, <https://www.facebook.com/ctwitchmemorial/> is a Facebook page "dedicated to educating the public about Connecticut's witchcraft trial history and efforts to acknowledge the victims." For information on their efforts to raise money for a memorial to those hanged, see page 14-15.

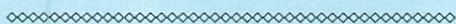
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CSG **CENTRAL** NEWS

From the CSG Programs Committee

*Save the Dates for Upcoming
CSG Programs*

- 16 February - Program to be determined.
- 16 March - Program to be determined.
- 3-6 April - See you at the 2019 NERGC conference in Manchester, NH. See ad on the outside back cover of this issue.
- 20 April - Program to be determined.
- 18 May - Annual Meeting - Program to be determined.



From the Publications Committee

I AM RESEARCHING THE FOLLOWING NAMES,
CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE THE SAME...

Similar to the Queries, but not as specific, we would like to start a page in *Connecticut Genealogy News* for CSG Members to indicate if they are working on a specific name so other CSG Members working on the same name might contact them.

For example, the page may look like this:

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Urquhart		
Doebele		
Limbacher	Peg Limbacher	fifegirl2013@gmail.com
Bauer		
Watson		

(the CSG Treasurer, Peg Limbacher is actually working on all the names above)

If you would like to post a name (more than one is okay) contact the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 or email at csginc@csginc.org. Be sure to provide an email address.

From the CSG Library Committee

HELP WITH YOUR FAMILY RESEARCH IS ON THE WAY!

Beginning this December 13th, experienced family history researchers will be available at the CSG library from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (except for holidays and snowstorms) to help you with your research. Questions about brick walls, where to find sources on-line and information about how to get started on your family history will be some of the topics the researchers will cover with you. If you are curious about a lineage society such as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Society of Mayflower Descendants, our researchers have some experience with researching for these societies.

Judith Bowen and Olivia Patch, members of the CSG Board of Governors, will be the researchers, but they welcome other volunteers from CSG's membership to help with this program. Other commitments as well as possible illnesses may interfere with the schedule unless we have a few more volunteers. Think about contacting Judith Bowen at easterndr13@yahoo.com or Olivia Patch at olivia42539@aol.com to volunteer!

Dates for these help sessions are:

- 2018**
- December 13 and 27
- 2019**
- January 10 and 24
- February 14 and 28
- March 14 and 28
- April 11 and 25
- May 9 and 23
- June 13 and 27
- July 11 and 25
- August 8 and 22

Are You A Descendant of a Convicted Witch?

by Anthony Griego, CSG # 20137

Editor's Note: The following is included at the request of the member. CSG makes no claims either for or against the content.

Are you a descendant of a convicted and hanged witch? Did a family member take part in the colonial trials? Have you found a family member who was tried but cleared? If you are a genealogist researching your roots in Connecticut you may already know the answers to those three questions. What you may not know is that since 2005 a small group of people has been trying to convince the State of Connecticut to acknowledge those who lost their lives and the trials in general. The State of Connecticut has not responded to our efforts since 2005.

Recently on February 6, 2017 we received a measure of success when the Windsor Town Council and Mayor Trinks unanimously voted 9-0 to clear the names of town residents Alse Young and Lydia Gilbert, hanged for the crime of witchcraft. We fully understand that we cannot rewrite history but we can certainly educate the public about this fearful time in our colonial history. We can in fact make history by remembering those eleven unfortunates who died in the process.

Going back to January 13, 2013, we started conversations on considering some type of stone memorial recognizing the eleven people who had been hanged for witchcraft between 1647 -1663. Efforts for exoneration, pardons and proclamations had failed.

By 2015 we had a design for a proposed bronze or stone memorial listing all eleven people, their town and year of execution. It would either be on a bronze plaque or stone monument. It would also have a partial quote from author John M. Taylor's book, "The Witchcraft Delusion in Colonial Connecticut 1647-1697, "and only guilty in the eye of the law written in the Word of God, as interpreted and enforced by the forefathers who wrought their condemnation, and whose religion made witchcraft a heinous sin, and whose law made it a heinous crime," 1908.

We are a small group of unpaid volunteers who have worked on the memorial project for many years and we believe that through a grass roots fund raising effort we will be able to complete the stone memorial. We also believe that descendants of those hanged may want to be part of this effort to raise money. Our primary goal is to recognize and remember especially those innocents who lost their lives and the children who suffered the loss of a parent or both parents. This memorial would also serve to encourage people to research convicted witches who were not hanged but are descendants. The memorial focuses on eleven people:

Alse Young, Windsor 1647

Mary Johnson, Wethersfield 1648

John and Joan Carrington, Wethersfield 1651

Goody Bassett, Stratford 1651

Goody Knapp, Fairfield 1653

Lydia Gilbert, Windsor 1654

Mary Sanford, Hartford 1662

Nathaniel and Rebecca Greensmith, Hartford, 1663

Mary Barnes, Farmington 1663

And others as of yet unknown.

At the same time we also have had conversation with the Board of the Ancient Burying Ground in Hartford as a possible historically significant site for the memorial stone. There are no interred hanged witches there but many of the Founding Fathers of Hartford are buried there. Many on the Founder's monument had active roles in the Connecticut trials.

We understand that we cannot change history but we certainly can acknowledge what took place and remember those who suffered. Both Salem and

Danvers Massachusetts have tasteful memorials to their dark phase of history.

consider a donation. Donations can be mailed to the address at the right. Thank you.

Connecticut has none. For this memorial we have a goal of \$7,000 to be raised by the people to remember those forgotten by history. If you, especially descendants, feel that there is a need for such a memorial please

CT WITCH Memorial
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They are a mix of published
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Some of the resources include published vital records such as:

***The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records
Families of Early Hartford
Families of Early Milford
Families of Ancient New Haven
Families of Old Fairfield***

**The Society also maintains an "Ancestry Service."
This is a collection of our members' own ancestry charts!
There are over 1,000,000 names alone in this collection.**

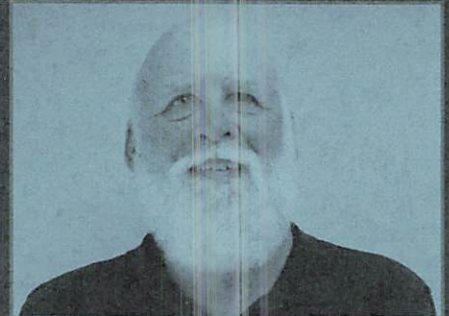
We are currently working very hard to put this collection up on our website for members only but the data entry takes a long time -- if you can use Microsoft Excel and would like to volunteer to enter the data, please let us know. Data Entry can be done from your own home on your own computer.

**There is no charge to use the library.
For more information email us at csginc@csginc.org.**

SOURCES of Information

Keith Edward Wilson, CSG Board of Governors

Keith Wilson has been researching his family since 1976 and was President of the Mansfield Historical Society from 2012 through 2017. He is a member of NEHGS and Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor in addition to CSG. Keith is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and retired from the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services after twenty-eight years of service. The majority of his ancestors settled in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Ancestors include Mayflower lines, Great Migration Immigrants, Slovaks and Prince/Prentiss Crosley, a slave of LT. Governor (Later Governor) Matthew Griswold of Lyme (Now Old Lyme). Prince/Prentiss Crosley served in the Revolutionary War and earned his freedom. Since 2008, Keith has taken Y-DNA, Mitochondrial DNA and Autosomal DNA tests. Keith manages over twenty DNA kits for his family and his wife, Marjorie's family. He is the Administrator of the John Daniels of New London CT DNA project at FamilyTree DNA, a Y-DNA/Autosomal DNA project and has also organized an annual Daniels day in the greater New London area for his descendants to meet and share their genealogy. Keith has written articles for *The Connecticut Nutmegger* on the Daniels and Bramble families and is currently working on another Daniels article.



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WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?

My Great Grandfather, Edward Eugene Wilson, told me that his mother, Louisa Jane Mason, was a descendant of Major John Mason and showed me the Mason Family crest when I was eleven years old. That piqued an interest in family history that has continued through the following decades.

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WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?

The Connecticut State Library is my favorite archive because of the extent of their collections and the knowledge and helpfulness of the wonderful staff there.

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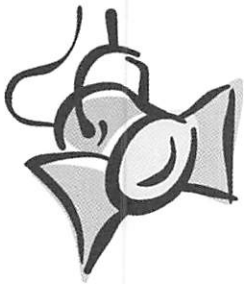
WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS YOU HAVE LEARNED DURING YOUR CAREER?

Document your sources of information thoroughly.

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WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST BRICKWALL AND HOW DID YOU OVERCOME IT?

My fifth Great Grandfather, George Wilson, was in Lyme, Connecticut by 1775, where four children were born to his first wife, Susanna _____ between 1775 and 1786. He married as his second wife Widow Theoda Williams in 1789 in East Lyme. On 27 January 1813, George Wilson sold a piece of property and dwelling house in the First Society of Lyme to George Thompson for ten dollars. There is no further record of George Wilson. Y-DNA testing has identified two close Wilson matches who were in Eastern and Central New York by the 1790s. The common ancestor of these three Wilsons has not yet been determined. A Wilson genealogy by Ken Stevens, *Descendants of John Wilson of Woburn, Massachusetts*, includes the descendants of George Wilson in the section of the book covering unplaced individuals believed to be descendants of John Wilson. The Wilson DNA project at FamilyTree DNA has no descendants of John Wilson. I am searching for a documented male Wilson descendant of John Wilson of Woburn, Massachusetts willing to take a Y-DNA test in order to support the case that George Wilson descends from that Wilson family line.



Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities

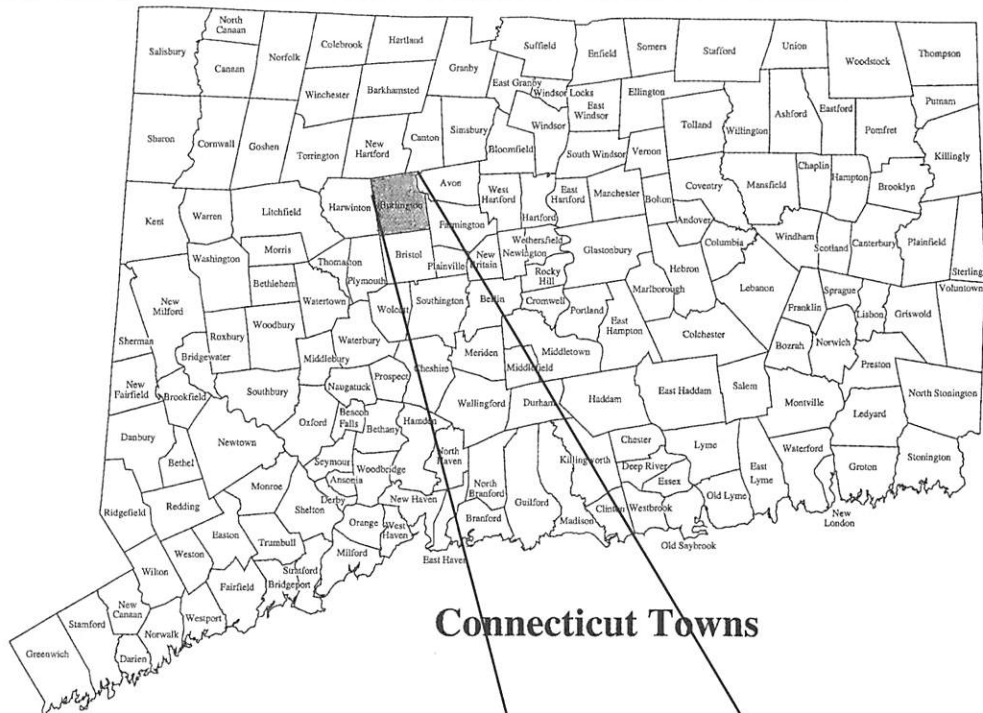


Spotlight on Burlington

by Diane K. LeMay,
CSG #7571 L

Geographic and Historic Profile

Located in west-central Connecticut, 20 miles west of Hartford, Burlington is a small rural town of 30.4 square miles in Hartford County. It is bordered by Harwinton (Litchfield County) and Plymouth to the west; New Hartford and Canton to the north; Farmington and the Farmington River to the east; and Bristol to its south.



As of the 2010 federal census, there are 9,301 people residing in the town's eight villages and districts of Burlington Center, Burlington Station, Case, Chippens Hill, Johnny Cake, Lake Garda, Riverside and Whigville.

First settlers and their churches

The area now known as Burlington was settled originally along the Tunxis (Farmington) River by the Tunxis Indians. As recorded in Farmington Land Records, much land was sold to the English in the mid-1600s by Sequassen, grand sachem. For many years its plentiful game was hunted by both Indians and settlers; however many Tunxis left the area by the time of the American Revolution, going to Massachusetts, New York and even as far away as Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The settlers of Tunxis Plantation worshipped in Hartford prior to the organization of the Farmington Ecclesiastical Society. Incorporated in 1645 as the town of Farmington, it was the first town settled west of the Connecticut River. It developed rapidly in population and commerce. A ferry was used to cross the Farmington River as early as 1706. The first bridge was built in 1725. The remote, rugged western tiers of the town known as West Woods, what is now Bristol and Burlington, remained virtually unsettled until 1740. The General Assembly established the ecclesiastical societies of New Cambridge (Bristol) and West Britain (Burlington) in 1774. They had been two

of six parishes of Farmington along with Southington, Kensington, New Britain, and Worthington.

The movement for independence in the colonies soon led to the American Revolution. Over ninety men from New Cambridge served. Abraham Pettibone was a Captain in the Revolution. It is on Chippens Hill in the ridge line of Tunxis Trail where Loyalists took shelter in a cave, known as Tory's Den.

Following the Revolution in 1780 Seventh Day Baptists led by Reverend Jonathan Burdick and Deacon Elisha Stillman migrated to the area from the colony in Rhode Island and set up their place of worship and burying ground. By 1836 the society was nearly extinct, though its house of worship still stood.

At a town meeting of the town of New Cambridge it was voted that Zebulon Peck, Esq. be a moderator to lead said meeting. Simeon Hart, Joel Hitchcock, Abraham Pettibone and Zebulon Peck were to be "agents to transact business respecting the turnpike roads going through the parish of Westbriton." Jacob Bartholomew was assigned Town Collector. Dr. Peres Mann, the first physician of the town, came here from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts about 1780. Simeon Hart, born in 1795 in the Burlington part of Bristol, graduated from Yale in 1823. In 1824 he became the principal of the Academy in Farmington and was the principal founder of the Farmington Savings Bank. Romeo Elton (1790-1870), a 1813 graduate of Rhode Island's Brown University, Baptist Minister and author, was a professor of Latin and Greek at Brown. Dr. William Elton, a town native, was a resident physician.

In 1785 New Cambridge broke away from Farmington and was incorporated as the town of Bristol, and twenty-one years later, in 1806, West Britain separated from Bristol and incorporated as Burlington. The Congregational Church was constructed in 1783. First built on George Washington Turnpike and Belden Road, it was taken down and rebuilt at 268 Spielman Highway (Route 4), its present location, in 1836. The first minister, Reverend Jonathan Miller from Torrington, preached here for 40 years. Martin's book relates, "Among the early settlers were Jacob Bacon, Nathaniel Bunnell, Joseph Lankton, Enos Lewis, Abraham and Theodore Pettibone, John and Simeon Strong, [both having served in the American Revolution], Seth Wiard, Asa Yale and their families."

The Hitchcock-Schwartzmann (Foote) Mill, at Foote and Vineyard Roads, built in 1781, was first used as a grist mill; later as a saw mill, a shingle mill and a cider mill. When it ceased operations in 1972, it was considered one of the oldest operating mills in the country. By 1798 there were saw mills, tanneries, potash works, distilleries and copper mines. The Brown Elton Tavern, built in 1810 by merchant Giles Griswold (1780-1838) and later occupied by Romeo Elton, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It served as a private home for Giles and his wife Sylvia Pettibone and three of their ten children only until 1817. As a private home, inn and tavern, it changed owners many times over its 160 years until the town purchased it. In 1850 a clock factory was built in the Whigville area, later to be a leading industry of nearby Bristol.

Elijah W. Bacon, born 1836 in Burlington, joined the 14th Connecticut Infantry in July 1862. During Pickett's Charge, Bacon captured the flag of the 16th North Carolina Infantry. Private Bacon was killed on May 6, 1864 in Virginia at the Battle of the Wilderness. Posthumously, he received a Medal of Honor for valor on December 1, 1864 and is buried in Maple Cemetery in Berlin, Connecticut.

I found the following military statistics on the town's website extremely moving. "Although westward migration and opportunities in [industries of] neighboring towns continued to drain its population, Burlington sent over 60 men to fight to preserve the Union and put an end to slavery. Burlington men saw service in some of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, including Antietam, Gettysburg, and Cedar Creek.



WWI Memorial in Burlington



Headstone of Civil War soldier Stanley E. Erickson

Several were captured and imprisoned in the infamous Andersonville Prison Camp, where they encountered unspeakable hardships.” It is recorded that five of the 43 Burlington men who served in World War I gave their lives, among them were Dewey S. Green and Stanley Erickson, who were gassed in battle and brothers Louis and William Novotny, who died during the Spanish Influenza epidemic.



For its first century little changed. Burlington remained mostly rural because of its rugged hills, made up largely of State forest, municipal watersheds, farms and a few small mills harnessing water power from local streams. Even the population remained fairly consistent. In 1810 the census showed 1,467 with many in farming; in 1830 it showed 1,401; in 1870 there were 1,319; in 1880 there were 1,224; in 1920 there were 1,109. By 1990 the population had grown to 7,026. On the Town Green, one of the smallest in the state, two war monuments stand honoring its military. There are more than a few unpaved roads. As in many Connecticut towns, an abandoned rail line existed. Originally

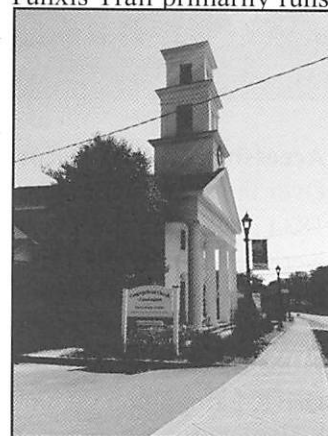
running through town to Collinsville, this has become the Farmington Valley Trail. Tunxis Trail primarily runs from the southwest corner northeasterly through the town, and is actually composed of eighteen trails totaling about 79 miles in length through many Connecticut towns. The State Fish Hatchery, in existence since 1922 and the largest in Connecticut, raises about 60,000 pounds of trout to stock the state’s streams. A part of the Nepaug Reservoir of the Metropolitan District (MDC) is in Burlington.

Genealogy Research in Burlington

Churches include Whigville Chapel and Congregational Church of Burlington. St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church is located nearby in Collinsville.

Town cemeteries are Case Cemetery, Milford Street Cemetery (also known as South Cemetery), Lamson Corner Cemetery, Center Cemetery, and the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery, also known as Green Lady Cemetery. St. Patrick’s Cemetery is a section of Center Cemetery. The private Ford Family Cemetery on Ford Road has only one marker according to

Findagrave.org.



Congregational Church of Burlington

Burlington Public Library, at 34 Library Lane, 860-673-3331, is newly renovated. Its Burlington Room is available by appointment and contains print materials, such as state histories, genealogies and many historical files assembled by the deceased town historian Leonard Alderman. Rebecca Furer, a Local History Specialist is available at the library by appointment. You may call the library, or email her, rfurer@burlingtonctlibrary.org.



The Burlington Historical Society, the custodian of objects and artifacts of the town's history, is headquartered at the Brown-Elton Tavern on the Town Green, 781 George Washington Turnpike. Each year it offers cultural and historic programs. Call 860-673-3382 for information on upcoming programs and membership.

Accessing Vital Records

Burlington vital records from 1806 to 1852 are included in the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records. Vital records from 1847 to 1922 were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and are available for use in the State Library's History and Genealogy Reading Room. Contacting the town clerk before visiting is always a good idea. The town hall is located at 800 Spielman Highway (Route 4), 860-673-6789. Their website is: www.burlingtonct.gov.



Land records exist as early as 1806 and contain references to some early marriages. Depending on the date, earlier birth, marriage, and death records may be found in Farmington (1740-1785) and Bristol (1785-1806). Call the Farmington Town Clerk at 860-675-2380 or Bristol Town Clerk at 860-584-6200 for current hours. According to the Bristol Town/City Clerk's office, their records begin in the mid-1800s, with no indexes until about 1900. Out-of-state checks and debit or credit cards are not accepted by Bristol's Town Clerk.

Accessing Probate Records

Over the years Burlington has been served by several different Probate Districts. From May 1806 until June 2, 1834 it was included in the Farmington Probate District. From June 3, 1834 until January 4, 2011 probate matters were handled by the Burlington Probate District. On January 5, 2011 the separate Burlington and Farmington districts merged to become the Farmington and Burlington Probate District.

Probate Court record books are now at the Farmington and Burlington Probate Court (PD-10), One Monteith Drive, Farmington CT 06032. The phone number is 860-675-2360, and hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30.

Probate files 1834-1945 and record book volumes 1-4 and 7 (1835-1927) were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and are available for use in the State Library's History and Genealogy Reading Room. Probate files from 1834 to 1973 are held by the State Archives, Connecticut State Library, but files from 1921 through 1973 are restricted because they contain some confidential documents. For further information on Burlington

probate records, see the State Library's probate finding aid at https://ctstatelibrary.org/RG004_020.html and/or contact the Library staff at 860-757-6500.

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Some Research Tips

by Olivia Patch, CSG # 5058

Here are some tips which I hope will come in handy for those trying to resolve genealogical “brick walls:”

When submitting genealogical queries, indicate where the ancestor resided. If actual birth, marriage and death dates are not known, indicate about when these events occurred. This information is especially important when you are researching an individual with a common name. Also, watch for spelling variations of first and last names. Nineteenth century immigrants frequently shortened their surname or anglicized it entirely to “sound more English.”

Some brick walls can be resolved by exploring alternative names such as nicknames. Here are some suggestions that may help you. Lois was sometimes a nickname for Louise; Anna for Ann; Sene/Cene for Asenath. Spelling variations and nicknames for Alice included Ace, Else, and Lisa. Nicknames for Jane included Jennie, and Jessie. A must-have book for genealogists: *Nicknames-Past and Present*, by Christine Rose. See also “A Listing of Some Nicknames Used in the 18th & 19th Centuries,” <https://ctstatelibrary.org/access-services/nicknames/>.

Town Records, frequently found in the same room as the land records, have a lot of information on early settlers. Town Record volumes are usually kept in the same vault room as the land records, but some town clerks have them locked up with the vital records. Each year, residents of the town were “elected” for various positions--chimney viewers, fence viewers, etc. Perhaps your ancestor served in one of those positions.

Town tax records are often located in the Town Records volumes; some were kept in separate “tax books.” Tax lists can tell you when an individual came of age (21) and thus could be taxed. When an ancestor no longer appears on

these lists, it may mean that he died or removed from that town.

While towns supported their own residents the best they could, one of the jobs of the Selectmen was to warn “strangers” out of town if they appeared to probably be in need of town support. The Town Records’ Selectmen’s reports would indicate information on a particular individual or family he had to warn out of town—frequently indicating where these folks were from. In some cases, the selectmen carted a family/individual back to the town they were from. This is one way to find the place where your ancestors originally came from.

Ann Smith Lainhart wrote an article for the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (volume 150, page 198) on the value of earmarks in genealogical research. Earmarks (cuts or marks in the ears) were used to distinguish ownership of livestock and were often passed from father to son. Lainhart indicated that earmarks can be a valuable tool in helping identify the place of residence of early ancestors, providing the earliest indication of residence in a town and sometimes providing clues to relationships. Records of earmarks can be found in early town records.

Most children were born at home in the nineteenth century and earlier, and the birth may not have been recorded in town records. However, most families were involved in a place of worship, and there may be baptismal information at a church. My mother was born at home on the farm and delivered by her father. She had to get her baptismal information from the church in order to get her social security card.

Older church records can frequently indicate if a member removed to another place, and the place they were “dismissed to” is often mentioned.

Funeral homes usually keep their old records,

and sometimes records passed on to them from other homes that have closed. These records can be gems of information, especially for the names of those who were a part of the funeral (pall-bearers, who paid for the service, who paid for the grave, etc.) Funeral homes usually have a copy of the obituary and, of course, information on where the burial took place. They are a great place to look, especially if the state has closed records to all but the immediate family, and I have yet to be asked for a fee for this information.

Many libraries with genealogical sections have copies of both recent and older genealogical periodicals. They contain articles on a variety of topics, queries, transcriptions of vital and church records, etc. Many are not indexed and so are time-consuming to use, but may have information found nowhere else. Peruse queries for others who may be researching your ancestor or his/her siblings. They may provide clues to a place, time frame, and other information that will help your search.

City Directories are a great resource to learn about your ancestors' occupations and where they lived. If you see someone with the same surname living at the same address as your person, chances are that person is probably related in some way. Remember, when you are, say, looking at a city directory for 1930, it relates to who was living there in the previous year. Also-beware of the word "boarder." Yes, frequently an individual was a boarder if living in a rooming house, but it could also mean that the individual was in an apartment or private home. My father and mother each lived at home until they married, as was the case back in the 1920s-1930s. Apartments were scarce, and salaries not the greatest. I was surprised that my father was listed as my grandparents' boarder!!

The American Antiquarian Society Library in Worcester is known for having the largest collection of city directories in the country. There is no research fee, but you have to fill out a call slip and a librarian will retrieve the book for you.

Old town newspapers (found usually in libraries, often on microfilm) have marriages,

births and obituaries. They may have special family write-ups such as who was visiting whom from a particular place. My mother-in-law had an announcement in the *Arlington Times* newspaper every time we visited.

I am amazed to find that birth announcements are still being published in some local papers, providing the names of parents and child. Local newspapers will also frequently publish marriage announcements and/or engagement announcements. Recently, I came upon an engagement announcement that also included the names of the grandparents of the future groom.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, Massachusetts, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston have collaborated to create an online database of millions of sacramental records from over 100 parishes across Eastern Massachusetts. Keep in mind, this is a huge undertaking. It will take time for all the records to be entered into the database.

We frequently advise researchers to "go to the source" whenever possible to find all you can about your ancestor. This can be a daunting thought--going to a place you have never been. Well, take heart. There is a web site to help you, www.epodunk.com, that helps one to learn about a new location when preparing for a research trip. It provides a "post card" of an area, links to libraries, cemeteries, (locations) funeral homes). (Source: New England Historic Genealogy Society's publication *New England Ancestors*, Fall, 2005; Volume 6, No. 4, page 46.) Yes, this help site is still available in 2018.

Researching ancestors residing at the boundary of Rhode Island and Connecticut? It can be frustrating to find that your ancestor lived in Rhode Island at the period of time you are researching, instead of Connecticut. "The boundary between Rhode Island and Connecticut was agreed upon by commissioners of the two colonies but not finally adjusted until September 27, 1728 after 65 years of quarrelling and litigation. In January of 1746/7 the eastern boundary of Rhode Island was adjusted under a decree of the King of England. Bristol, Tiverton,

Little Compton, Warren and Cumberland were assigned to Rhode Island.” Source: *Missing Links*, Chedwato Service (Burlington, Vermont), No. 54 (1967), page 1123, available in the History and Genealogy Unit, Connecticut State Library, Hartford.

When you need to research the New London, Connecticut area, visit the New London Public Library, downtown New London, across from the old court house. They have a unique genealogy collection, now on the lower level of the library. It includes old manuscripts, genealogies, and town histories collected over many years. The down side is that due to theft, a librarian will accompany you to this genealogy collection; plus, you leave your driver’s license with the librarian at the front desk. However, it is well worth the inconvenience.

The 1930 Federal Census has a column way on the right hand side asking if the person had served in the military. If checked “yes” one can check records in the Washington, D.C., area. Many military-related records are kept in National Archives #2, Delfi Road, College Park, Maryland. They include records of the military units called Day Orders, arranged chronologically. These orders provide a

schedule of activities your ancestor may have regularly engaged in, where he was trained, and where/when he may have seen combat. On the fifth floor are 3” by 5” card files giving soldiers’ unit name and sometimes, in the upper corner, a photograph of the person. Keep in mind that most military records at College Park are arranged by military unit, not by individual names. If you do not currently know your ancestor’s military unit, you have to determine that before heading to College Park. Once there, you must check in and obtain passes. After submitting requests, you will be provided with archive boxes on a book truck.

Many World War I soldiers records at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis were burned, but pay stubs survive and additional records have been reconstructed. If your ancestor’s family requested a military memorial stone, there is a record of that transaction that includes place of burial. Applications from 1925-1963 are available on Ancestry.com at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2375>.

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Research Guide to Colonial Witchcraft Trial Materials at the Connecticut State Library,
https://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/ld.php?content_id=8928764

The Samuel Wyllys Papers: Depositions on Cases of Witchcraft, Assault, Theft, Drunkenness, and Other Crimes Tried in Connecticut 1663-1728. Eighty-eight documents including 6 cases of witchcraft (42 documents), 12 cases concerning assault and battery, theft, adultery and other crimes (35 documents), and 11 other documents. <http://cslib.cdmhost.com/digital/collection/p15019coll10>

Witchcraft – Connecticut’s Heritage Gateway
<http://www.ctheritage.org/biography/colonialperiod/witchcraft.htm>

Witches and Witchcraft – Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries
<https://www.jud.ct.gov/lawlib/history/witches.htm>

Book Reviews

by Russell DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

Connecticut, photography by Carol M. Highsmith, introduction by Walter W. Woodward, State Historian. Published by Chelsea Publishing, Inc., 7501 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. 9 1/2" x 12", hardcover, ISBN:978-1-4951-2464-8, 255 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or telephone (202) 347-0910. Price of the book, plus shipping and handling, is to be determined by the publisher, or contact Walter W. Woodward, State Historian, at Walter.Woodward@uconn.edu for ordering information.

This gigantic book is a spectacular display of photographs taken by Ms. Highsmith from her travels around the state. This is not the usual academic book as it does not have the expected guideposts throughout its pages. It is a book to simply savor and enjoy. It is what I would call a "coffee table" book. Beautifully composed and an asset to our state, you will want copies of this book for keeping as well as for gifts for acquaintances with ties to or an interest in Connecticut.

Captain John Gallop, Master, Mariner and Indian Trader by Williams Haynes. Published by the Globe Pequot Press, an Imprint of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 4501 Forbes Boulevard, Suite 200, Lanham, Maryland 19796, 6" x 9", 2018, softcover, ISBN: 978-1-4930-3334-8, 32 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or at www.rowman.com. Price plus shipping and handling is to be determined by the publisher. The basic charge for the book is \$7.95.

Captain John Gallop fought against the Pequot tribe to protect early settlers in the Connecticut Colony. The Gallop family name is prominently found in the towns along Connecticut's Northern coastline and especially in their seashore communities. The Gallup Family Association, Inc. was the original sponsor of this compact little book. It relates the exploits and colorful career of Captain Gallop and his association with other prominent people of the New London/Stonington area. Although the reader will not have the benefit of a Bibliography, Table of Contents or a Name/Place Index, this delightful small book will provide entertaining reading. Many black and white drawings are scattered throughout the book, augmenting the story of Captain Gallop.

Disaster on Devil's Bridge, by George A. Hough Jr., A publication of Mystic Seaport Inc., published by the Globe Pequot Press, an Imprint of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 4501 Forbes Blvd., Suite 200, Lanham, Maryland 1070. 6" x 8 3/4", softcover, ISBN: 978-1-4930-3323, 138 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or at www.rowman.com. Price of the book, plus shipping and handling to be determined by the publisher.

This entertaining book will be an exciting "find" for nautical lovers. It relates the saga of the destruction of the passenger steamer *City of Columbus* which ran aground on the treacherous Devil's Bridge rocks and reef off the coast of Martha's Vineyard. The author was a newspaper reporter who spent years following the story. Beginning with an Introduction to the book, an entertaining forward and captivating photographs and diagrams, the book is an excellent portrayal of the "Disaster." I was pleased to see the addition of *Notes on the Chapters* at the conclusion as they definitely add depth to any readers' knowledge of the event. This is definitely a work reflecting the dedication of the author and a book worth reading. I very much enjoyed it, and I am sure any lover of the sea will find it fascinating.

Farmington, Church and Town, by Mabel S. Hurlburt. Published by the Globe Pequot Press, an Imprint of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 4501 Forbes Boulevard, Suite 200, Lanham, Maryland 10706, 7" x 9", softcover, ISBN: 978-1-4930-3321-8, 124 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or at www.rowman.com. Price of the book, plus shipping and handling to be determined by the publisher.

This book emphasizes through a collection of thirteen biographies the influences of the ministers of Farmington's First Church of Christ, Congregational. Church records are greatly underutilized by researchers and can be a rich source of information. The author has provided not only a broad pathway, dating back to the very early formation of the institution by Roger Newton up to the 20th century, where we find Quincy Blakely taking the helm, but includes guides to the material. Beginning with a clean and simple Table of Contents, interesting photographs and concluding with an Index of names and places, the reader is carefully led through the maze

of times “long ago.” This book includes material that any researcher with an interest in Farmington history will want on their bookshelf. I would want it in my own library collection.

***The History of Plainville, Connecticut, 1640-1918*, by Henry Allen Castle. Published by the Globe Pequot Press, an Imprint of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 2391 Forbes Boulevard, Suite 200. Lanham, Maryland 10706, 6 X 9, 2018, softcover, ISBN: 978-1-4930-3328-7, Library of Congress Catalog Card: The hardback edition of this book was previously catalogued by the Library of Congress, 274 pages. Order directly from the publisher listed above or at www.rowman.com. Price of the book is \$14.95 plus shipping and handling.**

The History of Plainville Connecticut, 1640-1918 is a richly documented history of the beginnings, as well as its many trials, in the establishment of this community. Written in a narrative format, the author collected information about his community for over twenty years before sharing with us his own historical interpretation in this richly documented book. The author has stuffed this manuscript from cover to cover with wonderfully documented details about the families and the town’s formative events. This book is a valuable resource for researching genealogists. Hundreds of beautiful photographs, maps and charts are interspersed throughout this book, providing a break from the written facts. A necessary Table of Contents starts the reader off on their journey and provides that essential set of guide posts which break the material into manageable segments. The book concludes in an unusual fashion by listing burials in the Old East Street Cemetery.

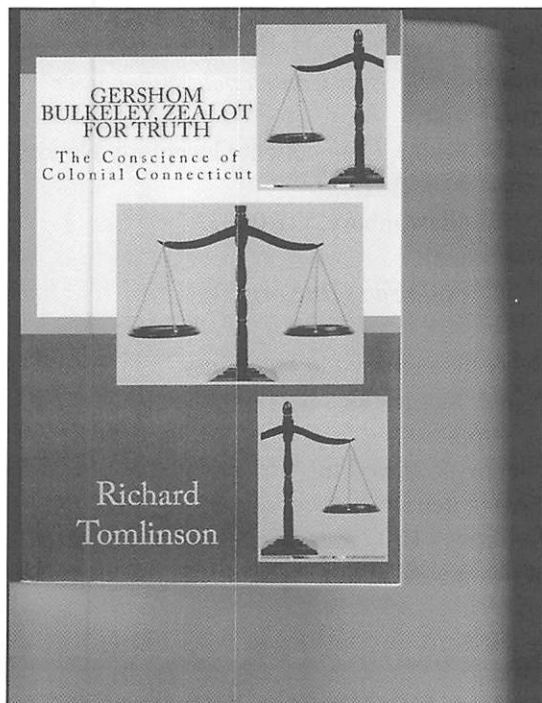
***Recollections of Old Stonington*, by Anne Atwood Dodge. Published by the Globe Pequot Press, an Imprint of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 4501 Forbes Boulevard, Suite 200, Lanham, Maryland 10706, 6 1/2 X 7 3/8, 2018, softcover, ISBN: 978-1-4930-3330-0, Library of Congress Catalog Card: # 66-22117, 56 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or at www.roman.com. Price plus shipping and handling to be determined by the publisher. The basic charge for the book is \$8.95.**

The author, Anne Atwood Dodge, draws from her childhood memory and takes us on a walk through her childhood neighborhood and provides us with a handy guide of historical significance. This enjoyably rich and compact book is not meant to be a scholarly resource; nothing more than a tiny guide to significant memories. After a short note explaining a House Location and a brief Forward, the reader is taken on a tour through Old Stonington, Connecticut, visiting the historic houses that make it such a beautiful town. Anyone who enjoys the “magic” of this historical gem will want to invest in a publication that they can read and re-read.

***The Wethersfield Story*, by Lois M. Wieder, compiled for the Wethersfield Historical Society. Published by the Globe Pequot Press, an Imprint of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 4501 Forbes Boulevard, Suite 200, Lanham, MD 10706, 6” x 9”, 2018, softcover, ISBN: 978-1-4930-3319-5, 58 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or at www.rowman.com. Price plus shipping and handling to be determined by the publisher. The basic price for the book is \$6.95.**

Wethersfield, one of Connecticut’s three original towns, has an interesting historical past. This small but powerful book is enjoyable reading for anyone who is excited about learning how it has developed over the years. This is a project well done. The author and her helpers have produced a book that is a rich source of data that can be readily used for personal research. The preface is an excellent introduction to the material, and the author has also provided a vast collection of photographs of people and places. The small bibliography at the conclusion of the book was a pleasant surprise. This is a book I want in my collection.

Gershom Bulkeley: Zealot for Truth, Conscience of Colonial Connecticut, by Richard G. Tomlinson. Published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 6" x 9", softcover, 2018, ISBN: 978-197840-7657. 320 pages. Order directly from Amazon.com.



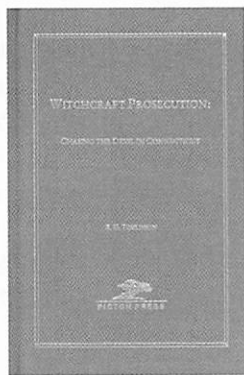
Mr. Tomlinson, a talented researcher and author, left a positive mark on Connecticut by being a founder, life member, and director emeritus of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. He is now spreading his considerable researching talents into the state of Texas by living in Boerne. This is the fifth book written by Mr. Tomlinson. It exposes the positive as well as negative feelings of many of Bulkeley's contemporaries as Bulkeley strode to end the witchcraft trials. This is not only an entertaining read but is packed with genealogical data and is a book that I want on my library shelf. The author provides not only an extensive Table of Contents but a Preface and Introduction to assist the reader in his/her early stages of reading and researching. This delightful book concludes with not only a Name and Place Index but a highly appreciated section of citations. Mr. Tomlinson's earlier book, with *Witchcraft Prosecution: Chasing the Devil in Connecticut*, is still available through the CSG office.

Tolland: An Old Post Road Town: A History of Tolland, Connecticut, Compiled by Harold Weigold for the Tolland Historical Society, Inc., Published by Globe Pequot Press, an imprint of Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group Inc., 4501 Forbes Boulevard, Suite 200, Lanham, Maryland 10706, 6" x 9", 2018, softcover, ISBN #: 1-4930-3326-3, 256 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or at www.rowman.com. Price plus shipping and handling to be determined by the publisher. The basic price for the book is \$15.95.

The story of Tolland is a rich one, from its days of enthusiastic founders and settlers, to years of declining growth, to the return of an economic resurgence in the late nineteenth century, to the present when the community has begun to prosper and shine once again. This book is one that researchers with a connection to the town will find to be a significant resource when researching their genealogical branches. The author/compiler has loaded this compact book with significant details. The Preface, an Introduction, a Table of Contents and the completion of the book with an Appendix and Bibliography provide the reader with very necessary guideposts. The use of multiple photographs and historical stories from local persons add a certain charm to the book.

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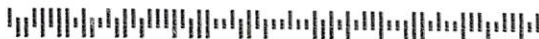
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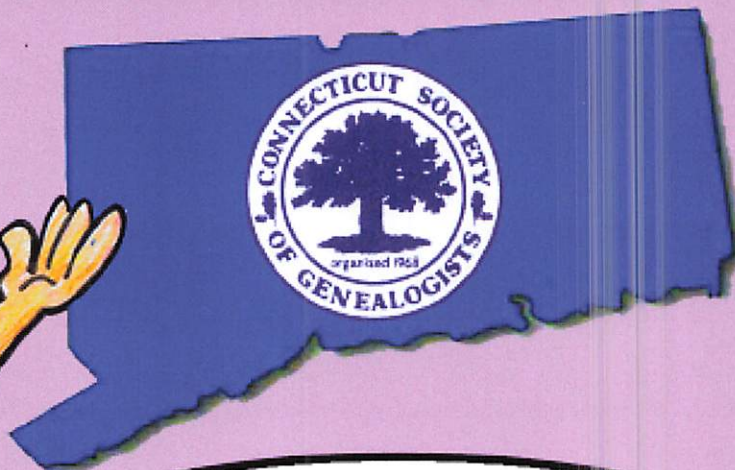
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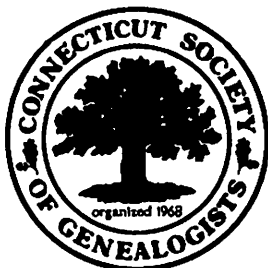
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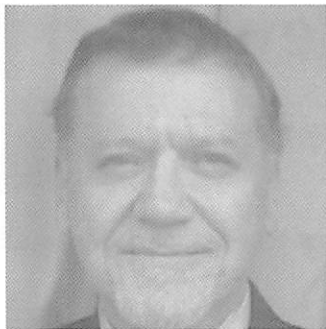
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President's Message



This should come as no surprise to anyone, but I'm openly admitting that I don't know what I don't know. And neither do you. Not to be flip, but it makes sense. If everyone knew everything, it would be a boring world indeed!

Thus, we have books, tapes, CDs, the internet, classes, lectures, series, conferences, meetings, libraries, archives, historical and genealogical societies and on and on. We have professionals who can assist, experienced non-professionals, Facebook groups, Twitter, and Instagram to name a few other sources of "education." We never stop learning, nor should we.

Where is this all taking us? Hopefully, we are all learning not just about our families and our ancestors but about ourselves. The most startling wall that we seem to be successful in breaking down is what might previously have been considered impossibly difficult. Through DNA testing, the phenomenal popularity of "getting my DNA," thousands, even tens of thousands, of people are enhancing their family databases; we are finding relatives in mostly happy circumstances.

And here I might say, is the rub. Some people simply don't want to be found. The reasons are sometimes complicated and often quite simple. We might have the luxury of close, happy, loving families. But trust me when I say, there are far more people than you can imagine who have had less than happy childhoods or who have suffered tragedy. Some might be suspicious of their own family backgrounds: grandparents raising grandchildren as their own, individuals of questionable fatherhood (far more common than anyone might expect), children who had been orphaned or who have an ancestor either close or distant who may have been orphaned. There are just too many scenarios to mention here.

My point is that although most people are thrilled with the discoveries they are making, many run from these discoveries and would rather not know or open the door to stories they are not prepared to hear. I don't believe there's anything wrong with either situation. Those I have dealt with who are seeking answers are generally happy when a brick wall comes down. On the other hand, I've dealt with many who would simply rather not "go there." I never question them or put even the slightest pressure on them, even if I believe the answers to some of their mysteries might be easily solved.

One of my clients, who I happened to have known for many years, was eager to have a DNA test. They already knew that they had been adopted. Now near 60 years old, there was a feeling that DNA might finally be the tool that would resolve some of suspicions of who the extended family might be and where they might be found. As it turns out, that is a huge understatement. With the results of the DNA test, six half-siblings scattered across the country turned up. There were five of the six who were delighted when they were able to connect. The sixth chose to avoid bringing anyone into their lives, at least at this point. There were also a few bizarre results. This client had worked with a biological nephew for the past 15 years! This newly acquired knowledge has brought them both closer together for all the right reasons.

Although events like this are heartening, the outcomes are not always as positive. There are untold numbers of illegitimate births, adoptions both legal and unrecorded, abandoned children and other mostly sad situations. What we sometimes call "NPEs" or "Non-Paternal Events" have been happening since time immemorial. So where does that leave our extended ancestral lines? I will venture to say that we all have family histories that would include these biological events. They can't be avoided. It may not be your grandmother or your 15th great-grandfather, but they are out there.

So, what do we make of this? I will tell you that I'm approached almost constantly by people who enthusiastically say that they want to "get their DNA done." My first question to them is "Why?" On rare occasions, that might end the conversation about genealogy and family history and return it to something less esoteric. But mostly people just want to know who they are. It is said that a vast majority of DNA testing is motivated by ethnicity; where did I come from, who were my ancestors, am I Jewish or Native American or Irish? DNA can answer these questions to some extent. The results are often strongly influenced by which company you test with. It largely depends on that company's database or reference group. In an extreme example, if no one from the British Isles had ever had their DNA tested, then no one, any where in the world, could be found to have British Isles ancestry based solely on DNA. Remember, I said "solely on DNA." Science wouldn't know what DNA from the population of the British Isles looked like! This is the strongest argument to say that you must still do the legwork, the research, finding the paperwork, the vital records, pensions,

probate, military records, even newspaper articles, school records and city or town directories.

Getting back to not knowing what you don't know, education is the answer; continuous improvement to learn the most efficient ways to get the genealogical questions answered. And, in spite of Abraham Lincoln's quote, "If it's on the internet, it's true!"

We all really need to dig into the records and, if you choose, use DNA to support the findings. When odd results come in, our research skills may be the only way to get to the bottom of some of the mysteries, mysteries that may never be resolved. But don't get discouraged. Take a break for a few days, weeks or even months. When you get back to it, I can almost guarantee there will be an "aha" moment where suddenly all the pieces fall into place.

Remember, though, that science isn't going to find most of your ancestors. That's your job!

~ Dave Robison

Editorial

In this issue we continue our series on Genealogical Pioneers with Henry Reed Stiles by Richard Roberts. Russell DeGrafft shines our spotlight on the Connecticut town of Deep River.

We extend our congratulations to The Connecticut Society of Genealogists' 2018 Literary Award Winners. Biographies of the winners can be found within along with book reviews of their books. The winning "Tell Your Family Story" Essay can be found in its entirety in the November 2018 issue of *The Connecticut Nutmegger*.

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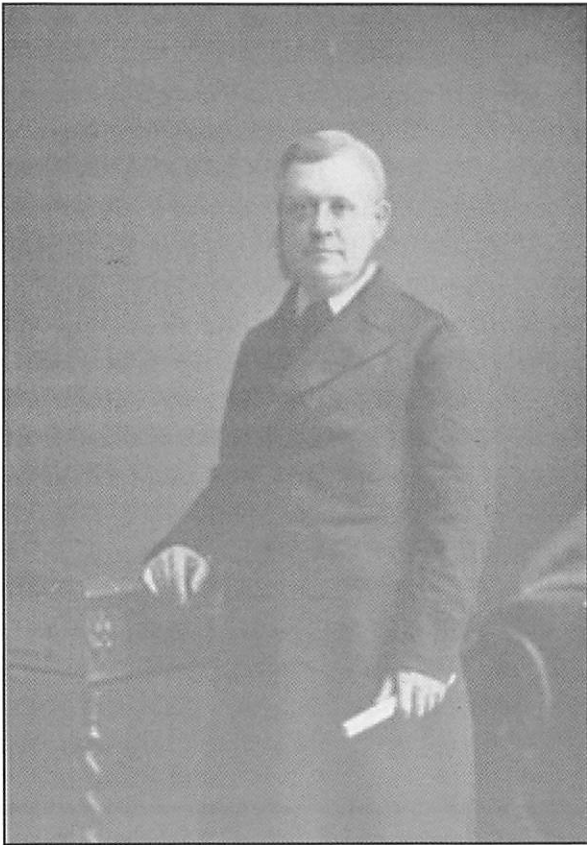
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Connecticut Genealogical Pioneers: Henry Reed Stiles

by Richard C. Roberts CSG # 8680



Best known today for his historical and genealogical studies of Ancient Windsor and Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut, Dr. Henry Reed Stiles was born March 10, 1832 at New York, New York, the son of Samuel and Charlotte Sophia (Reed) Stiles. He died January 7, 1909 at his daughter's home, Hill View, Warren County, New York in the 77th year of his age. In addition to John Stiles, his ancestors included Windsor Founders Matthew Allyn; William Filley; Thomas Holcomb; Elder Joseph Loomis, Sr.; Richard Oldage; John Osborn, Sr.; Dea. William Rockwell; Rev. John Warham; and Henry Wolcott, Sr. Henry had three brothers: Arthur Chapin (22 Aug 1837-8 Jan 1838), William Loring (11 Apr 1839-18 Feb 1866), and Dr. Samuel Edward (26 Aug 1844-9 October 1901), and one sister, Charlotte Elizabeth (24 Feb 1847-19 May 1912)

Henry Stiles attended the University of the City of New York in 1848. He transferred to Williams College as a sophomore in 1849 but withdrew. It appears that it was about this time, when he was "in very poor health, and suffering from a serious affection of the eyes," which, he later wrote, prevented him "from the pursuit of my

profession," he spent time "among the pleasant scenery of Ancient Windsor, visiting among friends and relatives, and drinking in, from aged lips, rich stores of historic lore." Those he visited undoubtedly included his paternal grandfather, Asahel Stiles, who had been a drummer in the East Windsor militia at the time of the Lexington Alarm and subsequently served in Col. Gay's Connecticut Regiment in New York. His maternal grandfather, Abner Reed, of East (now South) Windsor, was an author, engraver, and printer.

He also spent time with "four aged ladies," Lucretia Stiles, Julia (Stiles) Hale, Elizabeth Stiles, and Mary Stiles, who lived at what Stiles knew as "the old Fyler house," later known as the Strong House, and today as the Strong-Howard House, whom Stiles describes as "a sisterly quartette rarely to be matched." "Their quaint dwelling at the southern end of Palizado Green was ever a Mecca to the pilgrim feet of any of the Stiles name, or kin; and, indeed to all who loved to talk of Windsor's past. Lucretia, the eldest, delighted in all that related to the genealogies and history of her native town. Mary, active, sarcastic, and humorous, though she always derided her sister's fondness for antiquities, was yet really as deeply imbued with the love of the past. Julia (Mrs. Hale) was totally blind for many years before her death, yet always interested in these subjects; which Eliza, the youngest, was strong, alert, healthy, and cheerful."

Inspired by these family members and other Windsor residents, and "taking advantage of an occasional 'favorable spell' of eyesight," he began to examine "the old written records, and in marking such portions as were necessary to be transcribed," which were copied by his brother, William. Then, "gradually, reading when I could, thinking when I could not read, and trusting my thoughts to the ready pen of an amanuensis, the skeleton of a history was constructed. From time to time, as my eyesight improved, I visited the old records, each time bringing away with me new material. Many times my health and eyesight failed me, but, visiting Windsor for the benefits of its air and sunshine, I never gave up the purpose of writing its history if my life should be spared." This "purpose" came to fruition in 1859 when, at age 27, he published the first edition of *The History of Ancient Windsor, Connecticut...*

Stiles notes that “*The History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor* owed much of its inspiration and value to these old ladies; and the copy which constantly laid upon their ‘sitting-room’ table beside the Bible was a much-thumbed volume....” His preface also acknowledged such notable historians as Fred B. Perkins, Librarian of the Connecticut Historical Society; Charles J. Hoadley, State Librarian; and historians John Warner Barber, Jabez Hayden, Samuel H. Parsons, and J. Hammond Trumbull.

An editorial in the September 30, 1859 issue of the *Hartford Courant* noted that, “All persons interested in the noble old township, and all who duly prize antiquarian researches, founded on reliable documentary evidence, into the early history of our various localities, will be glad to buy this book.”

Meanwhile, Stiles graduated from the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York and New York Ophthalmic Hospital in 1855. He briefly practiced medicine in New York City before moving to Galena, Ohio, where he, again briefly, practiced with a partner, Dr. Timothy M. Wilcox, before moving again, in 1856, this time to Toledo, Ohio where he edited the *Toledo Blade* newspaper.

On January 31, 1856 he married Sarah Woodward, daughter of the Rev. Charles M. and Zilpah (Hutchinson) Woodward of Freeport, Illinois, who was born June 13, 1838 and died October 22, 1892. They had two children, a daughter Elliott (September 27, 1857-August 16, 1937), who married, first, William Clifford Rogers and second Frederick Elmer Truesdale; and a son, Dr. Charles Butler (1861-1910).

By July 1856, Henry Stiles was in Brooklyn, New York as one of the partners of Calkins & Stiles, which published educational works and the *American Journal of Education*; from 1858 to 1861 he returned to the practice of medicine in Brooklyn; and from 1861-1863 he practiced in Woodbridge, New Jersey. His medical career also included serving as a clerk in the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the Brooklyn office of the Metropolitan Board of Health, 1868-70; medical inspector in the Board of Health of New York City 1870-73; Sanitary Inspector; Superintendent of the State Homeopathic Asylum for the Insane in Middletown, New York, 1873-1877; and manager of a homeopathic hospital in Dundee, Scotland, 1877-1881. Beginning in 1882 Dr. Stiles had a private practice in New York with Dr. Frederick Humphreys, treating individuals with mental and nervous diseases. (That partnership also led to his assistance with the publication of the Humphreys genealogy.) From 1882

until 1885 he also taught the treatment of mental and nervous diseases at the New York Woman’s Medical College and Hospital. In 1888, he and Sarah moved to their daughter’s home, Hill View, on the shore of Lake George, New York. There he continued to treat mental and nervous diseases until 1901.

Although trained as physician, Henry Stiles remained interested in genealogical and historical research throughout his life. He was a corresponding member of the Dorchester, Massachusetts Historical and Antiquarian Society; the New England Historic Genealogical Society; the State Historical Society of Wisconsin; the Arizona Historical Society; and the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia. In May 1863 he became one of the founders of the Long Island Historical Society at Brooklyn. A life member, he served on the board and also as the Society’s first Librarian. He was one of the seven founders and the first president of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, also serving on the Board of Trustees and the Publications Committee, and was a frequent contributor to the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, serving as its editor from April 1900-January 1902.

In 1863 he completed *Contributions Towards a Genealogy of the (Massachusetts) Family of Stiles*, and in 1865 he compiled and edited *Letters from the Prisons and Prison-Ships of the Revolution (The Wallabout Prison-Ship Series)*, transcriptions of “some of the most interesting narratives of sufferers in the British prison-ships during the Revolutionary War.” Other works included a short biography, the *Life of Abraham Lincoln* (1865); 22 of the 56 biographies in *The Men of Our Day* (1868); campaign biographies of General Ulysses S. Grant; as well as articles in many magazines and newspapers, including the *Windsor Herald*.

Dr. Henry Reed Stiles is buried in Warrensburg Cemetery, Warrensburg, Warren County, New York with his wife, Sarah Ann, and daughter Elliott. In a tribute published in the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* following his death, Tobias A. Wright wrote that Henry Reed Stiles “made it possible for thousands to trace their ancestry to the founders of our American Government and to honored names in the older governments of the world.”

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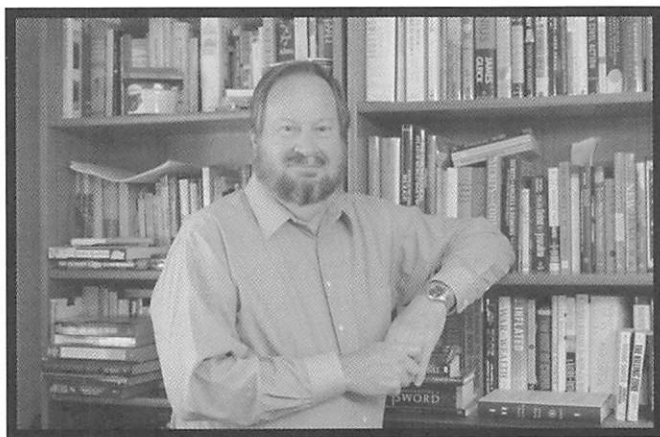
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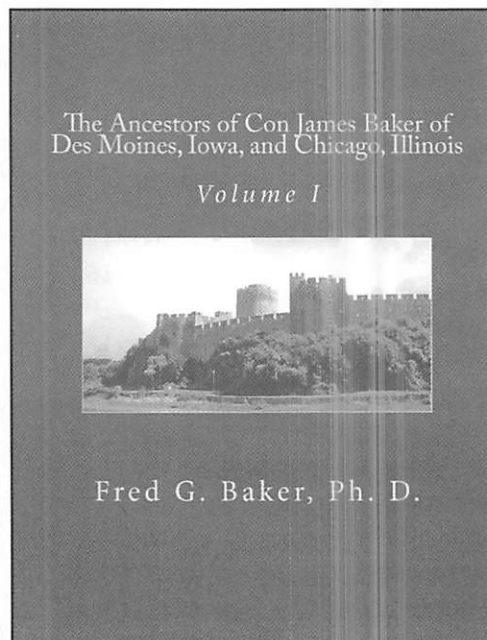


*The Ancestors of Con James Baker of Des Moines, Iowa
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Dr. Fred G. Baker is a hydrologist, historian, and author living in Colorado. He is the author of *The Descendants of John Baker (ca. 1640—1704) of Hartford, Connecticut, Through Thirteen Generations*; *Growing Up Wisconsin, The Life and Times of Con James Baker*; and *The Light from a Thousand Campfires* (with Hannah Pavlik).

He also writes novels and short stories, including *An Imperfect Crime*, *Zona: The Forbidden Land*, and the *Modern Pirate Series* of short and long stories, all available on Amazon.com. Contact him at othervoicespress@gmail.com or through his website: othervoicespress.com.



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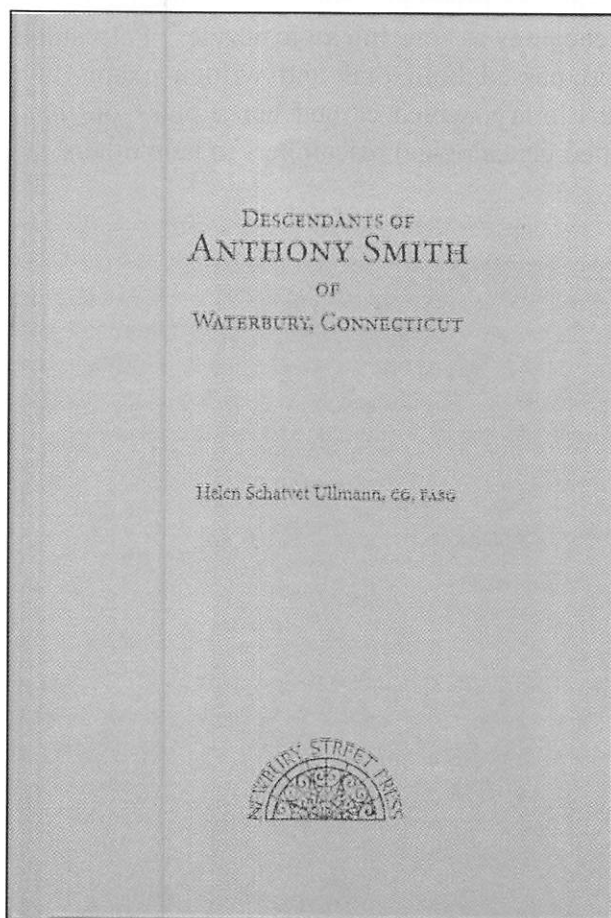
Descendants of Anthony Smith of Waterbury, Connecticut

by Helen Schatvet Ullmann



Helen Schatvet Ullmann, Certified Genealogist and Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, lives in Acton, Massachusetts. She began doing family history research when she joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) in 1968. She is associate editor of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, a consulting editor for the Newbury Street Press and edits articles for *MASSOG*, the journal of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists.

Her published work includes databases of some Norwegian records. Helen's grandfather, Einar Schatvet, was born in Fet, Norway. His wife's father, Axel Olsen, was born in Holmestrand, Norway.

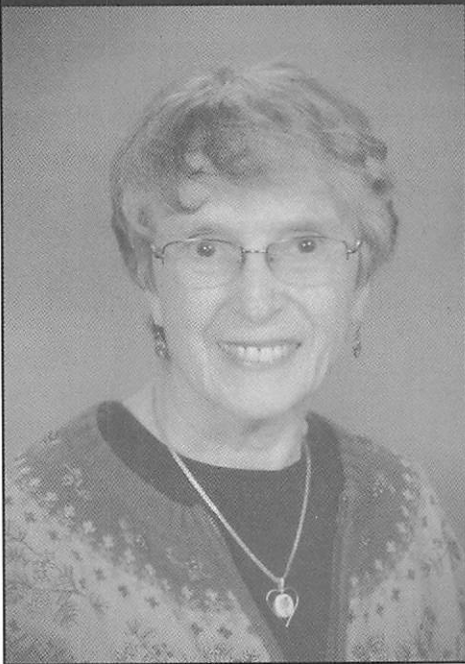


She has also published articles in various genealogical journals and several books, including *Descendants of Peter Mills of Windsor, Connecticut* (1998), which won the 1999 Donald Lines Jacobus Award given by the American Society of Genealogists, and *A Mills and Kendall Family History* (2002) which won the Connecticut Society of Genealogists prize for family history. Recently *Descendants of Roger Billings of Dorchester, Massachusetts* won the National Genealogical Society prize for genealogies. In 2005, the New England Historic Genealogical Society published her transcription and index, *Hartford County, Connecticut, County Court Minutes, 1663-1687, 1697* (Boston, 2005), which won the Connecticut Society of Genealogists prize for New England Genealogical Resource Publication, and in 2009 *Colony of Connecticut, Minutes of the Court of Assistants, 1669-1711*.

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Footprints Across Connecticut From Bloomfield 1930 Census

by Jean E. Perreault



Author Jean E. Perreault has completed her third book, *Footprints Across Connecticut From Bloomfield 1930 Census*. A former longtime resident of nearby Simsbury, Connecticut she has lived in Bloomfield since 2005. Her first two books were similar in format – *Footprints Across Connecticut From Simsbury 1930 Census* and *Footprints Across Connecticut From East Granby and Granby 1930 Census*.

Perreault is the youngest of three sisters. Her interest in genealogy was sparked by a conversation with her father about their ancestors over 45 years ago. Jean wanted to learn more about where she came from. She went to the Connecticut State Library and became fascinated while tracking her family back to the 1630s in Colonial America and even earlier in England. She loves solving logic puzzles, referring to genealogy as “one big logic puzzle.” Perreault subsequently took and passed both oral and written exams at the Connecticut State Library, which earned her a place on the Library’s list of qualified genealogical researchers to help others with their research.



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by Patricia Langer Dintrone



Patricia Dintrone began her career as an historian and spent most of her working life on the faculty at San Diego State University. After her retirement she turned her historical research skills to genealogy and has traced several branches of her family back to 16th century Germany. She is a community (non-member) volunteer at the San Diego FamilySearch Library where she assists others in tracing their family roots. She has lectured on genealogy research skills and German history and genealogy.



William, Walter, Johanna, and Rudolph Langer

Book Reviews of the 2018 Literary Awards Winning Entries

by Russell DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

The Ancestors of Con James Baker of Des Moines, Iowa and Chicago, Illinois. Volumes I-III, by Fred G. Baker, Ph. D, published by Other Voices Press, 2970 Howell Road, Golden, Colorado, 80401, 8 1/2 x 11, softcover, 2017. ISBN for Volume I: 978-0-9996684-1-2, ISBN for Volume II: 978-0-9996684-2-9, ISBN for Volume III: 978-0-9996684-3-6, Volume I: 401 pages, Volume II: 441 pages, Volume III: 386 pages. Order directly from the author at the above address, or call 303-279-4647 or email at 6874641@yahoo.com. The cost for all three volumes is \$193.58 plus shipping and handling.

These three volumes were entered into The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.'s Thirty-First Annual Literary Awards Contest in the category of Family History. It won in both the Brainerd T. Peck Award for Family History and the Richard G. Tomlinson Grand Prize.

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Descendants of Anthony Smith of Waterbury, Connecticut, by Helen Schatvet Ullman, CG, FASG. Published by Newbury Street Press, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116, 2016, 6 X 9 1/2, hardcover, Library of Congress Control Number: 2016945933, ISBN Number: 13:978-0-88082-348-7, 271 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or Ms. Ellen Maxwell, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116. Call 617-226-1207

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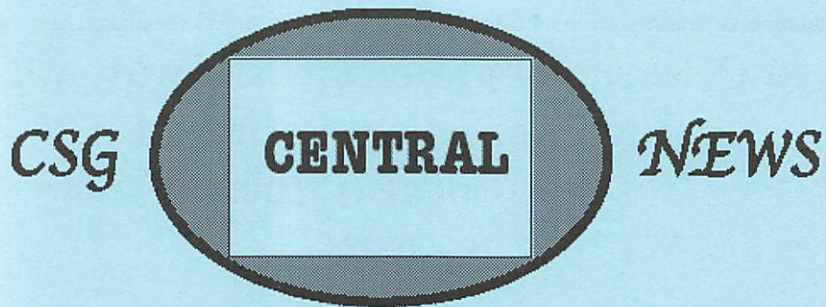
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The author of this book, Helen Schatvet Ullman, is internationally known for her excellence in accurate and informative research. This is a no-frills, simple to follow, exposure to Revolutionary War pensioner Anthony Smith, beginning with the first to his fourth generation and his connection to Connecticut. If I were researching the Smith generations and their many genealogical branches, I would most definitely want this book in my collection. Helen has explored a vast amount of material and generously shared it with researchers. The very simple table of contents starts me on my way to enjoy this vast quantity of historical data and ends my journey with an appreciated bibliography and index of names. Many footnotes throughout the material provide the reader with additional information that can be skillfully woven into their narrative.

Footprints Across Connecticut From Bloomfield 1930 Census, by Jean Perreault. Published by Create Space, an Amazon Company, 222 Old Wire Road, West Columbia, South Carolina, 29172, 2017, 8 1/2 X 11, soft cover. Library of Congress Control: 2017918548, ISBN 13:078-1977675460, ISBN 10:1977675468. 461 pages. Order directly from the publisher listed above or email them at wwwcreatespace.com. Orders are also accepted by the author at Jean E. Perreault, 113 Vista Way, Bloomfield, Connecticut, 06002-3014; call 860-658-5523 or email jeperreault@comcast.net. Cost of book is \$25.00 plus shipping and handling.

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This book is the third in a series of research publications documenting the lives of the residents who lived in the suburbs of Hartford nearly a century ago. A complete listing of the citizens of this previously agricultural area is a significant source of information for researchers. The author has assembled a great amount of data for any researcher who has an intellectual curiosity and interest in this area. It includes a table of contents and a very thorough, easy to follow index. The photographs are very well-chosen. The book is a "must have" for researchers who claim descendants from the area.



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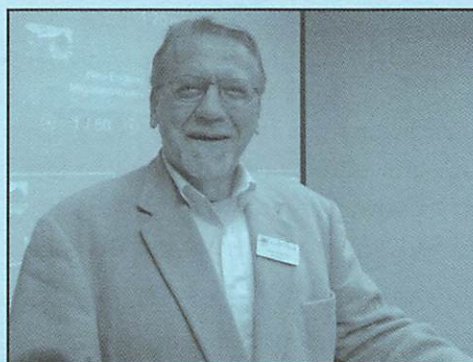
FAMILY ~ A LINK TO THE PAST & A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

The 15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference, "Family ~ a Link to the Past & A Bridge to the Future," will be held 3-6 April 2019 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Featured speakers are Blaine Bettinger, well known for his work with genetic genealogy; Dr. Thomas Jones, Ph.D., an award-winning genealogical researcher, writer, editor, and educator; and Cyndi Ingle, the developer and owner of "Cyndi's List." The Conference Committee has planned pre-Conference tracks and other events on Wednesday, regular Conference presentations on Thursday through Saturday, as well as an Exhibit Hall, Ancestors Road Show, Society Fair, and other events.

The Conference is being held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel (formerly the Radisson) situated just one hour north of Boston; one hour west of Portsmouth; two hours north of Providence; two and a half hours north of Springfield and Hartford; and three hours south of Burlington. Rooms at the DoubleTree are now sold out; see <http://www.nergc.org/hotel-and-convention-center/> for other options.

NERGC 2019 will bring together genealogists and family historians from a variety of backgrounds. Whether you are just beginning the search for your family, are already an advanced researcher, or even a professional genealogist, the conference will provide you with an ideal opportunity to advance your knowledge and research skills. In addition to the wealth of knowledge shared by expert genealogists, there will be opportunities to explore the Exhibit Hall (look for CSG in Booth #404); to make new connections at the Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show; and to meet hundreds of other attendees at the Conference who share your love for family history.

In fulfillment of one of the requirements as a NERGC 2019 Participating Society, CSG is sponsoring as its speaker our President, Dave Robison, who will be presenting Session T-113, "The Interview: Recording the Past for the Future." Dave is a professional genealogist who teaches, consults and lectures, including appearances at NERGC 2015 and 2017. He holds a Certificate of Genealogical Research from Boston University and has completed ProGen. In addition to serving as President of CSG, he is also President of the Western Massachusetts Genealogy Society.



Conference sessions start on Thursday, April 4, 2019. Registration for the "full conference" — Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — is \$125 before February 28, 2019; \$155 after March 1, 2019. There will also be many Pre-Conference activities on Wednesday, April 3 at additional cost including DNA Day, Librarians Day, Professionals Day, Society Day, Tech Day, Military Day, and a tour of several southern New Hampshire research facilities. Registering for any of the Wednesday activities does not require registering for the "full conference".

To find more details about the conference, visit www.nergc.org *and* www.facebook.com/NERGC/

To download the conference brochure, go to <http://www.nergc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/.../NERGC-2019.pdf>.

After exploring the brochure, register online at http://bit.ly/REG_NERGC_2019.

CONNECTICUT FAMILIES IN THE 1790 CENSUS

Several of the New England states have published volumes on families listed in the 1790 census. Maine has ten volumes so far. Massachusetts will gain a fourth volume later this year. New Hampshire and Vermont each have one. Now we'd like to propose that Connecticut do the same, not in books but as articles in the *Nutmegger*. Our family sketches could help researchers link their western families with their New England roots.

So we hope that members of CSG will think about their ancestors who were living in Connecticut in 1790, identify a few, and compile sketches of one – or more. While Connecticut is fortunate to have hundreds, perhaps thousands, of published family histories, often with intricate detail, until recently few included documentation.

It was around 1790 that families began spreading out, usually moving west into New York and the Midwest. Often they first went north to western Massachusetts and Vermont. Much more source material is now available, especially on the Internet. So writing up such a family can be fairly efficient.

So how do you do it? With permission from the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), a few sample sketches from their *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790* are being added to the CSG website. Also, their editor has submitted a Connecticut family that should appear in the next issue of the *Nutmegger*.

Sketches should be in *Register* style. That is, the first paragraphs should give the birth and/or baptism of the subject and his (sometimes her) death and burial. Then comes the marriage and spouse's birth, parents, and death information.

A fairly short biography should come next. One could include Revolutionary War service (and pension if one exists), later census records, probates, and especially later residences. Research

is not really complete until land records have been searched, but you don't need to include every detail, just key deeds that identify where people lived or family relationships. While most Connecticut land records are online, for some reason they are still only viewable at Family History Centers or affiliate libraries. (Search FamilySearch.org to locate the latter.) However, New York deeds and many probate records are viewable at home at FamilySearch.org. Many, but not all, Connecticut probate records are on Ancestry.com. (Ancestry has misidentified almost all as Hartford probate, but they are not. In fact, Ancestry apparently doesn't actually have Hartford probate files at all!)

It's also important to cite published treatments of the family. Look for books or articles on spouses' names! Sometimes old family records, especially Bibles, and your great-aunt's own genealogy research can pinpoint unexpected sources.

List the children after the biography, treating them as in the beginning paragraph, birth, death, marriage, spouse's birth, parents, and death. However, too much biographical detail on them might make the sketch unwieldy. On the other hand, it might be useful to cover grandchildren if that helps to locate the children's later residences.

Finally, a comment on that scary subject – documentation. If you cannot cite sources precisely, at least give enough information for the editor to find and format them. But take a look at the endnotes in various issues of the *Nutmegger* and use them as samples. If you'd really like to do it right, study a copy of *Guide to Genealogical Writing*, published by NEHGS (see AmericanAncestors.org).

When you're done, you'll have a nice up-to-date account of the family for your posterity. So we hope that many people will take up this challenge!



Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities

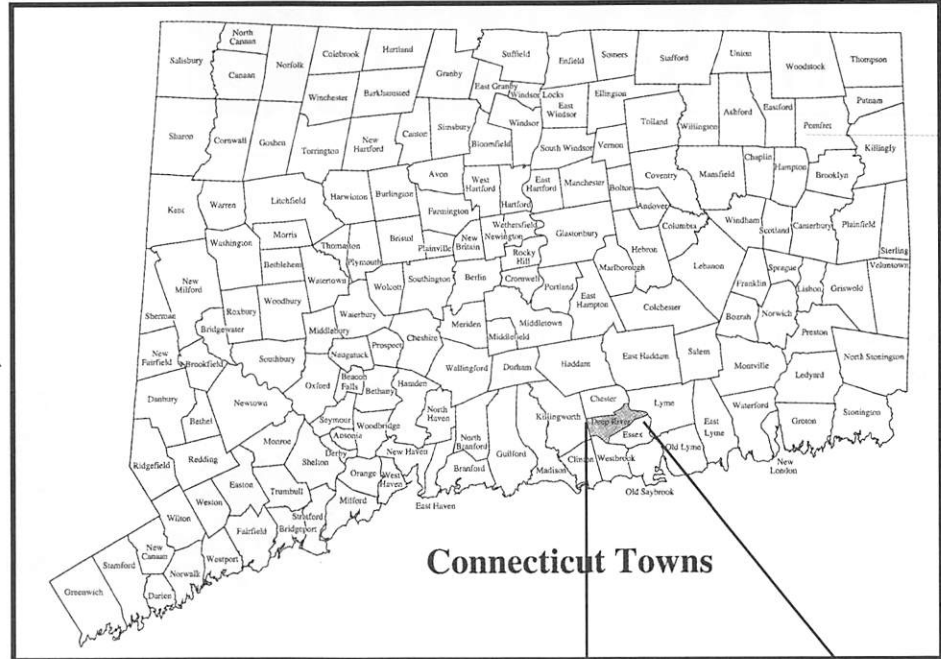


Spotlight On Deep River

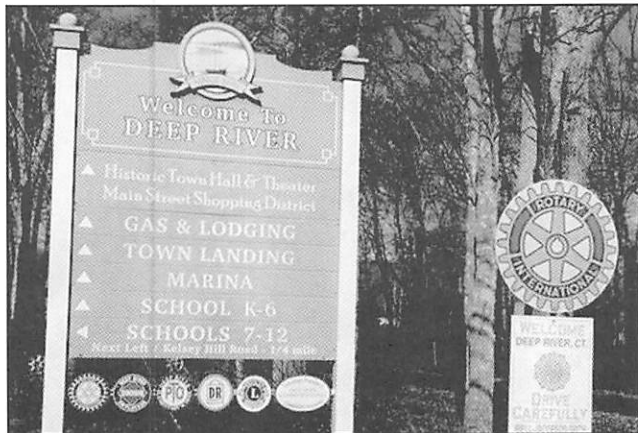
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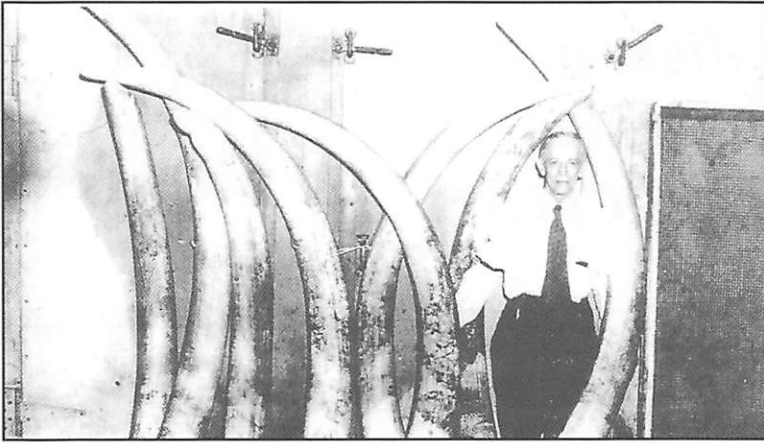
Saybrook Colony was established by John Winthrop the Younger along the mouth of the Connecticut River in 1635 and Fort Saybrook erected by the Colony as a defense against the Indians and Dutch in the spring of 1636. It formally joined the Connecticut Colony in 1644, becoming the town of Saybrook. Over the course of time, many parts of the original colony/town broke off and were incorporated as separate towns.



The portion of the original colony east of the Connecticut River was set off as East Saybrook (later renamed Lyme) in 1665. Later, Old Lyme (originally known as South Lyme) was incorporated in 1855, East Lyme (created from parts Waterford as well as Lyme) in 1839, Chester in 1836, Westbrook in 1840, Essex (originally Old Saybrook) in 1852, and finally Old Saybrook (created from Essex) in 1854. Deep River, a village in Saybrook, grew up on land said to have been owned by John, Nathaniel, and Peter Kirkland in 1775. In 1947 the town of Saybrook changed its name to Deep River to match the name of the town's center village.

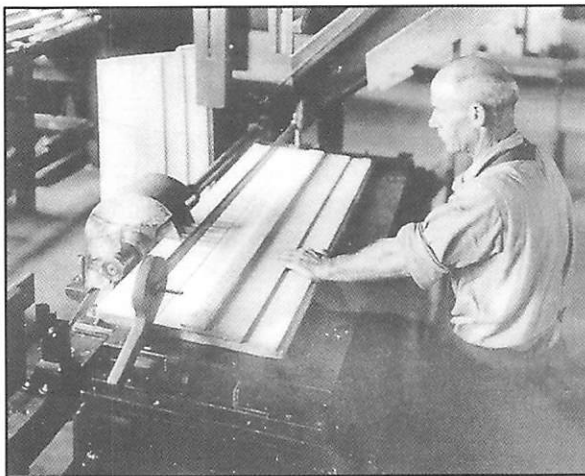
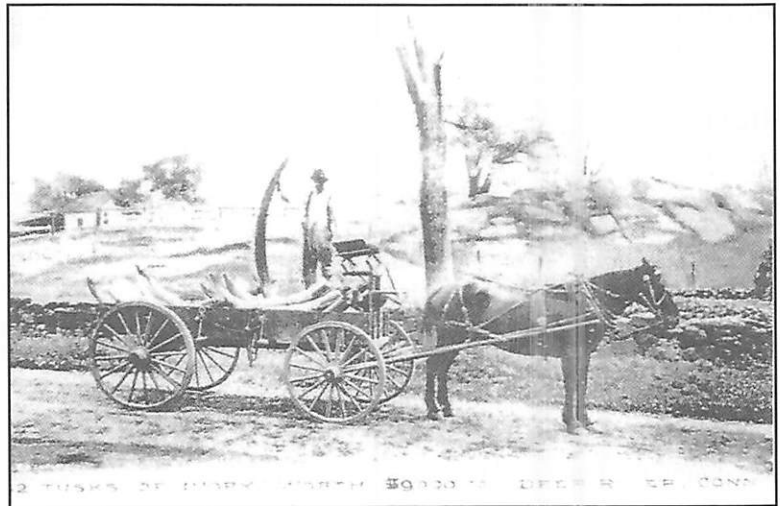


When we mention Deep River to any history aficionado, the word ivory immediately comes to mind. From about 1840 to about 1940, the United States was the world's biggest purchaser of ivory, and most of that ivory went to Deep River. Phineas Pratt developed an ivory lathe, and eventually Deep River became known as the "Queen of the Valley" due to wealth from the ivory industry. The rival Comstock, Cheney & Company was established in nearby Ivoryton in the 1860s.



Louis Pratt, Master ivory cutter for Pratt, Reid & Co. He is showing off eight ivory tusks, c. 1955.

Stephen Beale driving a wagonload of ivory tusks to town from Deep River landing.

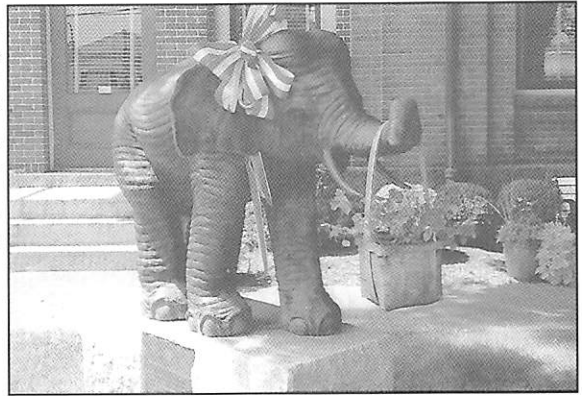


A worker at Pratt, Reid & Company uses a five blade circular saw to cut ivory for a piano keyboard, c. 1920.

E. D. Moore, ivory buyer for Pratt, Reid & Company reclines atop Zanzibar's largest shipment of tusks. 355 tusks weighing 22,000 pounds, c. 1890-1910.



A plaque placed near the Deep River Town Hall reads “We Honor the Elephant.” During the 1800s Deep River was the center of America’s ivory trade. Elephant tusks from Africa were brought to Deep River landing for local factories to make piano keys, combs, buttons and billiard balls. Up to 100,00 elephants a year were killed, their tusks transported by slaves to sustain this trade. Deep River remembers its debt to this majestic creature, as it looks forward to a new future as “Queen of the Valley.”



A Few Notable People of Deep River

Benjamin Hyde Edgerton, surveyor and politician worked for the government as a surveyor and helped survey the city blocks in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1935 and the railroads in Wisconsin.



Mysterious Dave Mather was a Wild West gunfighter and American lawman. His taciturn personality may have earned him the nickname “Mysterious Dave.” He served as a lawman in Dodge City, Las Vegas, Kansas and New Mexico. Mather’s colorful life style lends itself to many strange speculations, and his death is even more mysterious with its Royal Mounty connection.

Gretchen Mol is an American actress and former model. She is noted as the lead character in many roles on television and feature length movies. Her latest recurring role as Sam Hennessy was filmed in 2018.



Alpheus S. Williams was a lawyer, judge, journalist, United States Congressman, and a Union general in the American Civil War. Throughout most of the Civil War, Williams had two horses, Yorkshire and Plug Ugly.

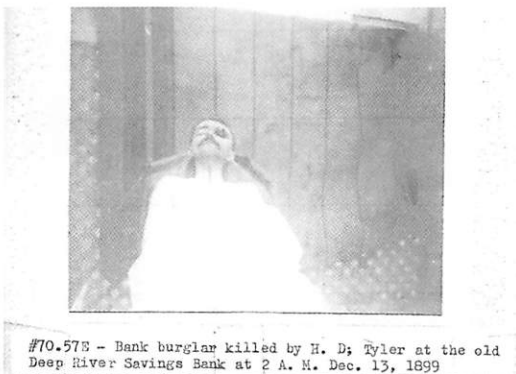
Yorkshire being more showy, Williams often preferred the larger Plug Ugly for more grueling duty. During the Battle of Chancellorsville, a Confederate shell fell in the thick mud underneath Plug Ugly, the following explosion sent both horse and rider into the air. Williams was uninjured, and the horse escaped with a few minor injuries.

Places and Events of Interest

Visitors should consider scheduling their visit to this quiet village on the third Friday and Saturday of July in conjunction with the annual Deep River Ancient Muster. The Muster traces its roots to May of 1879, when the town paused to welcome Fife and Drum Corps to their Field Day. The event is held at Devitt Field and auto parking is always at a premium, as thousands of people flock from around the country to the event. The Deep River Ancient Muster is the oldest and largest gathering of fife and drum participants and enthusiasts in the world and has been referred to as “The Granddaddy of all Musters” and “A Colonial Woodstock.” The colorful parade begins at 11:00 a.m. with up to 80 groups dressed in historical attire participating. Get there early, bring a lunch and plan on spending the day.



The grave of XYZ is the mysterious headstone of an unidentified bank robber and was seen visited every year by a mysterious woman in black who arrived by train, left flowers on the grave and then disappeared until the following year. XYZ attempted to rob the Deep River Savings bank (currently Citizens Bank) but was stopped and shot by a local resident.



Fountain Hill Cemetery, where the grave is located, is just east of downtown, and the XYZ grave is located on the eastern back edge toward the railroad tracks. Ask any grounds keeper or local and they can point you in the right direction. The headstone is the smallest on the grounds and about the size of a shoebox. The grave is hard to find, so be persistent. Once you see a sign for the pet cemetery you can park. Look for a big tree, and the grave will be near. Citizen’s Bank, at 141 Main Street, is not the original Deep River Savings Bank building, but here you can see the small display case with the gun, shell casing, and some photos and accounts of the story.

The Deep River Freight Station is a historic railroad depot at 152 River Street. The station was originally built to serve both passengers and freight. Constructed in 1915 by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, it is one of two surviving early 20th century stations on the southern end of the Connecticut Valley Railroad line. It is now a station on the Valley Railroad, a heritage steam railroad.

The sailing yacht *Doris*, Built in Bristol, Rhode Island, in 1905 by the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, is located on the Connecticut River off River Road, where she now births after competing in several American Cup races. *Doris* is the largest all-wood vessel ever built by the firm. Over the years and several owners she has been known as *Astarte*, *Huntress* and *Vayu*, before taking on her present name *Doris*. Original construction drawings for much of the ship are preserved in the collection at the Hart Nautical Museum, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Pratt, Read and Company Factory complex is located on Main Street between Bridge and Spring Streets. It is an historical industrial facility. Established

in 1863 and significantly enlarged in 1914, it was one of the principle sites of ivory processing in Connecticut, producing combs, buttons and piano keys and eventually entire piano keyboard actions.

Old Structures Worthy of a Visit

Visiting the Stone House before any exploration of this town will provide you with a “Walking Tour” pamphlet that will make your journey much simpler.

The Stone House was built in 1840 by Deacon Ezra Southworth for he and his new wife. The house was built of stone quarried on the property. The wrap-around porch was added to the house in 1898. In 1945, Ezra’s granddaughter bequeathed the property and its massive collection of original furnishings to the Deep River Historical Society. It is now a home museum open to the public. A visit to the building is free of charge. On the property there is also a nineteenth century barn, called the carriage house, and a section of an old bleach house used for whitening ivory before it was sent to be glued to the piano keys.



Congregational Church Parsonage, at 25 Union Street, is a house built in 1838 to serve as a parsonage for the nearby Deep River Congregational Church.

The Second Congregational Church, Deep River’s own Congregational Church, was built in 1833. Worship was held in the church as soon as it was completed, although it was not officially dedicated until it was entirely paid for the following year.

Earlier this year the church celebrated its 175th anniversary.



The John Gladding House, located at 11 Union Street, was built in 1825. John Gladding was a joiner and he may have constructed the house himself.

The Lieutenant Abner Kirkland House, located at 19 Union Street, was built in 1767. Abner Kirkland served in the Revolutionary War, being commissioned as a First Lieutenant in Colonel William Worthington’s Regiment of the 7th Connecticut Militia in 1780.

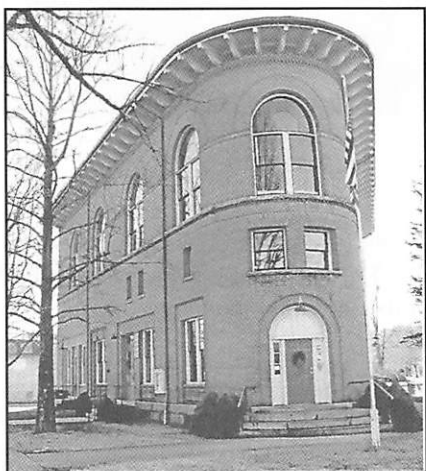
Mount Saint John’s Industrial School, which overlooks the Connecticut River, was originally established for boys in need of care. The original date of construction was 1907. After closing for a brief period, The Academy at Mount Saint John, 135 Kirtland Street, reopened as a Clinical Day School.

Alpheus S. Williams was a Union General in the Civil War. His father Ezra built the home on the corner of Main and Elm Streets. In the previous year, Ezra Williams had partnered with George Reed, Phineas Pratt and others to form Ezra Williams & Company to manufacture ivory combs.

The Deep River Town Library is located in a Queen Ann/Stick style house on the corner of 150 Main and Village Streets. It underwent major renovations since its construction as the 1911 home of Richard Pratt Spencer, a prominent banker and citizen and re-opened in 1933. Does the library house a set of ghosts? Many people have claimed to have photographed or heard them moving about. You be the judge!

Deep River Town Hall, located at the juncture of Routes 80 and 154, was constructed as a replacement in 1893, with town offices on the second floor and

an auditorium on the third. It is an unusually large structure for a rural community. It is distinctive for its flatiron shape conforming to its location where Elm and Main Street intersect diagonally. This three story building originally held businesses and a Post Office. The building's granite foundation and the 1905 granite fountain, located outside, were both donated by Samuel Snow in memory of his wife.



Genealogical Resources

Researchers seeking "Saybrook" records may find them in Deep River. Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates; Land Records; Property Tax Information; Voter Registration; and other records for your research may be found at the Deep River Town Hall. They have it all except for Probate Records due to a lack of storage space. You will also be able to access Veteran's records at this facility. Overseeing the operation is Amy Macmillan Winchell CCTC, Town Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics. If you are seeking information, be sure to call ahead at 860-526-6024 to make an appointment and to ensure their hours of operation.

Deep River Historical Society is located at 245 Main Street in a grand stone building known as The Stone House (see more information above). The building, built in 1840, is now a museum, open to the public. This very active society collects, preserves and communicates the rich history of Deep River to the public, through exhibits, programs, research collections and publications. The Deep River Historical Society has offered many programs, projects and events to preserve Deep River's place in American history. They host many programs throughout the year on a wide variety of topics of interest to the community.

The Historical Society is under the capable leadership of Jeff Hosteller. If you are interested in visiting this facility and its clever exhibits, call ahead to be sure you have their correct hours of operation. You may contact them by phone at 860-526-1449 on Tuesday and Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and Noon. Rhonda Forristall is the curator of the facility and possesses a vast store of knowledge about the community of Deep River. Call her before visiting at 860-526-5096 or email at rforrestall@gmail.com.

Deep River Public Library is a valuable resource for any researcher. There is a significant section of shelf space devoted to the history of the Deep River community. The staff will be pleased to assist you and to help answer specific research questions. The director of the library is Susan Rooney, who has helped turn this facility into a first-class operation. Call to ensure the library is open as the hours vary, especially during the summer months. The library is located at 150 Main Street and can be reached at 860-526-6039.



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Personal interviews with Ruth Schumacher and Eric Schumacher of Essex.

Telephone interview with Jane Mather, Treasurer and Trustee of Fountain Hill Cemetery, in Deep River.

Personal interview with Rhonda Forristall, Curator of the Deep River Historical Society.

Select photographs courtesy of the Deep River Historical Society.

Special thank yous to Ruth Schumacher of Essex who arranged for and helped schedule my exploration of Deep River; to Jayne Mather who spent time on the telephone coordinating my "tour guide" of that charming and vibrant community and to Rhonda Forristall, the curator of the Deep River Historical Society, who met with me and willingly shared her vast store of Deep River knowledge.

Query

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Rosanna (Barnard) Collins b ca 1782, d Buffalo NY, bur Rochester NY 3Feb1856; m ca 1802 Wheeler Collins b ca 4Jun1781, d 8Nov1832, bur Rochester NY. Rosanna poss dau/rel of Elihu & Isabel (Adams) Barnard b Simsbury CT 1762, d Rochester NY. Want par of Rosanna & Wheeler.

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Book Reviews

by Russell DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

International Vital Records Handbook, 7th Edition, by Thomas Jay Kemp. Published by The Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, Maryland, 21211. 8 1/2 X 11, softcover, ISBN: 9780806320618, 2017, 756 pages. Order directly from publisher at the above address, or call 800-296-6687 or email jgaronzi@genealogical.com, Attn: Joe. Cost \$84.05 plus shipping and handling.

Thomas Jay Kemp, the author of this book, spent several years in Connecticut as the director of a local genealogical library and was responsible for many of our local genealogists' research successes. His book is a massive collection of application forms with ordering information for the vital records that you may need for driver's licenses, passports, jobs, Social Security or proof of identity. This 7th Edition includes copies of the application forms for all 50 states, Canada, the British Isles and Australia. If contact information is needed because forms do not exist, this information is also provided by the author. This exposure to many necessary forms is a wealth of information for any genealogist.

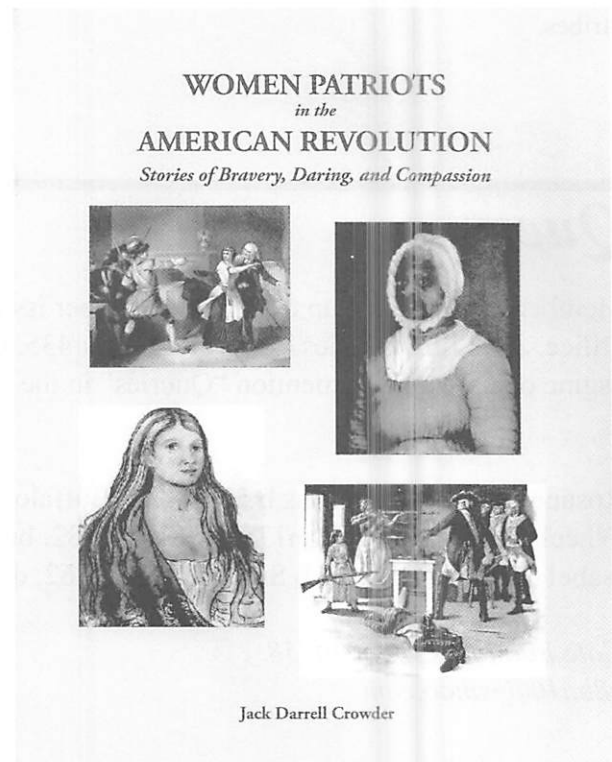
A massive table of contents provides the reader with a clear direction for their researching operation from A to Z. Clearly written with valuable examples of forms we need to locate information, the book is a valuable tool for any researcher. I would have appreciated this book 30 years ago when I began my own fact gathering.

Women Patriots in the American Revolution: Stories of Bravery, Daring and Compassion, by Jack Darrell Crowder. Published by The Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, Maryland, 21211. 8 1/2 X 11, soft cover, ISBN: 97808063588741, 2018, 102 pages. Order

directly from publisher at the above address or call 800- 296-6687 or email jgaronzi@genealogical.com, Attn: Joe. Cost of book plus shipping and handling to be determined by publisher.

This entertaining read features the exploits of many well-known women patriots and their Native American counterparts who risked their lives to establish our newly emerging country. Wonderful sketches or photographs highlight the stories, bringing to life their many stories of bravery. This book is definitely light, enjoyable reading but could be used as a resource by those writing genealogical narratives.

The detailed table of contents gives the reader a thorough overview of the materials the author so cleverly included in his materials. The photographs/sketches give one a break from simply reading the materials and enhance the book's quality. At the conclusion of the book, not only is there a bibliography but a listing of government records and an index of names and places.



***The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, by Val D. Greenwood. Published by The Genealogical.Com, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, Maryland 21211. 6 X 9, soft cover, ISBN: 978-0-8063-2066-3, 2017, 78 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or call Joe Garonzik, Marketing Director, at 410-837-8271, ext. 215. Cost of this book is \$59.95 plus shipping and handling.**

This huge book is a “must have” tool for any working genealogist. Its valuable scope of materials instructs the researcher in the very latest tools for successful genealogical research. It is a wealth of suggestions, and with this newly updated version, provides the researcher with a tantalizing array of materials for that personalized family search.

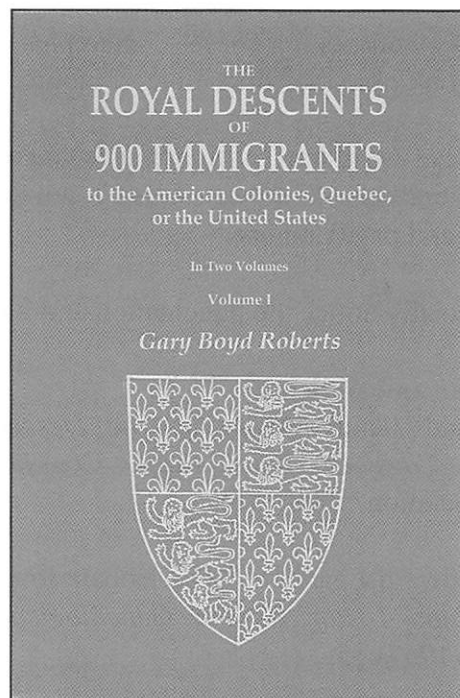
From the very beginnings of this book until its final page, the book incorporates helpful guides throughout its vast sources of researcher's materials. Through a rich table of contents, enumeration of illustrations and charts, up to its closing index, it assists any researcher throughout their family search. This is a book I would have found most helpful when I began this journey well over 30 years ago.

The *Library Journal* sums up this book when it states, “Recommended as the most comprehensive how-to book on American genealogical and local history research.”

***The Royal Descents of 900 Immigrants to the American Colonies, Quebec, or the United States*, in two volumes, by Gary Boyd Roberts. Published by The Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, Maryland 21211. 6 x 9, softcover, Library of Congress Preassigned Control Number: 2018935565, ISBN: 978000806320748 (for two volume set), 2018, volume one: 734 pages, volume two: 1611 pages. Order directly from the Publisher at the above address or call 800-296-6687 or email jgaronzi@genealogical.com, Attn: Joe. Cost \$150.00 plus shipping and handling.**

The author of these two volumes is a widely respected researcher working for NEHGS in Boston. I have personally worked with Mr. Roberts in an attempt to untangle my own family history and found his expertise superb. These two books would be a valuable resource for any genealogist who is attempting to link to medieval kings and their ancient forebears. The author should be congratulated for an excellent completion of his massive project. This is a set of books that you will want on your library shelf.

Any set of books this massive definitely needs guideposts along the way for the reader, no matter how experienced he/she may be. Starting with the usual table of contents, acknowledgements and introduction, the author takes us on a journey with many thousand new world settlers. We conclude this journey with a much appreciated index of names. This is a set of books that I would seriously consider for my own collection.



Creating Footnotes

Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, CSG # 3794

Footnotes do not need everything; they just need enough.

Formatting footnotes needn't be a chore. Just learn a few guidelines and do it right the first time. When an author uses standard footnote formats, it saves the editors a great deal of work! For the most part, MASSOG^[1] and *The Connecticut Nutmegger* [which uses endnotes but the format is the same] follow the style used in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. See Penelope L. Stratton & Henry B. Hoff, CG, FASG, *Guide to Genealogical Writing*, published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society in 2014. The "Genealogical Manual of Style" toward the end of that book should answer all sorts of questions that authors have (or should have). Sample footnotes begin on page 164.

Here are some examples of frequently used sources. These examples provide citations for the first time a source is used.

You can use a short form for a subsequent footnote. It generally needs only an author's surname, partial title, and page number.

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[Note that we prefer to cite the original Barbour, which is online at AmericanAncestors.org.]

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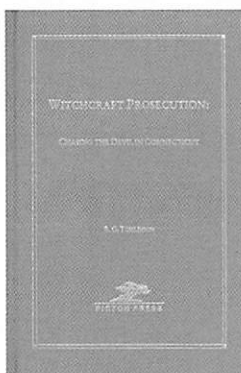
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