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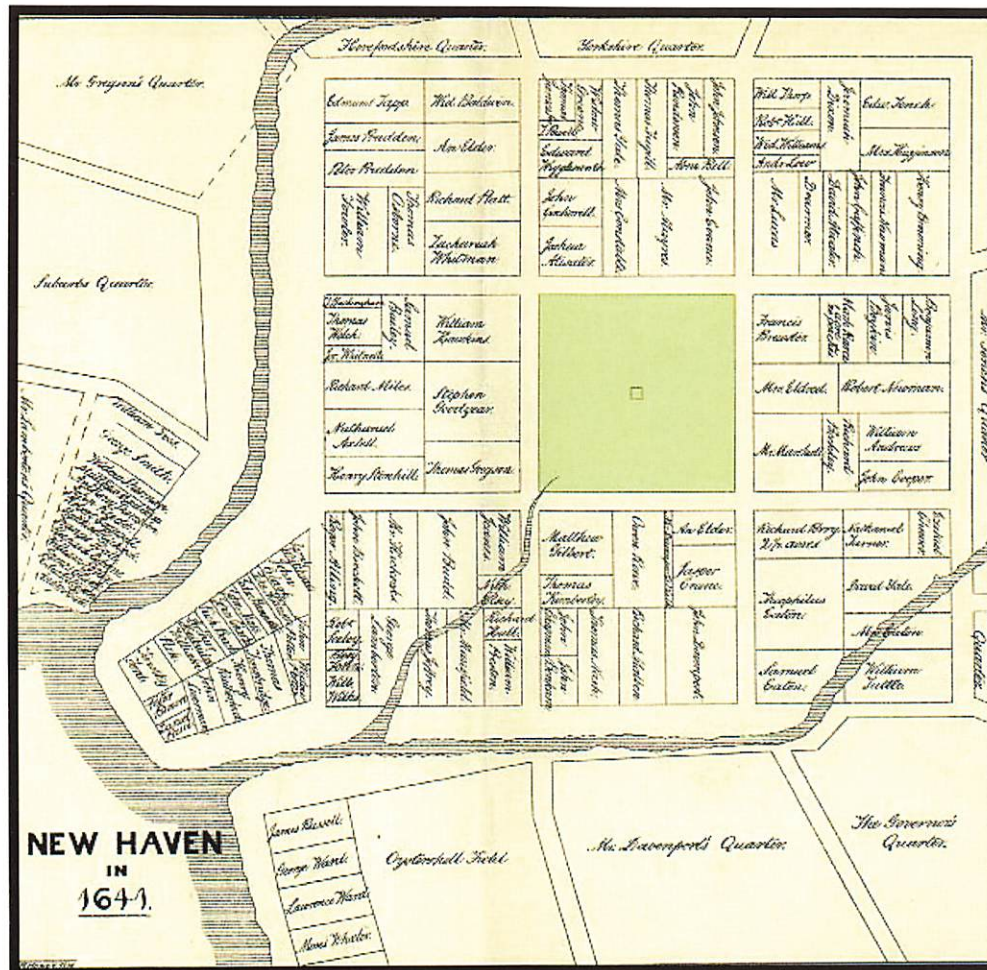
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President's Message



Ready for Spring

As a hard and sometimes bitter winter comes to an end, every sign of spring is warmly welcomed. However, it does cause some anxiety to realize that we are losing those house-bound days and long evenings that were meant to be used digging into accumulated data

and backlogs of material to extract those bits and pieces needed to fill family lines. It is amazing how often we can find gems of knowledge that were there all along and we didn't realize it. I guess this is what the technically astute call "data mining."

"For Those Who Pursue Their Family Heritage"

As we welcome the renewal of spring and begin volume 7 of *Connecticut Genealogy News*, we have a fresh, new look on our masthead thanks to the creativity of Justin Piccirillo. We've also adopted a new tag line for the magazine to emphasize our commitment to family history. For many of us, our interest in genealogy was first stirred by intriguing stories about the family. While we certainly encourage and admire the publication of ambitious genealogies that begin with an early ancestor and march forward through multiple generations like a spreading umbrella, we also realize that that is beyond the resources of many. You don't necessarily have to publish a book.

Don't Let Your Heritage Get Lost

However, we can all engage to some degree in documenting and preserving our family histories. Even the most rudimentary family tree and collection of family anecdotes may prove to be a precious treasure to some future generation. Write it down! Computer records are convenient, but are more ephemeral than you may realize. Hard drives, websites, CDs and flash drives have finite lifetimes. Of course, publication is the best goal, but is often delayed as we seek a little more data and/or a little more documentation, and the cost can be daunting.

Publish Your Research

CSG can help. *Connecticut Nutmegger* is our journal-of-record for documented genealogical research. It is archived by many libraries, including the Library of Congress. Even if you have only completed a few generations, you can submit your work for publication

in the *Connecticut Nutmegger*. Remember, however, we do not publish information about living persons.

-Richard Tomlinson, President

Editorial

In this issue, we are excited to present a new look to the cover thanks to the talents of Justin Piccirillo.

With "Using the 1790 Federal Census" and the recap, we are ending our Use of U.S. Population Census Records series. We will continue by addressing the Special Census Records. Thank you to Nora Galvin, Edwin W. Strickland and Richard Tomlinson for all the effort that they have put into this series, and we hope that it was beneficial to our readers.

Thank you to Richard Roberts for sharing with us more of the resources at the Connecticut State Library and to Noreen Manzella for the profiles of Connecticut's Civil War Medal of Honor recipients. Thank you to Gregory Thompson for shining our spotlight on the city of New Haven. New Haven is such a wealth of history and information that we will take two issues to cover it. Our many thanks also go out to Russell DeGrafft who writes the Book Reviews.

There is a lot of news to share, so don't miss CSG Central News and the CSG Calendar of Events on the blue pages.

Another addition to this issue is Vital Signs, a crossword created by Richard Tomlinson. It's for fun, we hope you like.

If you have an idea for an article or series that would fit in either this publication or *The Connecticut Nutmegger* journal, let us know. We would be happy to help you get it published.

-Stephanie Hyland, Editor

About the Cover

The New Haven Colony was founded as a "bible-based" community. The leading cleric, Reverend John Davenport, urged that the heart of the town of New Haven be laid out in 1638 in a nine-square grid to emulate the encampments of the tribes of Israel. He referred to the New Haven settlement as "the new Jerusalem". The center grid, the town Green, remains preserved today as the heart of the first planned city in America.



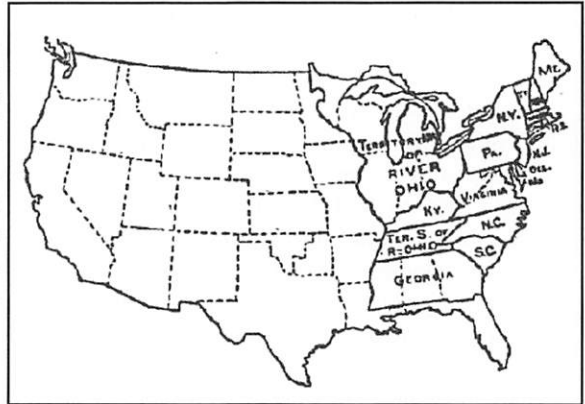
Using the 1790 Federal Census

by Edwin W. Strickland II, CSG # 3709L

Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution required that:

“Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons. The actual enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct.”^[1]

The first census of the United States covered the 13 original states plus the districts of Kentucky, Maine and Vermont and the Southwest Territory (Tennessee).^[2] Vermont was admitted as a state by Act of Congress, passed 18 February 1791, and becoming effective on 4 March of that year.^[3] Only the head of household was named. All persons in a household enumerated in one of five categories: Free white males age 16 and older, free white males under 16, free white females, other persons (this would include taxable Indians), and slaves. The government did not provide forms, and the marshals submitted their returns in whatever form they found convenient.^[4]



NAME OF HEAD OF FAMILY.	Free white males of 16 years and upward, including heads of families.	Free white males under 16 years.	Free white females, including heads of families.	All other free persons.	Slaves.
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As with other censuses before 1850, you cannot assume that the oldest person is the head of the household and that all others are his spouse (in the case of male head of household) and his/her children.

Endnotes

¹ United States Census Bureau, *Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses From 1790 to 2000*, (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administration, April 2002.) page 125 and footnote 3. In subsequent years the practice of “service for a term of years” died out. “Indians not taxed” were those not living in

settled areas and paying taxes; by the 1940s, all American Indians were considered to be taxed. The 13th Amendment abolished slavery in 1865, and the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, ratified in 1868, officially ended Article I’s “three-fifth’s” rule.

² United States Census Bureau. *Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses From 1790 to 2000*, 5.

³ The Act of Congress admitting Vermont as a state can be found in The Avalon Project at Yale Law School (http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/vt03.asp) viewed 15 January 2014.

⁴ United States Census Bureau, *Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses From 1790 to 2000*, 5.

Editor’s Note:

Interesting Information About the 1790 Census

Although a complete set of census records for 1790 were filed with the State Department, they are not now complete. When the British burned the capitol during the War of 1812, the returns from Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee and Virginia were destroyed. Lists of heads of families for Virginia were partially reconstructed from state censuses. It has been estimated that the population of the United States in 1790 was 540,000. The number of names missing due to the destruction of the records is estimated to be ~140,000.

Source: *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790, Connecticut* (Baltimore: Md., repr., Clearfield Co. of the Genealogical Publishing Co., 1998), 3.

Recapping the U.S. Census Population Schedules: 1790-1940

by Edwin W. Strickland II, CSG #3709L

This issue concludes our transversal of the available Population Schedules. We have seen the complexity of the census increase over the years: from simple counts of six age/gender categories in 1790; through the rise of "social conscienceness" of the late 1800s, to the effects of the Great Depression in the 1930s and 1940s. For those of you who completed the 2010 census, you can see that we have gone full circle, with a very simple population schedule and more and more "social issues" being covered by ongoing surveys by the Census Bureau.

Though the early censuses provide little information, by following the same family over the decades, you can develop a sense of the family and social dynamic. Of course, prior to the 1880 census, we have to be very careful in assuming relationships within the household. As single families seldom migrated by themselves, a review of the surrounding neighbors is of great benefit in determining if we have the right "John Smith."

Many of us have a tendency to over-look the information past the name, date, and place. Examination of occupations can help separate people of similar demographics or explain why a family moved frequently. Appearance

or disappearance from a family can help narrow down a birth, death or marriage. Information gathered in the later censuses can also give us clues for further research.

Following is a table covering the questions asked by the U.S. Census Bureau between 1790 and 1840.* By focusing on specific questions, you just may be able to knock down a few brickwalls!

*Table based on information given in: Emily Anne Croom, *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook*, 2nd ed. (Cincinnati, Ohio: Betterway Books, 2003), 22-23. Marcia Yannizze Melnyk, *The Genealogist's Question & Answer Book* (Cincinnati, Ohio: Betterway Books, 2002), 55-56. U.S. Census Bureau, *Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistic Administration, 2002), available as a pdf from the U.S. Census Bureau.

NAME	CENSUS	NOTES
Head of Household	All Censuses	
Pensioners	1840	Names and ages listed on reverse side of page
Others in the Household	1850-1940	
Relationship to the Head	1880-1940	
Name of Informant	1940	
AGE/BIRTHPLACE		
Age	1790-1940	1790-1840 age brackets only
Month of birth	1900	
Month if in census year	1870, 1880	
Birthplace each person	1850-1940	
Birthplace of parents	1870-1940	1870 only asked if parents were foreign born
RESIDENCE		
# on household in order of visitation	1850-1940	
Street address	1880-1940	
Home or farm	1890-1910, 1930-1940	
Owned or rented	1890-1940	Asked on farms in 1890 only

Free or mortgaged	1890-1920	Asked on farms in 1890 only
Value of home or rent	1930-1940	
Residence 1 April 1935	1940	
PROPERTY		
Slaves	1790-1860	1820-1860 slaves were broken down by age and gender
Value of real estate	1850-1870	
Value of personal property	1860-1870	
Radio	1930	
MARITAL STATUS		
Marital status	1880-1940	
Age at first marriage	1930	
Married more than once	1910	
Married within census year	1850-1890	1870 also asked month if within census year
Years in present marriage	1900, 1910	
Mother of how many children	1890-1900	How many children born and how many living
OCCUPATION/ EMPLOYMENT		
# Employed in agriculture	1820, 1840	
# Employed in commerce	1820, 1840	
# Employed in manufacturing	1820, 1840	1840 also included those in the trades in this class
# Employed in other classes	1840	Ocean Navigation, inland navigation, learned professionals or engineers
Occupation	1850-1940	1910-1940 also asked the industry in which employed
Employer/self-employed or wage earner	1910-1930	
Duration of unemployment this year	1940	
Illness, temp. disability	1880	
Acute or chronic illness	1890	Length of time afflicted
Months unemployed	1880-1900	
# Hours worked last week	1940	
# Weeks out of work	1910	Number for 1909
# Weeks worked	1940	For 1939
Worked yesterday	1930	
Worked last week	1940	
Seeking work	1940	
Working in public emergency work	1940	WPA, etc.
Home housework or unable to work	1940	
EDUCATION/LITERACY		
Ability to read or write	1850-1930	1850-1880 asked if able, 1890-1930 asked if unable
Native language	1890, 1910-1930	1920 also asked native language of parents
Speaks English	1890-1930	

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Attendance in school	1850-1940	1850-1860 free inhabitants only
Months attending school	1900	
Highest grade completed	1940	
CITIZENSHIP/ IMMIGRATION		
Eligible to vote	1870	For males only, yes or no
Alien	1900-1930	1820 and 1830 counted foreigners not naturalized
Immigration year	1900-1930	
Number of years in U.S.	1890, 1900	
Naturalized or first papers	1890-1930	
Year of naturalization	1920	
Citizenship or foreign born	1940	
HANDICAPS/ INFIRMITIES		Separate, Defective, Dependent and Delinquent schedule in 1880
Blind	1830, 1850-1890, 1910	
Convict	1850-1860, 1890	
Crippled, maimed, deformed	1890	
Deaf/dumb	1830, 1850-1890, 1910	1830 asked for free or slave; under 14, 14-24 and over 25
Insane/Idiot	1850	1890 termed defective in mind
Pauper	1850-1860, 1890	
Prisoner	1890	
VETERANS		
Pensioners	1840	Listed on reverse of sheet
Civil War	1890, 1910	1890 veteran or widow, 1910 veterans only. Also a special schedule in 1890 for veterans and widows.
U.S. military or Naval vet.	1930	Asked which war

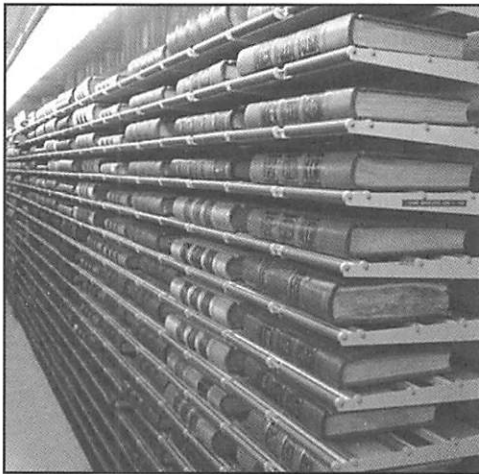
Where You Can Find the Discussion of the Censuses in *Connecticut Genealogy News*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Volume</i>	<i>No.</i>		<i>Year</i>	<i>Volume</i>	<i>No.</i>
Intro.	3	4		1860	5	3
1940	5	1		1850	5	4
1930	4	1		1840	6	1
1920	4	2		1830	6	2
1910	4	3		1820	6	3
1900	4	4		1810	6	4
1890	5	1		1800	6	4
1880	5	1		1790	7	1
1870	5	2		Summary	7	1

Resources at the Connecticut State Library: Connecticut's "Early General Records"

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680

Maybe you're interested in a historical event from Connecticut's colonial past. Maybe you've come across a cryptic reference in a standard work such as *Manwaring's Digest* and want to locate the original record. Maybe you're looking for information to "flesh out" the information on an early Connecticut ancestor. Once you've exhausted derived sources such as the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records and the Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions, what's a relatively accessible source of primary documentation?



The answer may be the records and papers of Connecticut's government prior to the adoption of the Constitution of 1818. The record books, into which the proceedings of the General Court and General Assembly, Records of the Particular Court, Records of the Governor and Council, etc. were entered are known as the "Early General Records" and are discussed here. The papers and correspondence of the early colony and state government are known as the "Connecticut Archives" and will be covered in the next issue. Collectively, these make up what is today known as State Archives Record Group 001. They include what the finding aid to RG 001 describes as "some of the most valuable and significant archival materials" at the Connecticut State Library. Whether you're searching for proof of service during the colonial or Revolutionary wars, elusive probate or divorce information, or a petition on behalf of a Native American tribe, you may find it among these official Connecticut colonial and early statehood records. And fortunately, although the originals are in the State Archives, many of these records are now easily accessible in other formats.

The Early General Records ("EGR") are indeed "Early" -- mostly pre-1818 -- and they're "General" -- originally created in such a way that they could not be separated into the record groups dealing with specific Colony or State agencies. Now bound as 63 volumes, the records are grouped roughly by broad function, for example, Records of the Colony of Connecticut, Records of the State of Connecticut, Connecticut Colonial Land Records, and Records of the Particular Court. However, just to make things interesting, over time, through rebinding and reprocessing, each volume now has two sets of numbering. For example, since the Particular Court was superseded, in part, by the County Courts, the second volume of Particular Court records has the binder's title "Connecticut Colonial Probate Records, Volume 2, County Court, 1649-1663" and is Volume 55 of the overall Early General Records series.

Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776 (RG 001:001).

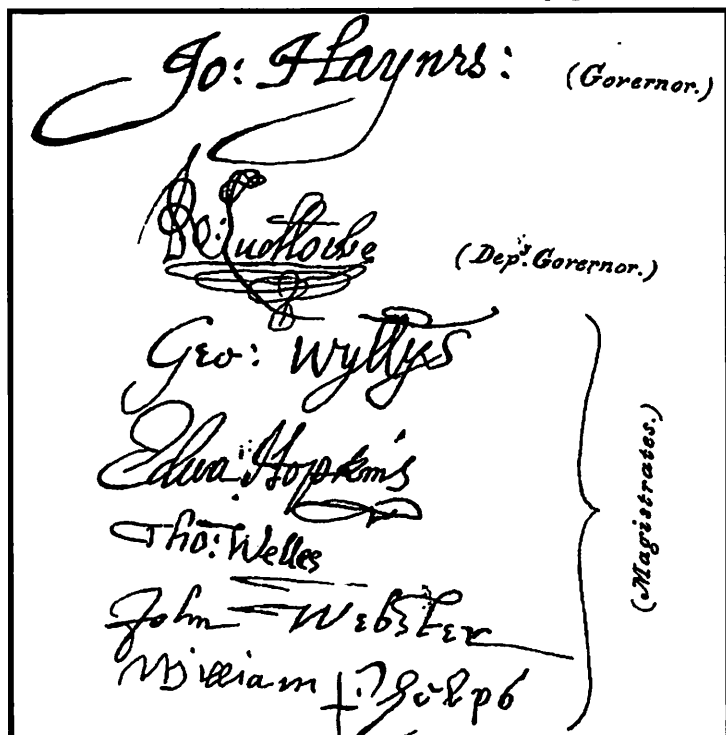
The Records of the Colony of Connecticut are the official record books of the General Court/General Assembly, containing proceedings and other materials. The original records make up 11 volumes (EGR Volumes 1-11). They have been microfilmed as part of *Records of the States of the United States*. The films have the call number F91 .C865 and are housed in microfilm cabinets in the State Library's History and Genealogy Reading Room. Volumes 1-3 are on Conn A.6 Reel 1; Volumes 4-5 are on Conn A.6 Reel 2; Volumes 6-7 are on Conn A.6 Reel 3; Volumes 8-9 are on Conn A.6 Reel 4; and Volumes 10-11 are on Conn A.6 Reel 5. Between 1850 and 1890 they were published in 15 volumes as *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, available on the web as Colonial Connecticut Records, <http://www.colonialct.uconn.edu/>. To search the full text contents of each volume online, select the appropriate volume link and then follow the "Read Online" link on the left-hand side of the browser window. Some volumes are also available online on Google Books, and a reprint of Volume 1 is available for purchase from Heritage Books, www.HeritageBooks.com.



The published version of Volume 1 of the Colonial Records (which is also what you see if you use Colonial Connecticut Records online) includes records from April 1636 to May 1665. Some highlights found here include the 1640 Oath of a Freeman (p. 62), the Code of 1650 (pp. 509 ff.), which includes provisions for the recording of births and marriages (p. 551), the publishing of marriage intentions (p. 540) and the age at which minors could choose their guardians (p. 510).

The published version of Volume 1 also contains the text of the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut beginning on page 20. Note, however, that the original manuscript version of Volume 1 does not contain a contemporary (January 1639) text of the Fundamental Orders. A number of blank pages were left in the volume between records of meetings in April 1638

and April 1639. The Fundamental Orders, perhaps originally intended to be entered onto those pages, actually appeared at a much later point in the volume and was probably entered at a later date. Those pages have been removed from the volume and are on display in Memorial Hall, part of the State Library's Museum of Connecticut History.



Although various individuals have sometimes been mentioned as "signers" of the Fundamental Orders, this seems to be an error stemming from the fact that the printed version of the *Public Records* contains a page of facsimiles of signatures immediately following the text of the Orders. However, as the introduction to the volume points out, these signatures were gathered from many places. The original document contains no signatures, and there is no evidence that any contemporary copy was signed at the time the Orders were adopted by the General Court.

Volume 1 of the Colonial Records also includes Wills and Inventories from 1640 to 1649 beginning on page 442; see the Records of the Particular Court, below. Volume 2 of the Colonial Records includes the Charter

of 1662 (p. 3, ff.), a List of Freemen, Oct. 1669 (pp. 518-526), the Journal of the Council of War, 1675-1678, and Laws for the Pequots, 1675 (p. 574 ff.).

Records of the State of Connecticut, 1776-ca. 1931 (RG 001:002).

The Records of the State of Connecticut are the official record books of the General Assembly from 1776 to about 1933. The original 39 volumes (EGR vols. 12-45E) are housed in the State Archives, and those volumes covering 1776 to 1839 were microfilmed as part of the Library of Congress' *Records of the States of the United States* project. The films have the call number F91 .C8651st and are housed in microfilm cabinets in the State Library's History and Genealogy Reading Room.

Records through the early nineteenth century have been published as the *Public Records of the State of Connecticut*. This has been an "on again, off again" project. Volume 1 was published in 1894 and volume 2 in 1895. There was a gap until 1922 when Volume 3 was published, followed by a 20 year gap until Volume 4 was published in 1942. The most recent volume to be published is Volume 20, covering 1819-1820. All the volumes published to date are available online through the State Library's catalog; go to <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/>, click on "Go directly to our catalog," and type "public records of the state of connecticut" in the search box. Then click on the links to the individual volumes.

Sample entries from the *Records of the State of Connecticut* include Connecticut's approval of the Declaration of Independence (Volume 1, p. 503) and the Oath of Fidelity to State during the Revolutionary War (Volume 1, pp. 4-5). On a more individual level, it also includes entries such as the October 1770 memorial of "Pomp, a ... slave belonging to the estate of Jeremiah Leming formerly of Norwalk, clerk, now absconded to the enemy of the United States ..., praying to be

emancipated and set at liberty as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby emancipated and set at liberty (Volume 2, pp. 427-28).”

Records of New Haven Colony, 1639-1649, 1653-1664 (RG 001:003).

The original manuscript volumes, now labeled 1A (1639-1649) and 1B (1653-1664), are in the State Archives. A volume covering ca. 1644-1653 is believed to have been lost or destroyed prior to 1698. Both surviving volumes have been transcribed and published (see #1 and #2 of the Bibliography) and are available online through the State Library’s catalog; go to <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/>, click on “Go directly to our catalog,” and type “records of the colony of new haven” in the search box. Then click on the links to the individual volumes.

Connecticut Colonial Land Records, 1640-1846 (RG 001:004).

In October 1639, the General Court ordered “The Townes of Hartford, Windsore and Wethersfield, or any other of the Townes within this jurisdiction, shall each of them haue power to dispose of their own lands” and that “each of them shall pvide a Ledger Book, with an Index or alphabet vnto the same: Also shall choose one who shall be a Towne Clerke or Register, who shall before the Generall Court in Aprill next, record every man’s house and land already graunted....” It went on to order that “the sayd Register shall every Generall Court, in Aprill and September, deliver into the same a transcript fayrely written of all such graunts, bargaines or ingagements recorded by him in the Towne Booke, and the Secretary of the Court shall rcord it in a book fayrely written provided for that purpose....” (Colonial Records Volume 1, original, p. 30; published, pp. 36-37).

Then, on April 10, 1640 the General Court ordered that town clerks or registers should record births and marriages and “Forasmuch as many Persons intangle themselves by rashe & incondiderat Contracts for their future joyneing in Maridge Couenant, to the great troble and grief of themselves and their friends; for the avoiding whereof, It is Ordered that whosoever intent to joyne themselves in Maridge Couenant shall cause that their purpose of Contracte to be published in some public place.” (Colonial Records Volume 1, original, p. 30; published, p. 47). The Code of 1650 expanded this requirement to cover deaths as well and charged the Register of each Towne, to “yearly convey to the Secretary of the Colony “a true transcript of the Births, Deaths and Marriages, giuen vnder their hands”. Matthew Grant, Windsor’s town clerk, seems to have made the only consistent effort to comply.

So, by April 1640 the Connecticut Colony had not only established a procedure for land records and vital records to be recorded at the local level, but had provided for a centralized set of duplicate records. As a result, in the early colonial period there are two sets of records – town and colony – with similar information. In both cases, the clerks generally kept land records at the “front” of the volume, with vital records “reversed” at the other end. However, the order of entries for the two versions may vary greatly, depending on whatever space the individual clerk could find to utilize every available piece of paper.

The original six volumes of Colonial Land Records, numbered 1-5, with an unnumbered volume between Volumes 3 and 4, are also numbered as EGR Volumes 46-51. They consist primarily of early land distributions, deeds, and turnpike records. The first volume includes the earliest distributions of land in Hartford, Windsor, and Wethersfield. It is separated into several sections. The land records for each of the towns makes up a separate section, each with separate pagination and its own index. The Hartford section is further subdivided by landowners north and south of the “little river”.

EGR Volumes 46, 47, and 48 also include some early vital records. Edwin Stanley Welles transcribed the vital records from Volumes 46 and 47, otherwise known as “Connecticut Colonial Land Records” Volume 1 (1640-1653) and Volume 2 (1646-1763), and from Volume 48, otherwise known as “Connecticut Colony Records of Deeds, etc.: The Publick Records of Her Majesties Colonie of Connecticut, Number D” (see #11 of the Bibliography). When vital records were indexed and abstracted for the State Library’s Barbour Collection project, Mr. Welles’

Barbour’s Citations to Colonial Land Records		Vol.	Page
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Phelpe, Aaron, s. Aaron & Marcey, b. Jan. 26, 1745/6		2	415
Aaron, s. Aaron, 3rd & Ruth, b. Mar. 3, 1772		2	426
Abell, s. Joseph, b. Feb. 19, 1705/6		2	81
Abigayl, d. [] [16]48		EG	
Abigayl, d. [Nathaniell & Elizabeth], b. Apr. 5, 1655		EG	
Abigaille, d. Esthaniell, b. Apr. 5, [16]55		Col. 2	158
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Abigall, d. Timothy, b. June 5, 1682		Col. D	51
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transcription, not the original colonial records, was consulted. However, the citations in Barbour do, in fact, match the folio or page numbers of the Colonial Land Records. So if, for example, you are searching the Windsor volume of the Barbour Collection and come across an entry for “Col. 1”, “Col. 2”, or “Col. D” and want to verify the information by checking the original source, it is relatively easy to work your way back to the Connecticut Colonial Land Records. These volumes were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1954 (LDS films 0003656-0003658), and copies are available in the History and Genealogy Reading Room. The trick is that the vital records are generally “upside down” in the back of each volume, and you’ll need to use a rotation feature on the microfilm machine to view them properly.

EGR Volume 51 includes some items pertaining to land in Pennsylvania and the Western Reserve.

Records of the Particular Court and County Court, 1639-1677 (RG 001:006).

As opposed to the General Court, which handled matters pertaining to the inhabitants of the Colony as a whole, the Particular Court was established to settle differences between particular parties. The Particular Court also administered most Connecticut Colony estates until it was replaced by the County Courts in 1666. As a result, its records, and those of its successor, the County Courts, are especially useful for genealogists. For example, the dates of death given in the early probate records are often the only surviving record of death dates, and the ages provided in depositions may be among the few remaining means of estimating the year of birth.

There are no surviving records of any Particular Courts prior to the adoption of the Fundamental Orders. After this, the records of the Particular Court were kept in the same book, and within the same chronological sequence, as those of the General Court until 1649. As a result, they are included in the first published volume of the Records of the Colony and are part of the online Colonial Connecticut Records. Check the General Index, page 604, under the heading “Wills and Inventories” for references to specific testate estates and page 598 under the heading “Estates” for references to specific intestate estates.

The original records for 1649-1663 (“The Second Book”) were given the binder’s title “Connecticut Colonial Probate Records -- County Court” and comprise EGR, Volume. 55. Original records for 1663-1665 (called “This is the Third Book”) are in EGR Volume 56. This same volume also contains records of the Court of Assistants from 1665 to about 1669, and to make things more confusing now also has the spine title “County Court”. The originals of “The Second Book” and “The Third Book” each have an index to the names found in the volume, and a separate manuscript index to “The Second Book” (EGR Volume 55) is available in the cataloged manuscripts collection in the State Archives [Main Vault 974.6 qC71p Index]. These volumes have been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and are available on microfilm at the State Library or through LDS Family History Centers. Both volumes are on reel LH 4420/21 (LDS #0004572).

Particular Court records from both Volume 1 of the Colonial Records and from “The Second Book” were included in the published *Records of the Particular Court of Connecticut, 1639-1663, Connecticut Historical Society Collections*, Volume 22; see #7 of the Bibliography. Check the index at the back of the published volume for the name you are seeking. Most references to probates include annotations such as “estate of” following the name. The records in “The Third Book” (EGR Volume 56), were transcribed by Helen Ullmann and included in *Hartford County, Connecticut County Court Minutes, Volumes 3 and* (see #10 of the Bibliography).

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Hooker, Thomas, Hartford. Invt. £1136-15-00. Taken 21st April, 1644, by Nathaniel Ward & Edward Stebbing. Will dated 7 July, 1647.
I, Thomas Hooker, of Hartford, uppon Connecticutt, in New England, being weakened in my body through the tender visitation of the Lord, but of sound & prfect memory, doe dispose of that outward estate I have been betrusted withall by him, in maner following: I doe give unto my sonne Jno. Hooker, my housing and Lands in Hartford aforesaid, both that wch is on the west and also that wch is on the east syde of ye River,

All three of the original volumes that contain early probates administered by the Particular Court were abstracted by Charles Manwaring in his *Digest* of early Connecticut Colony and early Hartford Probate District probate records (see #3 of the Bibliography). The volume that Manwaring cites as Volume I within brackets at the top left is the manuscript *Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, Volume 1. Page numbers given without brackets, at the top center and elsewhere in the entry, refer to the

page numbers of the published *Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, Volume I. The volumes that Manwaring cites as Volume II and Volume III are Volumes 55 and 56 of the manuscript Early General Records, which, as previously noted,

are labeled “Colonial Probate Records -- County Court”. Manwaring’s page citations are accurate, but note that there are two sequences of pages in the volumes. Generally, transcriptions of the documents appear in the front half of the original volume, and records of court action in the reversed half. Manwaring usually refers to the later as “court record”.

The Particular Court for the Andros period, 1687-1688, dealt with several probate cases, and its records are also in the State Archives. They were also published as *Records of the Particular Court of the Colony of Connecticut, Administration of Sir Edmond Andros, Royal Governor, 1687-1688* (see #8 of the Bibliography).

In addition to probate cases, the Particular Court handled many other kinds of judicial actions. There are a few interesting differences in the published versions. For example, on Volume 1, page 55 of the published *Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, it says that Aron Starke, “being accused of [bestiality, confessed that he had committed the crime.]” In the Particular Court records published by the Connecticut Historical Society, the passage reads, “The said Aron being accused of buggery wth a heifer, confessed...” and goes on to give a fairly graphic, unexpurgated version of the crime. This serves as a gentle reminder that while published versions (and online images of published versions) of records are wonderful tools for helping provide improved access to old records, they are not in and by themselves primary records. Because there are some differences between the texts of the documents as found in the original manuscripts and the transcriptions of those documents in the published volumes, those interested in using primary sources are advised to consult the originals in the State Archives or by utilizing them on microfilm.

Records of the Court of Assistants, 1665-1711 and Superior Courts, 1711-1715 (RG 001:007).

After the Particular Court was abolished in 1665, officials continued to use the third volume of its records for proceedings of its successor courts. As a result, although the spine title of EGR Volume 56 is “This is the Third Book of the Acts of the County Courts,” the volume actually includes records of the Particular Court from 1663 to 1665, records of the Court of Assistants from about 1665 to 1669, and records of the County Court from 1666 to 1677.

What is today known as EGR Volume 53, as with many other early court records, had entries made from both ends. One side of the volume is titled “The Record of the Acts of the Commissioners Decembr 15:1659” and is a record of the Commissioners for the United Colonies of New England. The other end of the book begins with the Articles of Confederation of the New England colonies, followed by minutes of the Commissioners from 5 September 1672 to 5 September 1684. After that come “The Records of the Acts of the Court of Assistants in the Colony of Connecticut...” from May 11, 1669-1686 and 1696-1701. The volume was microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah (LH 4419/20, LDS Microfilm 0003667), and a copy of the film is available in the History and Genealogy Reading Room.

What is today known as EGR Volume 58 includes records, with some gaps, of the Court of Assistants from February 15, 1686/7 to 1711 and records of its successor, the Superior Court, from 1711-1715. EGR Volume 57 includes records of the Superior Court from 1711-1715 and 1748-1749. (Note that somehow, over time, the numbering sequence was reversed.)

The entries in Volume 53 relating to the Court of Assistants and Volume 58 were transcribed by Helen Ullmann and included in *Colony of Connecticut: Minutes of the Court of Assistants, 1669-1711* (see #9 of the Bibliography).

Records of the Governor and Council, 1664-1702, 1710-1728, 1770-1774 and 1785-1818 (RG 001:008)

These are records of the standing committee of the Governor and Assistants that dealt with the Colony’s operations when the General Court/General Assembly was not in session. There are six volumes (EGR Volumes 54 and 59-63). EGR Volume 54 was microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and is on Reel LH 4419/20 (LDS 0003667). Volumes 59-63 were microfilmed as part of *Records of the States of the United States*. The films have the call number F91 .C865 and are housed in microfilm cabinets in the State Library’s History and Genealogy Reading Room. EGR Volumes 59-63 are on Conn E.1 Reel 1.

Records of the Governor and Council of Safety, 1775-1783 (RG 001:009).

These are the Records of the Governor and Council of Safety, 1775-1783, a standing committee that met, largely at Gov. Jonathan Trumbull’s “War Office” in Lebanon, Connecticut, during the time of the Revolutionary War. There are four volumes. Volume 4 was microfilmed as part of *Records of the States of the United States*. The films have the call number F91 .C865 and are housed in microfilm cabinets in the State Library’s History and Genealogy Reading Room. Volume 4 is on Conn E.4 Reel 1.

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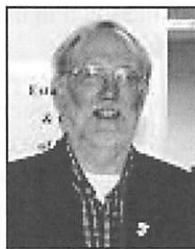
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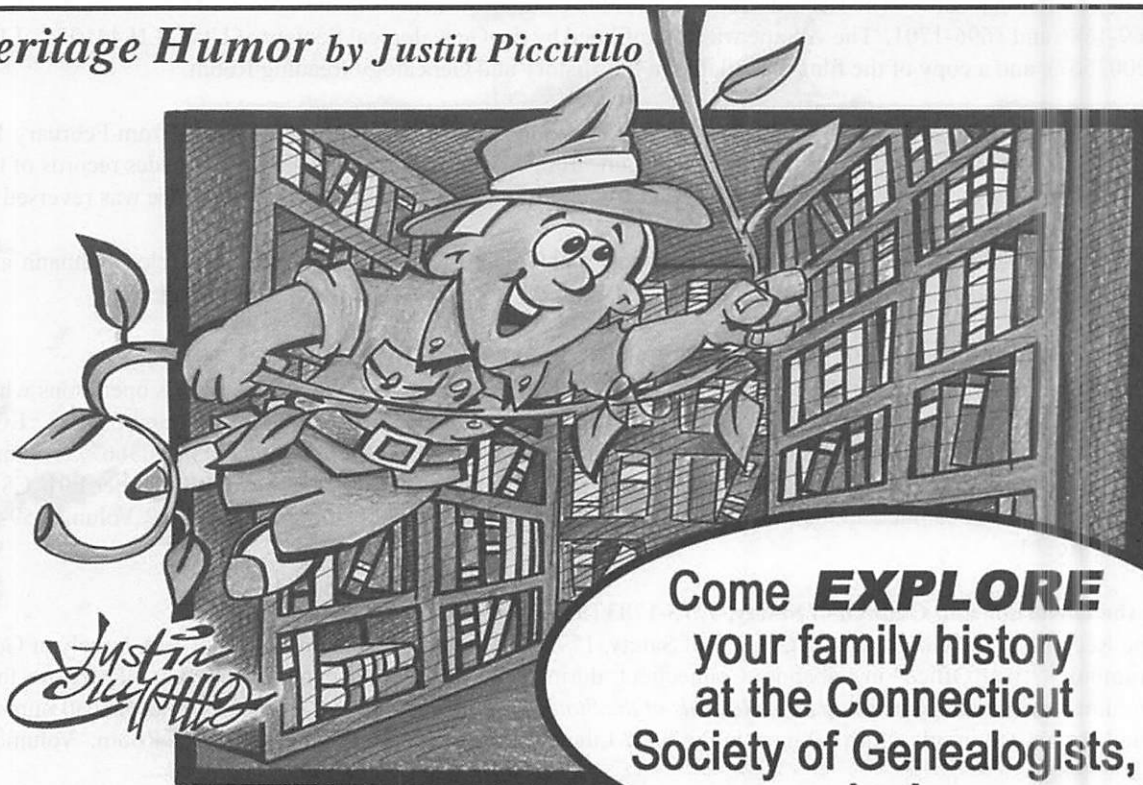
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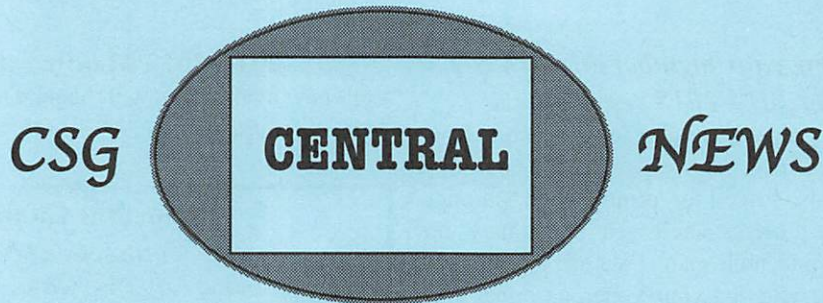
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Speaker: Marilyn Labbe, Executive Director

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17 May - 46th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting. "Don't Call Your Relatives, Let Them Call You" with speaker Marian Pierre-Louis. This program will focus on "Harnessing the Power of the Internet to Get the Attention of Your Distant Relatives."

Location: Pond House Grille, 2935 Main St., Glastonbury, CT. **Time:** 10 a.m. Registration (come at 9 a.m. if you have genealogical questions). **Cost:** \$37 per person

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Speaker: Edwin W. Strickland II

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

Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon. **Cost:** TBA

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Speaker: Beth Mariotti, Library Director

Location: Godfrey Memorial Library, 134 Newfield St., Middletown, CT.

Time: 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

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18 October - Annual Family History Seminar: "New Approaches to Genealogy" **Speakers:**

1. Mel Smith from the Connecticut State Library;
2. Elizabeth Abbe, Diana McCain & Carol Whitmer on "How Object Collections Compliment Paper Records Research;"
3. Nora Galvin on "How to Create a Research Plan from One Documental Source;" and
4. Jennifer Zinck on "DNA and Genealogical Research."

Location: Best Western Plus (formerly Holiday Inn North Haven). **Time:** Registration at 8 a.m. President's Welcome at 8:45 a.m. **Cost:** \$45 by 30 Sept. 2014 or \$55 thereafter.

15 November - "Using New Computer Technology and Other New Devices for Genealogical Research"

Speaker: Jennifer Zinck

Location: TBA **Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

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Publication is expensive, and CSG is constantly challenged by rising printing, distribution and postage costs. CSG is pressed to meet these costs while maintaining member dues at a reasonable level. As an economic measure, beginning with the next fiscal year on May 2014, CSG will publish three rather than four issues of *The Connecticut Nutmegger* per year. This may require more stringent standards, but it will be our intention to ensure that every quality contribution that merits permanent preservation will ultimately be published in *The Connecticut Nutmegger*. Issues are intended for July, November and March. The March issue will continue to provide the index to the volume.

Richard G. Tomlinson, President

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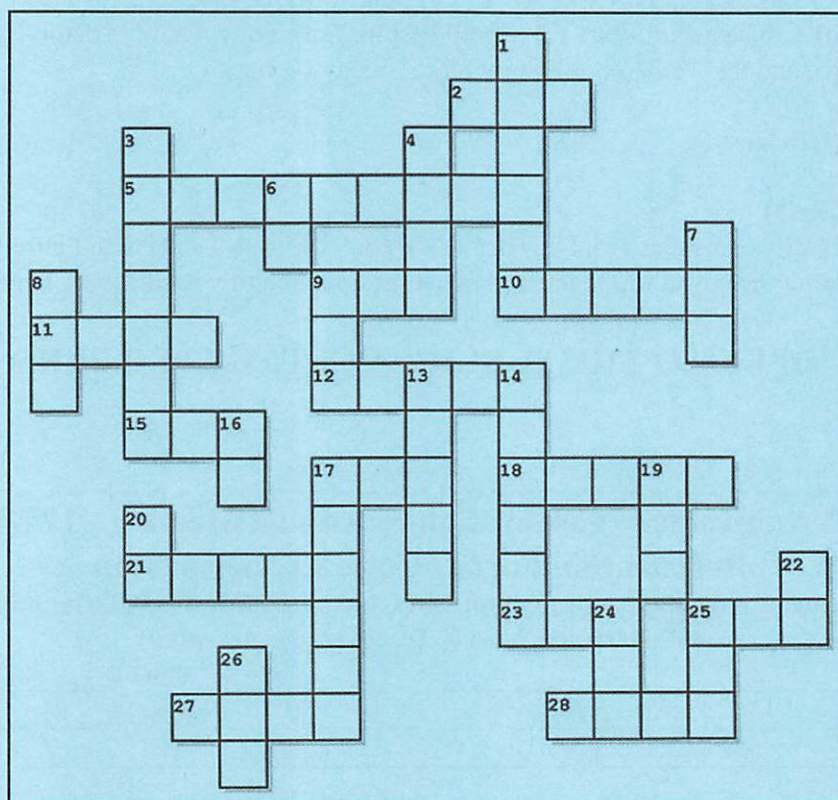
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by R.G. Tomlinson

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**CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS
46th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
AND ANNUAL MEETING**

17 MAY 2014

**POND HOUSE GRILLE
2935 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033**

- 9:00 a.m. **GENEALOGICAL QUESTIONS?**
Come early and speak with our genealogy experts.
- 10:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION**
Enjoy camaraderie with your fellow genealogists.
- 10:30 a.m. **BUSINESS MEETING**
President's Welcome, Reading of the Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting by the Secretary, Treasurer's Annual Report, Election of Officers.
- 11:30 a.m. **TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL LITERARY AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**
Categories to be awarded are for overall best in: Genealogy, Family History, Genealogical Resource and the "Tell Your Family Story" Essay Contest.
- NOON **LUNCHEON**
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by Noreen Manzella, CSG # 15578



Captain Henry H. Crocker 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry Companies E, L, and F



Henry H. Crocker was born to Seth and Laura B [?-] Crocker on 20 January 1839 in Colchester, Connecticut. Identified siblings included Louisa J. (Abt 1834-Unk.), Charles (Abt. 1835- Unk.), Elizabeth R. (Abt 1836-Unk.), Adolphus A. (Abt. 1837-Unk.), John F. (Abt 1845-Unk.), and Harriet (Abt 1849-Unk.). Henry Crocker can be found living in San Francisco in 1850, working as a barkeep. Seth Crocker was a merchant who died in Stockton, California in 1851 or 1852. It is possible that Henry accompanied his father to California as that is where he enlisted.

Following the war Henry H. Crocker married Jane Vannatta (1844-1911), probably in 1867. Their children were Susan M. (1 May 1868-Unk.), Catherine (Abt 1869-Unk.), George O. (1872-1947), and William Q. (1875-1960). Henry Crocker settled in Washington, New Jersey where he worked in a piano factory in a number of jobs. Crocker died in 1913 and is buried in the Washington Cemetery. On September 26, 1987, Captain Crocker was honored by the Warren County American Legion at a graveside ceremony recognizing his heroic actions.

Henry Crocker enlisted in the "California Hundred" on 19 March 1863 as a 2nd lieutenant. Many men living in California at the outbreak and during the Civil War were transplants from eastern states. As a result they often traveled back east and were absorbed in a unit there. The California Hundred traveled to Camp Meigs in Massachusetts. Lieutenant Crocker was assigned to Company E which joined 7 other companies, becoming the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry. The 2nd Massachusetts engaged in battle on over 50 occasions from Gettysburg to Appomattox. Just over a year from enlistment on 1 May 1864, Crocker was promoted to 1st lieutenant. On 3 September 1864, he was promoted to captain. By Captain Crocker's own account of the morning of 19 October 1864, Union troops under the charge of General Philip Sheridan were attacked by Confederate forces led by General Jubal Early during the Battle of Cedar Creek. During one of the charges, Crocker observed a group of the enemy come from

the woods, advancing towards Captain Crocker and his men. Crocker requested permission to charge the enemy and was given the go ahead by Colonel Crownshield. Crocker and his men waited for the most auspicious moment at which point they charged with sabers flying. The enemy's line broke with some men retreating. Captain Crocker and his men captured 14 enemy soldiers before they could reach their own lines. Information provided by these prisoners, reportedly the first prisoners captured that day, was critical to General Sheridan's plan of attack ending in a victory that day. Of additional importance in recognizing Captain Crocker's bravery that day is the fact that during the charge of the enemy, Crocker was hit by fire and wounded in his left leg. Also, while returning to the Union lines, Captain Crocker rescued Lieutenant Isaac R. McIntosh, whose horse had been killed during the action, sharing his own mount back to the line.

Captain Henry H. Crocker's Medal of Honor awarded on 10 January 1895 reads:

"For extraordinary heroism on 19 October 1864, while serving with Company F, 2d Massachusetts Cavalry in action at Cedar Creek, Virginia. Captain Crocker voluntarily led a charge, which resulted in the capture of 17 prisoners and in which he himself was wounded."



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**1st Lieutenant Elliott Malloy Norton
6th Michigan Cavalry
Company B & H,
1st Michigan Cavalry
Company B,**



Elliott Malloy Norton was born 15 June 1834 to Asa Austin and Barbara (Hurlburt) Norton in Washington, Connecticut. His identified siblings included Austin (b.ca.1835), Caroline (1838-1910), Edwin (b.ca. 1839), Mary (1843-1887), Ellen (1845-), Albert (b.ca. 1848), Frank (b.ca. 1851), and Fred (1853-1914). By 1837, the family had moved to Cooper, Michigan. When Barbara Hurlburt Norton died in 1900, it was noted that Asa Norton ran the first tavern in Cooper on the road that ran between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. Elliot Norton's great-grandfather, John Austin Norton, served as a minute man in Capt. Lacey's Company in the Connecticut Line. Further, this Norton line can be traced back to George Norton who arrived in Massachusetts about 1630.

Elliott Malloy Norton married Lucy Bennet in Alamo, Michigan on 12 March 1868. Their children were as follows: Abbie B. (b. 1869), Elliot M and Effe (twins, b. 8 June 1872), Claude B. (b. 1874), John S. (b. 1879), Grace H. (b. 1880), Calla Lillian (b. 1883), Ralph (b. 1887), and Maxwell (1892-1907). Norton was both a farmer and a bookkeeper following the war. He died 5 January 1899 and is buried in Liberty Cemetery in Alamo, Michigan. In 2008 the Sons of Union Veterans hosted a ceremony at the cemetery in honor of Lt. Elliot Norton as the only Medal of Honor recipient buried in Kalamazoo County. As a special tribute, arrangements were made to have soil from Washington, Connecticut, sent to Michigan, and all the Sons of Veterans placed a handful on

Norton's grave.

Elliot Norton enlisted in Company B, 6th Michigan Cavalry on 4 December 1862. The 6th Michigan was armed with Spencer repeating rifles and was assigned duty to guard Washington, D.C. Norton was promoted to sergeant on 1 April 1863. The 6th Michigan Cavalry saw action in the Battle of Gettysburg. On July 4th, the brigade participated in the Battle of Monterey Pass. During this action, a Confederate soldier shot at Norton from close range. He escaped death because the shot passed through his hat. For most of July, the 6th Michigan was engaged in smaller battles including Hagerstown, and Falling Waters. Advance from the Rappahannock to the Rapidan, the Bristoe Campaign, and the Mine Run Campaign followed in September, October and November 1863. The brigade was in Richmond in the spring of 1864, followed by the Battles of the Wilderness in early May and Sheridan's Raid to James River. Cold Harbor and Sheridan's Trevillian Raid in June followed. On 1 July 1864, Sergeant Norton was promoted to 2nd lieutenant. From August to the end of November, the 6th was ordered to Washington, D.C. during Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign, which included the Battle of Cedar Creek. 1865 brought action during Sheridan's Raid from Winchester to James River in February and March. On April 6, 1865, during the Battle of Sailor's Creek, Lieutenant Norton rushed ahead of his column and captured the flag of the 44th Tennessee. After General Lee surrendered, the 6th participated in the Grand Review in Washington. Lieutenant Elliot M. Norton mustered out of the 6th and was transferred to Company B, Michigan 1st Cavalry on 2 November 1865. He mustered out 10 March 1866 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

1st Lieutenant Elliott Malloy Norton's Medal of Honor citation awarded 3 May 1865 reads:

"Rushed ahead of his column and captured the flag of the 44th Tennessee Infantry (C.S.A.)."

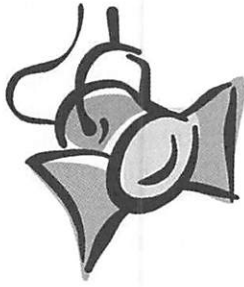


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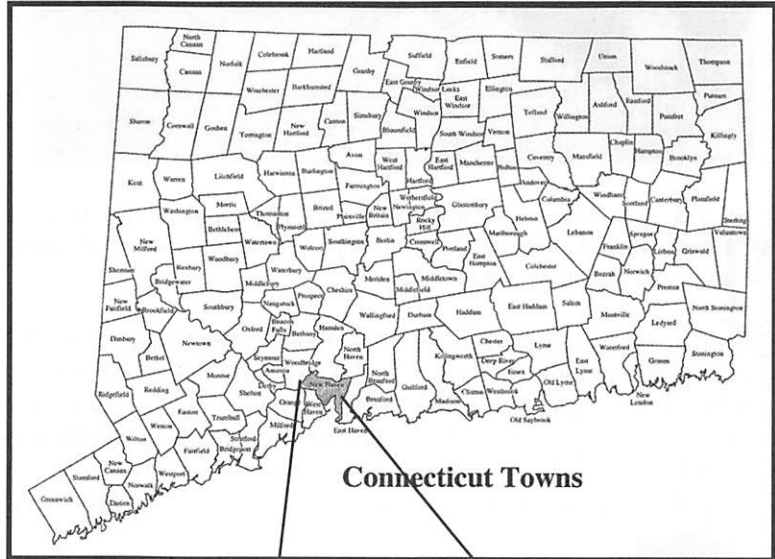
Spotlight on New Haven

by Gregory E. Thompson,
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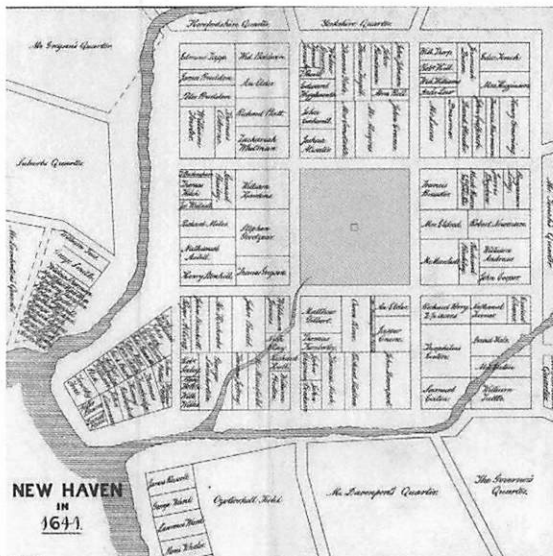
Editor's Note: In 2013 New Haven celebrated the 375th anniversary of its founding. In recognition of this, we present an extensive spotlight article which will be presented in two parts.

Initial Settlement

New Haven is located on the shore of Long Island Sound. It was an attractive location for settlement. It had a good water port, rich, fertile soil and numerous rivers draining into the sound. It was the home of the Quinnipiac tribe of Native Americans, who lived in villages around the harbor and who survived by fishing and the farming of maize. The Dutch were the first Europeans to visit the area when Adriaen Block explored the coast in 1614. The Dutch traded with the natives, exchanging European-produced items for beaver pelts. However, the Dutch did not establish permanent settlements in the area.

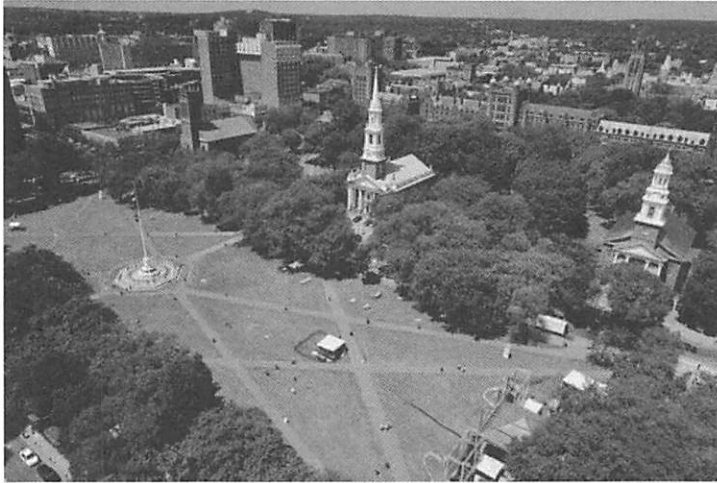


An advance party of Puritans scouted the area in 1637 and wintered over. They were followed in April, 1638 by a group of Puritan settlers who sailed from the Massachusetts Bay Colony under the leadership of the Reverend John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton, a London merchant. Davenport and Eaton had the vision of creating a bible-based colony where only church members would be allowed to vote and hold office. They purchased land for the settlement from the local Quinnipiac tribe. The Quinnipiacs welcomed the European settlers to protect them from their enemies, the Pequots.



The New Jerusalem

Davenport saw the settlement as a community of the chosen people, like the Israelites in the Old Testament. He called it the New Jerusalem. The town was laid out in accordance with Davenport's understanding of Scripture. Within a square boundary, eight streets were laid out in a four-by-four grid to form nine square sectors. This nine-square pattern, he thought, emulated the encampments of the tribes of Israel. The Nine Square grid is now recognized by the American Institute of Certified Planners as a National Planning Landmark. This original settlement lay on the shoreline of New Haven Harbor, but is now separated from it by interstate highway 95.



Interstate 95 was constructed on what was once the shoreline of New Haven Harbor. New Haven had the first tree planting program in America, producing a canopy of mature trees (including elms) that gave New Haven the nickname of “The Elm City,” many of which were destroyed by the Dutch Elm Disease.

The New Haven Green

The New Haven Green is a sixteen-acre privately owned park and recreational area located in the downtown district of the city. It comprises the center square of the original Nine Square layout mentioned previously. Designed by colonist John Brockett, the Green is bordered by the modern day roads of College, Chapel, Church and Elm Streets. Temple Street bisects the Green into the upper and lower

halves. A traditional town green, it was originally referred to as “the marketplace” and was completed in 1638. The Puritans wanted the Green large enough to hold the number of people who they believed would be spared in the Second Coming of Christ, or 144,000 people.

In the early years, the Green had a Watch House, prison and school. The Green was the main burial ground for the residents of New Haven for more than 160 years. However, the land became overcrowded with burials, particularly following the yellow fever plague of 1794-95. Space for burials on the Green was running short and the practice was stopped. The last known burial was in 1812. The headstones were removed, but the bodies were left. It is said that the Yale students formed a solid line from the Green to the newly established Grove Street Cemetery and passed the stones one-by-one until they arrived at the new cemetery. It is estimated that 5,000 to 10,000 bodies remain in the soil of the New Haven Green.

The Green also served as the training ground for the New Haven militia, who under the leadership of Benedict Arnold, rushed to Massachusetts after hearing of the Battle of Lexington and Concord. There they later participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill. New Haven was invaded by the British during the American Revolution. Major General William Tryon sailed into the harbor with 2,600 troops in 1779. They raided New Haven, Fairfield and New London. The last two towns were burned, but New Haven was not even though Tryon had ordered it to be burned.

The Committee of the Proprietors of Common and Undivided Lands at New Haven is a self-electing group of private individuals, and they maintain ownership of the Green. There are five members of the committee that oversee the large, main portion of the Green. The proprietors are drawn from the ranks of prominent city residents. Members are appointed for life. When one is deceased, the four remaining convene to select a replacement.

Center Church on the Green

Organized on August 23 1639 by Theophilus Eaton and Rev. John Davenport, the present day church was built from 1812-1814 and is the fourth meeting house for the congregation. Ithiel Town, the famous New Haven architect designed the church in Post-Georgian or Federal style after St. Martin’s in the Fields on Trafalgar Square in London, England. He personally supervised the construction of both Center Church and the adjacent Trinity Episcopal Church at the same time during the War of 1812. With significant architectural details such as the central Tiffany stained glass window of the Reverend John Davenport preaching his first sermon in New Haven on April 25, 1638, a Waterford crystal



chandelier, the Fisk Pipe Organ, the original historic pews, and tablets on the interior walls celebrating the lives of its eminent pastors.



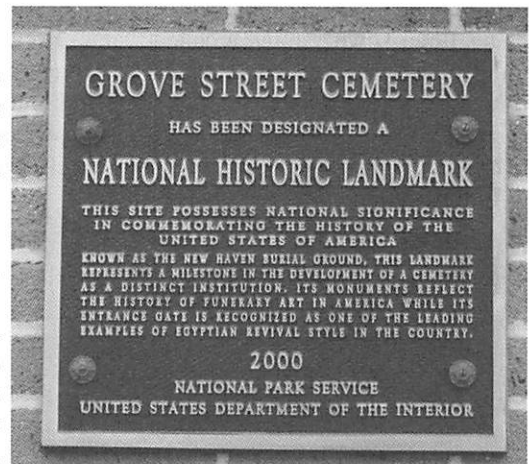
However, one of the most interesting aspects of the church is that it was built over the original burial ground and the Crypt in the basement contains an ancient cemetery with gravestones dating from 1687 to 1812. One hundred thirty-seven gravestones are present, including those of Benedict Arnold's wife, President Rutherford B. Hayes' family and Reverend James Pierpont, a founder of Yale University. It represents one of the most historic and exceptional colonial burial grounds to endure untouched. It is possible that as many as 1,000 people were buried in this area, and it is rumored that the body of Theophilus Eaton was buried just outside the foundation walls. The oldest stone located there is of Sarah Rutherford Trowbridge, who died in 1687. Many of the stones, in spite of the deterioration of age,

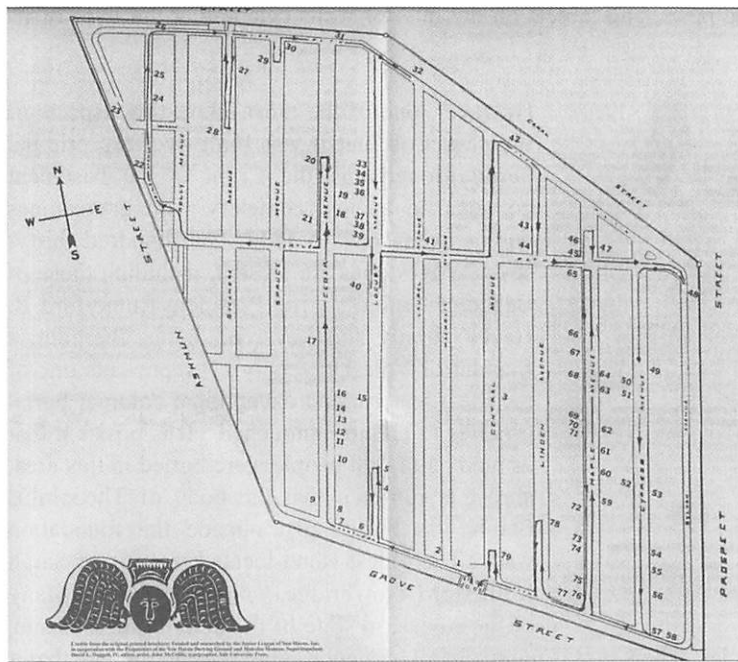
are as sharp and as clear as if they were carved yesterday. The Crypt is unique in all of New England due to the fact that it has been protected by the church for the last 190 years. Because of New England's high acidic soil, most bones have turned to dust, but on the evening of 29 October 2012, during Hurricane Sandy, the winds knocked over an oak tree on the Upper section of the Green and intertwined in the roots of the tree was a human skeleton. The police and medical examiner were called to the scene. The bones likely date back to colonial times, when the Green was still being used as a burial ground. This Crypt is the only remaining example of the extensive burials on the New Haven Green.

New Haven Burial Grounds – Grove Street Cemetery

There are seven large regional cemeteries in New Haven; these include Evergreen, Beavertdale, Miskan Israel (Jewish) Union Cemetery, Grove Street and St. Barnards (Catholic Cemetery). All have their own unique histories. The topic of this article will be the Grove Street Cemetery, on Grove Street.

For the first one hundred and sixty years, New Haven used the Green beneath and behind what is now Center Church as mentioned previously. James Hillhouse, a prominent New Haven resident, and others searched for a solution to the unsightly clutter of the upper Green. Hillhouse was faced with two choices: either he could bury his family in a private cemetery, or he could find a place to create a new public cemetery for the residents. He worried that a private cemetery would not remain in the family. He found a suitable site for a public cemetery on Grove Street, but not extending near what is now High Street. The site was crossed by two roads, a diagonal from High Street to the Plainfield Road, which has since been discontinued. The other was called Second Quarter Road, later Pleasant Street and now Prospect Street. Through purchases and donations of land from his family and others, the cemetery was created. Beginning in September of 1796, the southeasterly part of the cemetery was established and laid out. The pattern of the cemetery also appears to have been unique, for it was arranged in lots for families as opposed to random burials which had been common in the past. The grounds were divided to give space to parishioners of the three churches on the Green, an area for strangers who might die in New Haven, one for the indigent, a section for persons of color and one for Yale College. The first burial there was Martha Townsend, which took place on 9 November 1797. Among the thirty-two subscribers who associated with James Hillhouse were prominent lawyers Simeon Baldwin, David Daggett, Pierpont Edwards and Jonathan Ingersoll. These gentlemen soon had the venture organized and formally recognized by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut as a corporation, making the action in 1797 one of the oldest corporations in America, as well as one of the oldest organized cemeteries.





The venture was off to a good start, but by the end of three years, interest had cooled despite the cost of gravesites dropping from five dollars to three. Hillhouse assumed the cemetery's debt and the unused portion was given to him to cover his expenses. By 1814 all the lots in the eastern part of the cemetery had been sold. In response to public distress, Hillhouse and a group of others purchased another tract of land west of Plainfield Road, almost doubling the size of the cemetery. The land was purchased from Henry Daggett. Eventually a stone wall was constructed around the cemetery. Besides the enclosure around the cemetery, there were several developments within the grounds between 1820 and 1850. Tiers between the cemetery streets were extended as needed. The original Potter's Field behind the present chapel was sold off to individuals in exchange for another plot in the northwest corner. Eventually the northeast corner of the cemetery was lost to the Farmington Canal. The closing of the Plainfield Road left the city with

some irregular lots which was rectified when the Cemetery Proprietors deeded land to the City. When the headstones were moved from the Green to Grove Street Cemetery, they were laid in a row along a rear stone wall in alphabetical order. Some of the stones were used to mark out boundaries of burial sites in the cemetery. Many of New Haven's prominent citizens are buried here including: Eli Whitney, inventor of the Cotton Gin; David Humphreys, aid-de-camp to George Washington; Noah Webster, lexicographer and inventor of the dictionary of that name; Ithiel Town, famous architect; James Brewster, industrialist, Charles Goodyear, the tire inventor and a host of other famous people. Burial plots in this cemetery are still available for purchase. All in all over 14,000 burials have been recorded in the books of the Grove Street Cemetery.

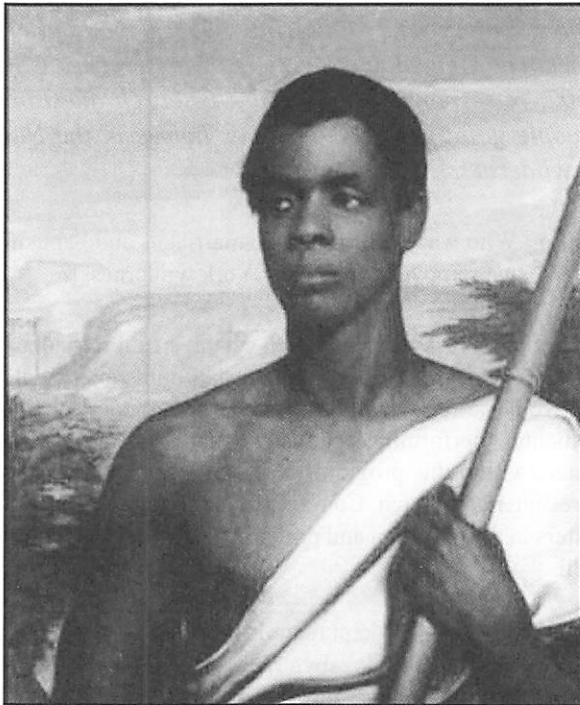


The Amistad Incident

One of the most famous historical events that took place in New Haven involved *The Amistad*.

In 1839, during a horrific journey aboard the notorious Portuguese slave ship *Tecora*, captives of Mende, Africa (what today is called Sierra Leone), endured brutality, sickness or death on their way to Havana, Cuba where they were to be sold into slavery. Upon arrival in Cuba, they were fraudulently classified as native, Cuban-born slaves and were sold at auction to Don Jose Ruiz and Don Pedro Montez, who planned to bring them to their plantations aboard the Spanish slave ship, *The Amistad* (which means "friendship" in Spanish). They sailed from Havana, Cuba bound for Puerto Principe, Cuba. The ship carried 53 Mende Africans (49 adults and 4 children) .

The Africans staged a revolt three days into the journey and seized control of the ship, killing the captain and other crew members. Two other members of the crew dove into the sea. The African who led the revolt was 25 year-old Mende, named



Sengbe Pieh (later known in the U.S. as “Joseph Cinque”) who managed to unshackle himself and his companions.

After battles with the crew, *The Amistad* arrived at Montauk Point where it was seized by the Federal Survey Cutter USRC *Washington* which claimed salvage rights for the ship and slaves.

Cinque and others were charged with murder and piracy and imprisoned in New Haven, after a New London judge ordered the case to be heard at the next session of the U.S. Circuit Court in Hartford. Groups with the growing interest in the abolitionist movement that included former President John Quincy Adams, organized a legal defense. The defense centered on the fact that the importation of slaves from Africa was illegal under Spanish law, and international treaties to which Spain was a party. After a lengthy court battle, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered that the Africans be freed and allowed to return to Africa. Abolitionists raised the money to send the 34 survivors of *The Amistad* and five American missionaries to Sierra Leone. There they established a colony and eventually gained independence from Great Britain. *The Amistad* case was the first civil rights case held before the Supreme Court and the first victory for the abolitionist movement in the United States. This was an important step toward the eventual abolishment of slavery and the creation of the Civil Rights movement.

Notable Inventions and Formations

- 1638: New Haven becomes the first planned city in America.
- 1776: Yale student David Bushnell invents the first American submarine.
- 1778-1880: The District Telephone Company of New Haven creates the world’s first telephone exchange, the first phone directory and installs the first public phone.
- 1787: John Fitch builds the first steamboat.
- 1793: Eli Whitney invents the Cotton Gin.
- 1835: Samuel Colt invents the automatic revolver in Whitney’s factory.
- 1839: Charles Goodyear of New Haven discovers the process of vulcanizing rubber in Woburn, Mass., later perfects it and patents the process.
- 1860: Philios P. Blake patents the first corkscrew.
- 1877: New Haven hosts the first Bell PSTN (Telephone) switch office.
- 1882: The organization, The Knights of Columbus, is founded in New Haven. City serves as World Headquarters.
- 1892: Local confectioner George C. Smith of the Bradley Smith Candy Co. invents the first lollipop.
- 1900: Louis Lassen owner of Louis’ Lunch is credited with inventing the hamburger, as well as the steak sandwich.
- 1911: The Erector Set, the popular and culturally important construction toy, is invented in New Haven by A.C. Gilbert.
- 1920: In competition with competing explanations, the Frisbee is said to have originated on the Yale campus, using tin pans of the Frisbie Pie Company, which were tossed around by students on the New Haven Green.
- 1977: The first memorial on public land in America to victims of the Holocaust stands in New Haven’s Edgewood Park at the corner of Whalley and West Park Avenues. It was built with funds collected from the community. The ashes of victims killed and cremated at Auschwitz are buried under the memorial.

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Queries

Members may submit up to three queries per issue of Connecticut Genealogy News. Queries may also be submitted by email. Send to csginc@csginc.org and indicate "Queries" in the subject line. Contact the CSG Office with any questions you may have.

Lazarus **WHEELER**, res. Glastonbury CT, removed to Rome NY. Lazarus is stated to have been in business with Manoah **SMITH**. Need all info on Lazarus' wife, listed as "Hepsibeth **PECK**."

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Jacob W. **OSTRANDER**, b 2SEP1823 New Canaan CT, d 19JUL1911 Bridgeport CT, m Sarah E. **SEELY** 30SEP1850 New Canaan CT. Sarah **SEELY** b 30MAY1825 5 Mile River Norwalk CT d 14NOV1885 New Canaan CT. Norwalk and New Canaan town clerks both say no birth record found for Jacob. Looking for Jacob's birth record. All his census records say b CT.

John **OSTRANDER**, b 7NOV1821 Bedford NY, d 9FEB1892 New Canaan CT, m Mary E. **STOCKER**, b CT, d 22JUL1897 New Canaan, m date and place unknown. Married and living in New Canaan in 1850 census. John and Jacob are brothers. Bedford town clerk says no record of John's birth. Looking for John's birth record. His death record lists b in Bedford. All census records say John b CT.

Jacob **OSTRANDER** and Abigail **ELLIS**, listed as John's parents on John's death record. All census records say both parents b NY. I have nothing for any of them prior to 1850.

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Editor's Note: The following was submitted to Connecticut Genealogy News by Jean Greene, CSG #11607, in response to New York research questions on people going out to make their homes in the New York wilderness.

Question: Who was performing the marriages and baptisms [for those that removed to the New York wilderness]?

Answer: The Presbyterian Church established a missionary program in the early New York days and ministers (usually ones) would travel through New York territory visiting settlements, performing baptisms and marriages. The ministers within this program were not always members of the Presbyterian Church. Congregational ministers served as ministers in this program and probably others denominations as well.

The ministers may have kept records, but they were probably not forwarded to the Presbyterian Conference with the ministers' reports because the Presbyterian Church always kept these records with the local church.

If you are interested in those records:

- Write to the Presbyterian Conference and inquire about the missionary years and ask about the records.
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- Depending on the answers you receive: contact all the early churches in the area, local and in surrounding towns. Check all of them regardless of denomination because those settlers didn't have a choice in churches. Check also any town records-church records may have ended up there.
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- If the missionaries didn't keep records it is possible that one of the town leaders did and the same applies to them.

There were missionaries spreading out all over the country as the wilderness opened up. If you have had success in finding such records, please share your experience with us here at CSG.

There are even opportunities to publish your work. Contact the CSG Office at csginc@csginc.org for more details.

Book Reviews

by Russell A. DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

Revisiting Our Neighborhoods: Stories from Hartford's Past by Jean Walden, editor and Susan Juster Viner, researcher. Published by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford, 333 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, CT 06117, 2013. Printed by Payne-Davidson Company, Hartford, CT. 9 x 9, softcover, ISBN 978-0-6165-81888-7, 162 pages. Order directly from the Jewish Historical Society at www.jhsg.org or call 860-727-6171. Cost is \$31.89 (including tax) plus S&H.

Jean Walden and Susan Juster Viner, along with contributions from countless friends of Hartford, have produced a sequel to *Remembering the Old Neighborhood: Stories from Hartford's North End*, published in 2009. However, this edition also includes stories set in downtown, the South End and the West End. Packed with photographs and steeped in oral history, this book dynamically portrays the lasting bonds of friendship, family and communities as seen through the stories of this collection. The stories are shared by more than 300 people who grew up in Hartford's neighborhoods. It is a memorable journey throughout the city of our youth.

Simply set up and visually attractive, this memorial to Hartford, "as it was," is a joy for readers and those who want to relive the "good old days." This book is organized into eight sections. Each illuminates a person's recollections of Hartford's past. The wealth of material presented in this latest publication will provide any genealogist new routes to establish in his/her own journey.

Female Adventurers: The Women Who Helped Colonize Massachusetts and Connecticut by Alice Plouchard Stelzer. Published by Merrimack Media, 350 Third St., Suite 105, Cambridge, MA 02142, 2013. 5 1/2 by 8 1/2, softcover, ISBN 978-1-939166-21-0, 161 pages. Order directly from the publisher or call 974-710-3875. Cost is \$14.95 plus S&H.

This compact book, powerful and dynamic, heralds the role of women who were silently instrumental as the makers and breakers of early civilizations. Alice Plouchard Stelzer readily shares with many of today's historians, while defending her own convictions, that women made a difference in the formation of our country just by living their lives. Loyal readers of colonial history will find this book vastly entertaining as the author has tried to bring to life a dozen of the 17th century Puritan women who were shaped by that religion, came to these shores, had

responsibilities and tragedies heaped upon them, but still managed to persevere.

The author has provided many guideposts along the way to ease sifting through sometimes complex material. A thoroughly illustrated table of contents, attractive maps as well as helpful endnotes prove a good stopping place for the reader to contemplate the direction this book is leading them. This story is clearly written with a thought provoking message.

The Life and Times of Con James Baker of Des Moines, Chicago and Wisconsin by Fred G. Baker. Published by Other Voices Press, Golden, CO, 2013. 5 x 8, softcover, ISBN 978-1491090039, 175 pages. Order directly from Fred G. Baker, Ph.D., 2970 Howell Rd., Golden, CO 80401 or email at b874641@yahoo.com. List price is \$6.99 plus S&H.

The descendants of James Baker and the leaders of the next thirteen generations began their journey in Hartford, Connecticut. They explored, settled and populated far-reaching parts of this newly expanding country. The author traces his heritage through eight periods of development: from travel and settlement in the United States to life in Europe and finally back on American shores. This story is primarily about his father, and is intended to document Con's plethora of interesting stories. Con's adventures in Chicago during the Roaring Twenties and his chance rubbing elbows with notorious gangsters have been disputed by other family members. He served in World War I, survived the Great Depression and supported our troops during World War II. He saw the motor car replace horses in everyday transportation and saw the rise of technology in everyday life.

This pocket sized book is a delight for the casual reader as it retains all of the usual aids and guides for the reader. It begins with a well developed table of contents and ends with very specific appendices. It guides the reader and provides a clear pathway for those seeking documentary guidance. The book also sports multiple quantities of page notations throughout its saga in the form of footnotes.

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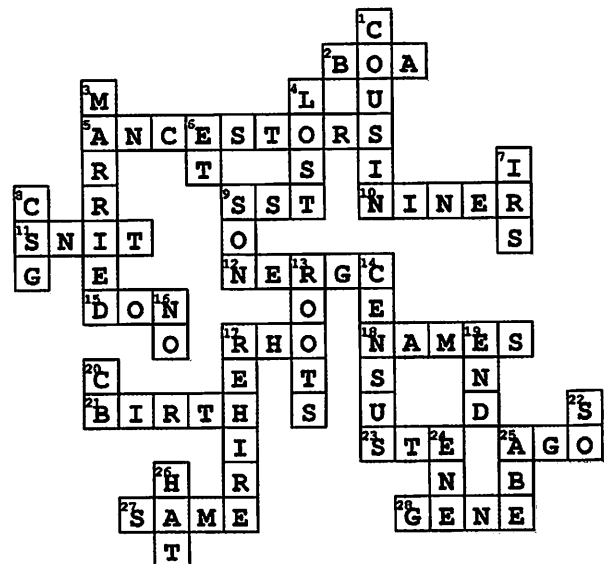
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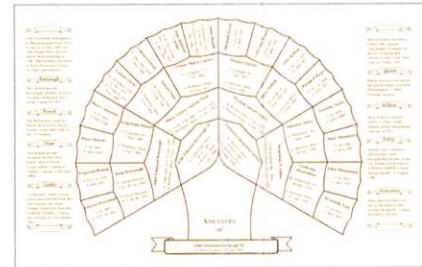
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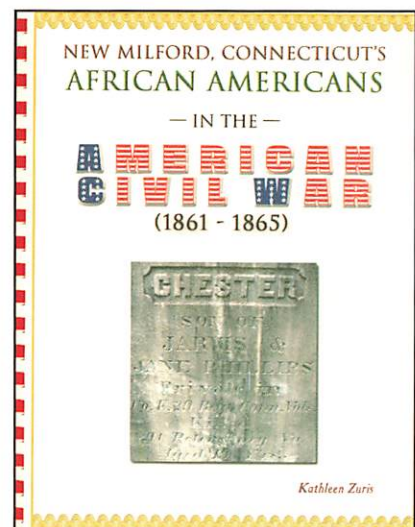
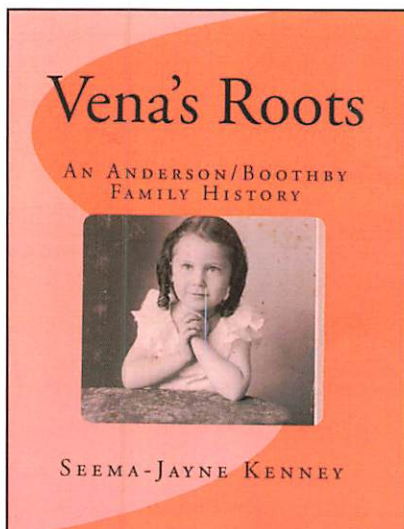
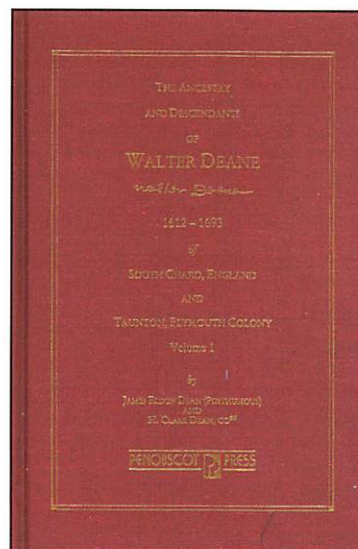
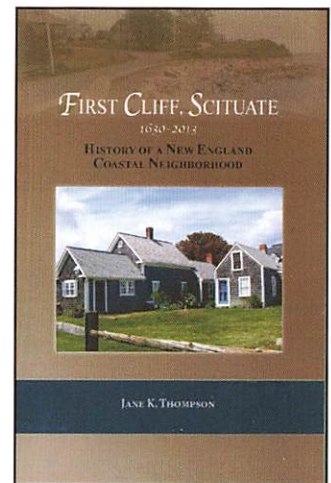


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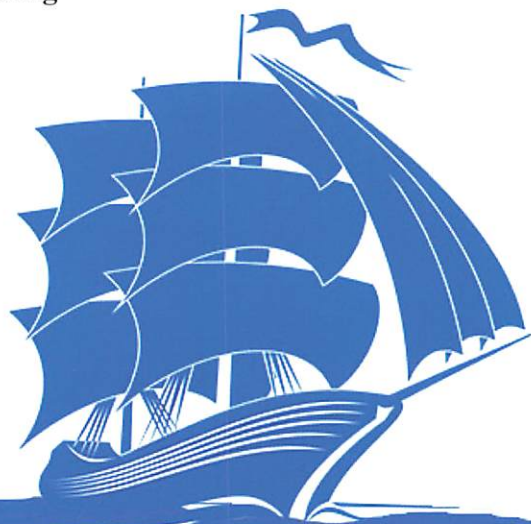
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President's Message



By the time you read this, my term as President will be completed. As of the CSG Annual Meeting on May 17, Carol Whitmer will have become the new president. Carol and I both serve on the Board of the Connecticut Historical Society

as well as the Board of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists and we have often worked together both for CSG and for CHS. She is an outstanding expert in genealogy and a very creative individual with a phenomenal grasp of modern technology. You can look forward to some very innovative developments to enhance your CSG membership.

One task that I intend to complete before my term ends is to send a personal note of thanks to all those who have been major contributors to CSG during the past year... not a solicitation, but a personal thank you. I really underestimated the size of the task... so many have given so much. It started me thinking about why people give. People don't really give to an organization; they give through an organization to support things they believe in. The stated mission of CSG in the bylaws is:

1. Encourage and assist in the acquisition, location, preservation and indexing of public and private genealogical records, with emphasis on Connecticut records, and to make such records and collections available to members and to the general public.
2. Express the society's concern about records preservation and public access to records.
3. Encourage and instruct members in the technique and practice of genealogical research and compilation.
4. Maintain and elevate genealogical standards.
5. Provide instructional and educational programs and publications throughout the year.
6. Cooperate with regional, national and individual societies with like purposes.

I support all those objectives, but they are not the fundamental reasons that I give to CSG.

I believe in the preservation of family histories. I think it is a small tragedy when all memory of a family member is allowed to fade into oblivion. I want to encourage and support everyone to record their family tree and to write down the family stories. Publication is a great goal, but, short of that, everyone can leave some kind of written record.

If you never publish, at least create a simple family chart. Fill it out as best you can and keep it with your personal papers. Children and grandchildren may seem to be indifferent, but I believe that, someday, someone will be delighted to find what you have preserved. It's not just about what you can get ... it's about what you can give.

Editorial

In this issue we feature the 2014 Literary Award recipients. We continue our U.S. Federal Census series with a discussion of the Special Schedules and an overview of the resources at the Killingly Genealogical & Historical Society in Danielson, CT. Part II of the Spotlight on New Haven is also included. Thank you to all who have contributed.

There is an important announcement about Fold3 on pg. 14. Also note an error in Vol. 7 #1 on page 5. In the row "Mother of how many children" the date should be listed as 1890-1910 and not 1890-1900.

About the Cover

The CSG Literary Award for Family History is named for Brainerd T. Peck CSG #17, a founder and the second president of CSG. The pin that the Family History category winner receives features a sprig of blueberry. Brainerd, who traced his lineage to hundreds of early Connecticut settlers, worked for the Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture and was a gentleman farmer. Early meetings of the CSG Board often included a visit to his renowned blueberry patch in Morris, CT. He was a prolific writer and authored hundreds of book reviews. It seems appropriate that the Family History Award should honor Brainerd.



Special Schedules of the United States Federal Census

by *Nora Galvin, CSG #18813*

The United States Federal Censuses may be the single most useful tool for genealogists. Despite difficulties presented by illiteracy, migration, foreign accents, distrust of the government and simple happenstance, enumerators managed to find and record most of our ancestors most of the time. And the range of information we can glean about these forebears is astonishing.

A decennial census is required by the U.S. Constitution as the way to determine the number of representatives needed in Congress for each state.¹ Therefore, the primary purpose is to make a headcount of the population. The first census was very simple, making a count of white males over 15, younger white males, white females, non-white free people and slaves. Censuses in 1800 and 1810 asked for the numbers to be divided into more age groups, but they were essentially headcounts, too.

In 1820—just the fourth census—the government began asking additional questions, in this case about citizenship and occupation. Subsequent population schedules asked for more and more details of the lives of Americans including immigration, naturalization, property values and family relationships. Each of these questions indicates a concern the government had about the people in the United States. How many immigrants were there? How many people did not speak English? How many people might be dependent on public assistance? Is the population self-sustaining? The answers would direct government efforts in the ensuing decade.

Connecticut Genealogy News has just completed a series that surveyed all of the population schedules of the U.S. census.² In the 19th century the census had separate schedules (forms) for certain topics that were of particular interest to the government, and family historians are the richer for it. The present article is the first in a series that will present and discuss these additional schedules. They are called “special schedules” or “non-population schedules.”

Overview of Special Schedules

The largest extant sets of special schedules of U.S. censuses were obtained 1850-1880. There were four special schedules for those four censuses: Mortality, Manufacture/Industry, Agriculture and Social Statistics (called “Schedule for Defective, Deficient and Dependent Classes” in 1880). Each will be covered in a separate article in this series. In addition, there was a “Veterans’ Schedule” in 1890 that was partially destroyed and there were a few additional special schedules, mostly destroyed. These will be discussed in the present article.

Slave Schedules

Slave states, which did not include Connecticut, had schedules for counting the enslaved population in 1850 and 1860. The names that appear on these schedules are the names of slave owners. For each owner there is a list of slaves, usually a count only (no names), giving the gender, age and color (black or mulatto) of each slave. It also asks if a slave is a fugitive from the state and if a slave was manumitted. Finally, it asked if any slaves were deaf, dumb, blind, insane or idiotic.

¹ Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 2; http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_transcript.html.

² *Connecticut Genealogy News*, Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 3:4 (Winter 2010) through 7:1 (Spring 2014).

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This example shows a list of slaves owned by the R., F. & P. Railroad in Hanover County, Virginia, in 1850. This company owned 22 slaves, aged 25-45, all males.³ Clearly this was a work crew since it was made up of young men only. The next slave owner on the page, Wm. D. Taylor, is shown with four of his 48 slaves. The ones we see are females aged 25-111. Additional individuals not shown were both male and female and were as young as 2 months old. One of Taylor's slaves was classified as "idiot" and one was "blind."⁴ This group is more likely to be living on a plantation. The wide range of ages suggests that slaves were born and lived their full lives on this property. Finding Mr. Taylor on the population schedule might provide more insight into the situation.

Availability

Slave schedules for both 1850 and 1860 can be found at Ancestry.com. The 1850 can be found at FamilySearch.org.

Veterans Schedule

A fire in Washington, D. C., destroyed part of this collection. Returns from all states beginning with "A" and going alphabetically through "Kansas" and part of Kentucky were destroyed. That includes Connecticut, but it is the only New England state

whose Veterans' Schedules were lost.

The purpose of this schedule was to list "persons who served in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps of the United States during the War of the Rebellion, or widows of such person." There are schedules for southern states since some southerners fought for the North.

The example on page 5 is from Westerly, Rhode Island. It lists the names of eleven veterans and the widow of a twelfth. It gives the rank, company and regiment or ship for each person. It gives the dates of enlistment and discharge and length of service. At the bottom there are a post office address and remarks about disabilities incurred during service. In this example we see that seven of the twelve reported some injury including "wounded in head," "chronic inflammation of bladder," and "shot through right arm, head effected." Two men were unable to produce discharge papers, one because they had sunk with his ship.⁵ The information on this schedule will help to locate service information for Civil War veterans.

Availability

These schedules can be found at Ancestry.com. They are also available at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

³ 1850 US Federal Census, Hanover County, Virginia, slave schedule, West District, p. 199 (verso); ancestry.com citing NARA microfilm publication M432 [no reel number].

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ 1890 U.S. Census, Washington County, R.I., Westerly, veterans schedule, no page numbers; Ancestry.com citing NARA microfilm M123.

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 Supervisor's District No. 137
 Enumeration District No. 165

Eleventh Census of the United States.
SPECIAL SCHEDULE.
SURVIVING SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, AND WIDOWS, ETC.

Persons who served in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States during the war of the rebellion (who are survivors), and
 wives of such persons, in County of Kent, County of Kent,
 State of Rhode Island, enumerated in June, 1890. Robert A. Bates Registrar.

Serial No.	No.	Name of Surviving Soldier, Sailor, and Marine, and Widow.	Rank.	Company.	Name of Regiment or Vessel.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge.	Length of Service.		
								Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
1	1	Greene, Nathan R. ✓	Serjeant		Providence Regt	1862 May 11	1864 May 11	1		
2	7	Wilson, George A. ✓	Private	A	2 New York Regt	1862 June	1862	2		
3	16	Black, Foster W. ✓	Private	G	9 R.I. Inf. Regt	1862 Sept 1	1862	2		
4	25	Belin, William H. ✓	Serjeant		Massachusetts Regt	1862 July	1862	1		
5	74	Mary, Christopher A. ✓	Private	B	2 R.I. Inf. Regt	1862 June	1862	1		
6					7 R.I. Inf. Regt	1862 Sept	1862	2		
7	81	Grant, Nathan W. ✓	Private	D	12 R.I. Inf.	1862	1862	2		
8	74	Jones, Galt ✓	Private	G	12 R.I. Inf. Regt	1862 July	1862	2		
9					H	2 R.I. Inf. Regt	1862 June	1862		
10	74	Johnson, Robert ✓ Margaret Johnson formerly widow	Private	G	12 R.I. Inf. Regt	1862 July 22	1862	2	2	
11	74	Worcester, Walter ✓				1862	1862			
12	86	Greene, William A. ✓	Private	Co. A	92 Mass. Regt	1862 June 1	1862	1	1	14

Particulars Location.	Discharge Service.	Remarks.
13	14	15
1	County of Kent R.I.	
2	County of Kent R.I.	Business Reasons
3	County of Kent R.I.	
4	Summit R.I.	
5	County of Kent R.I.	
6		
7	County of Kent R.I.	Remission Award on High
8	County of Kent R.I.	Detached to the 1st Mass. Cavalry
9		
10	Summit R.I.	Shot in life by.
11	Summit R.I.	
12	County of Kent R.I.	Right Ankle Missing.

1930 Census of Merchant Seamen

This schedule asks for name, sex, race, age, marital status, literacy, birthplace, citizenship, language, specific work/trade, military experience and address of wife or next of kin. The example shows the five crew members of a ship in Galveston, Texas, the tug *Propeller*. In this case the enumerator gave the city of birth as well as the state.⁶

Form 15-300
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
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CREWS OF VESSELS

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SUPERMAN & YOUNG TOWING CO., Inc.
(Name)
405 N. S. Main St. Galveston, Tex.
(Address)

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Enumerated by me on May 6 1930. Enumerator.

NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1930, was on board this ship How surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION					PLACE OF BIRTH			OCCUPATION		VETERANS		ADDRESS OF WIFE OR NEXT OF KIN
	Sex	Color or race	Age at last birthday	Single, married, divorced, widowed	Whether able to read and write	If born in the United States, give the State or Territory. If at foreign birth, give the country of birth	CODE (For office use only. Do not write in these columns) State County	Whether able to read and write English	Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as painter, electrician, machinist, seaman, stowaway, cook, etc.	CODE (For office use only. Do not write in this column)	Year of service	What way of expiration	
51. <i>Joseph Owen</i>	M	W	26	1	0	Tex. Dallas County	87	-	Seaman	5980	-	-	517 Shropshire Street
52. <i>Richard Thomas</i>	M	W	24	1	0	Tex. Dallas County	87	-	Seaman	5980	-	-	405 N. S. Main St.
53. <i>James William</i>	M	W	32	1	0	Tex. Dallas County	87	-	Seaman	5980	-	-	405 N. S. Main St.
54. <i>William Phillip</i>	M	W	31	1	0	Tex. Dallas County	87	-	Seaman	5980	-	-	405 N. S. Main St.
55. <i>Smith Arthur</i>	M	W	74	1	0	Ill. Kane County	61	-	Seaman	5970	-	-	South Main Street

Availability

Full index and images are available at Ancestry.com. The index from ancestry.com is available at FamilySearch.org, but images are not available there. This schedule is available at NARA.

Miscellaneous Special Schedules

A few other schedules still exist. Some of these were done because the areas had just become territories or states and were not enumerated at the usual time.

- Mortality 1900 Minnesota (all others destroyed)
- Social Statistics Michigan 1885
- 1885 Colorado, Dakota Territory, Florida, Nebraska, New Mexico Territory
 - Mortality
 - Agriculture
 - Industry/Manufacturing
 - Social Statistics

1850 Agriculture Schedule includes Indiana families missed on the population schedule due to a late blizzard.

Availability

All of these remnants are available through NARA and possibly in the individual states.

⁶1930 U.S. Census, Galveston Co., Texas, Galveston, Crews of Vessels, p. 10 120R (penned), Tug *Propeller*; "1930 Census of Merchant Seamen," database, ancestry.com, accessed 24 Apr 2014, citing NARA film M1932, roll 3.

Resources at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.

by Marilyn Labbe, Director, CSG # 2771



Editor's Note: CSG held its March 15, 2014 meeting at the the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. in Danielson, Connecticut. Director Labbe presented the amazingly ambitious work that has resulted in the following:

The Society opened its doors in June of 1995 and it didn't take us long to start work with a good group of volunteers willing and able to work on records that for the most part have not been collected by any other library. The Sexton records are an example and although we only have Windham County, minus Windham, Chaplin & Scotland, it has opened our eyes to what is available and what has been thrown out over the years. Church records that were still at the churches themselves were available to us and we took advantage of that. Over the years we have been very fortunate to receive other genealogists' collections of books which have expanded our library to include these states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, (including a Mayflower section), Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont and a French-Canadian section, including the PRDH which covers the people of Quebec Province from the beginning to 1799. And we have continued to add to these states when we can. We have a collection of books and periodicals that were given to us by a member who lived in Brooklyn, Connecticut and was moving, which covers many other areas of the country. We have added to that with other book donations. Yes, we have many books that other libraries have, but we also have books that you won't find in other libraries, which makes us a good source of information and not just for Connecticut.

We have a nice collection of military books. A Native American/Black collection of books was given to us by Marcella Pasay when she finished her book *Full Circle*. We have added to her work with anything new we have found. We have seven file cabinets of family files, a mix of work we have done and that others have given us.

Below are a list of a very small part of our collection. Our small building is bursting to the seams with information that we love to share with others.

These past nineteen years have gone swiftly by and it has been such a joy to be involved in this library and make it grow to be a wonderful resource for researchers around the country. We are excited about our library and hope to meet many new people and help them discover their roots.

Connecticut Books

by members and friends of the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. If I did not say who typed them, then there were many people involved.

- Ashford - Sexton Records 1885-1999 from the originals
Congregational Church Records 1718-1833
- Brooklyn - Sexton Records 1885-1999 from the originals
Trinity Church Protestant Episcopal 1771-1866
First Congregational Church & Trinitarian
Church Records
First Baptist Church deaths 1828-1899 –
CT Binder #1
Scrapbook of Early Brooklyn Residents taken
from the Windham Co. Transcript –
CT Binder #5
- Canterbury - Sexton Records 1885-2001 from the originals
Westminster Church Records 1772-1990's
from the copy at the Prudence Crandall
House
Packerville Baptist Church Records –
CT Binder #1 1828-1928
- Eastford - Congregational Church Records 1779-1928
taken from the originals
Sexton Records 1885-1996 taken from
the originals
- Hampton – Sexton Records 1880-2000 from the originals
- Killingly – William Rhodes Rawson account book
1835-1853 (furniture maker) taken from
original book, typed by Marcella Pasay
Williamsville 1890-1900 by Ray Smith and
typed by Natalie Coolidge. Stories of an
Independent Yankee – Maurice Boswell
1904-1920's
So. Killingly Church Records by Marcella
Pasay 1746 – 1996 taken from the originals
Dayville Congregational Church 1840-1903
by Marcella Pasay taken from the originals
Sexton Records Vol. 1 & 2 1885-1999 taken
from the originals
Tax Registrations 1922-1945 Vol. 1 & 2, typed
by John Termuelon – we have all the cards
on which they signed up every year.
Deaths from the vital records 1900-1999
by Edwin R. Ledogar
Breakneck Hill Church Records – CT Binder #1

1746-1755

Methodist-Episcopal Church, Danielson, Vol. 1
1842-1917, Vol. 2 1885-1958 from the
original records, typed by Marilyn Labbe

Methodist Church, Attawaugan 1883-1989,
typed by Marilyn Labbe

First Book is missing

Westfield Congregational Church Records
1800-1990's from the original records
– Robert Spencer.

E. Killingly Baptist Church – list of members –
CT Binder #1 1776-1854

Indexes to the *Windham County Transcript*
1848-1875 by Marcella Pasay

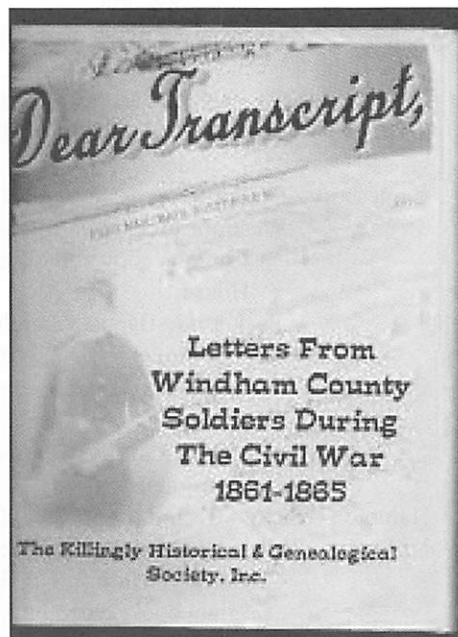
Tidbits from the *Windham County Transcript*
typed by Marcia Smith 1848-1866 and
Marilyn Labbe 1848-1913

Death records from the death column of the
Windham County Transcript 1848-1977

Deaths/Obits
from the body of
the *Windham
County Transcript*
1848-1890 by
Marilyn Labbe

Marriages from
the *Windham
County Transcript*
1848-1899

Many binders
of births,
marriages, death,
military, probate,
and businesses
were put
together by
Gloria Bergeron
who took our
duplicate copies of the *Windham County Transcript* home.



Town Farm Records 1876-1952 taken from
the originals and typed by Marcella Pasay
Record of Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals of
Rev. R. C. Cooper 1954-1993

Bacon Funeral Home Records 1873-1885 from
an original book typed by Marilyn Labbe

Wood Funeral Home Records 1900-1933, taken
from the originals typed by Marilyn Labbe

Gagnon-Costello Funeral Home Records
1958-1994, taken from the originals

Tillinghast Funeral Home Records 1930-1995

Killingly Business Encyclopedia 1708-2008
by Natalie Coolidge

Deaths From Killingly Town Meeting Records
not in the Vital Records 1756-1789 –
CT Binder #3

Birth Records 1918-1929 of Midwife Carrie
(Smith) Smith – CT Binder #3

Genealogical Notes of Killingly and Plainfield,
compiled by Rev. Henry Robinson –
CT Binder #3

Abstracts from the New England Arena
Newspaper 1845-1847 pub. Danielsonville –
CT Binder #3

Sexton Records of Marshall Spaulding for New
South Killingly Cemetery – CT Binder #4

South Killingly Cemetery Association Records,
3 volumes, copied from the original books

Dr. Edwin Hill's birth and death records from
his diaries; and a typed copy of the diaries.
We have the diaries.

Dr. Charles Hill's two account books, typed and
on the shelf – we also have the actual
account books

Mills Along the Whetstone Brook by Richard Adams
The Blumenthals – by Natalie Coolidge

Scrapbooks that are indexed

Dear Transcript – Letters from Windham County
Soldiers in the Civil War

Killingly Civil War Soldiers by Marcella Pasay
Index to the 18th Regiment Civil War book
by Marcella Pasay

Payments to Soldiers & Families during the Civil
War typed by Marilyn Labbe

Pictures on Memories Walls – History columns
from the *Windham County Transcript*, typed
by Marilyn Labbe

Quinebaug Gold Company from the *Windham
County Transcript* and an article & photo's
on Moses Warren, one of the men in the
company

Town Records: Assessment Lists 1846-1861
Grand Lists 1855-1945

Tax Abstracts 1855-1910

Dog Licenses 1878-1925

And much, much more

School records 1875-1885/6

Our Native American/Black section given to us
by Marcella Pasay after the publication of her
book *Full Circle*

A binder we started on the Native American and
Black people found in our older newspapers.

Many binders of information from various
newspapers

Plainfield – Baptist Church 1790-1990's two books; one
book was given to us by the church

Methodist church records 1842-1932 from
original books typed by Marilyn Labbe

Dougherty Bros. Funeral Home Records
1929-1983

Misc. papers found in the town clerks office
An Account book – we think a shoemakers
book but no proof - 1840's

Denison Funeral Home Records 1888-1932
from original, typed by Marilyn Labbe

Sexton Records 1930-2004 from original
records

Moosup Journal newspaper on film

Pomfret – Sexton Records 1852-1997 from originals

Putnam – Sexton Records 1885-1998 from originals

Smith & Walker Funeral Home records
1900-1988 from original books

Ballard/Clarke Funeral Home 1894-1933 from
original book, typed by Marilyn Labbe

Gilman-Valade Funeral Home Vol. 1 1920-1969,
Vol. 2 1970-1990

Sterling – *The Roads Lead Back to Glory* – history

Sexton Records 1862-2004 from original records

Articles by Elizabeth (White) Holden

United Methodist Church Records 1885-1943
in Oneco, from original books typed by
Marilyn Labbe

Thompson – Sexton records 1881-2003 in two volumes

Baptist church records from original book

Methodist church records ca 1841 – 1970

Valade Funeral Home 1960-1979 in two
volumes with indexes

Congregational Church Records 1730-1930
from film typed by Marilyn Labbe

Woodstock – Sexton records 1885-1990's from originals

Woodstock newspaper on microfilm
of early 1900's

Obituaries from the *Norwich Bulletin* 1998 to current;
the *Killingly Villager* from 2008 to current; and also the
Webster Times; the *Putnam Patriot* newspaper, scattered
issues: 1872-1884 and 1889-1896 compiled and indexed
by A. Joyce Desruisseau; *The Observer* and *Windham
County Observer*, scattered issues, typed by Marilyn Labbe;
Windham County Standard 1886-1894 – scattered issues,
typed by Marilyn Labbe; Obituaries in the Orange File
Cabinet with indexes on the shelf in the Connecticut
section, indexed by A. Joyce Desruisseau.

Rhode Island

Indexes to Bayles History of Providence County, Rhode
Island by Gloria Bergeron

French-Canadian Obits from Rhode Island newspapers

Foster, Rhode Island

Marriages by Rev. George Kennedy, Moosup Valley
1861-1898, given to us by Foster Preservation Society,
typed by Marilyn Labbe

Massachusetts Books

(All typed by members)

Douglas, Mass. Burial Permits 1944-2003 from original
records, collected and indexed by A. Joyce Desruisseau

Southbridge, Mass. Journal Vitals 1853-1880,
Vol. 1 & 2 from material of Catherine McKinstry
Williams, typed by Marcella Pasay

Prospect Hill Cemetery Inscriptions, Uxbridge, Mass.
Webster Times newspaper 1867, 1871, 1872-1873, 1874-

1876, 1883 and 1885; scattered issues in a number of
binders in the Webster section on the shelves, typed by
Marilyn Labbe

Worcester, Mass. *Telegraph, Gazette, & Webster Times*
in three binders, scattered issues typed by Marilyn Labbe

Boston Weekly Journal 1884-1889, scattered issues typed
by Marilyn Labbe

Dudley, Mass. – Congregational church records 1732-
1890's from original records collected and typed by

Marcella Pasay and Marilyn Labbe

Dudley, Mass. – Gravestones and Burial information up
to 2002 from work of several people and then added to
by Marilyn Labbe

Dudley, Mass. Town Orders 1816-1878 by Marilyn Labbe

The Coffin Book kept by Mark and Charles Elwell, 1831-
1852 Dudley, Mass., typed by Marilyn Labbe –

Binder #5 from original book

Dudley, Mass. – Inscriptions from Holy Trinity Cemetery,
1904-2011, recorded by the genealogy group in Dudley

The following I found in my mother's attic and one was
given to us: *Webster Times* Book – 1739-1939;
Webster, Dudley, Oxford, Mass. and North Grosvenordale,
Conn. in the Full Circle Collection *Webster Times*,
Souvenir Edition under direction of Board of Trade
and Business Men's Association; *Webster Times*
Anniversary Issue 1859-1959.

Abstracts from the Ellsworth Back Diaries: Woodstock
Vols. 1 & 2, 1876-1900; in the *Full Circle* collection of
books.

This is just a sampling of what is available at the Killingly
Historical and Genealogical Society. For more information,
visit their website at: <http://www.killinglyhistory.org>

Sources: <http://www.killinglyhistory.org> & Google images.

Editor's Note: We will be providing a list of genealogies
that have been done by the members of the Killingly
Historical & Genealogical Society in the Fall 2014 issue of
Connecticut Genealogy News.

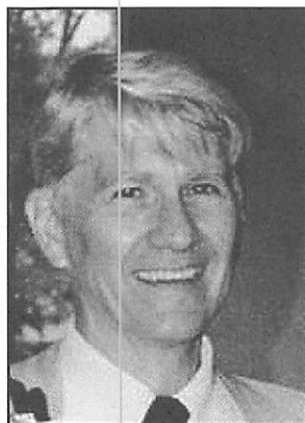
ANNOUNCING THE 2014 CSG LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to all the winners of this year's contest and thank you to all who entered. The winning "Tell Your Family Story" Essay is announced on page 17. The essay will be published in its entirety in the *Connecticut Nutmegger*, Volume 47 #1 (July 2013). Book reviews of all the winning entries may be found on page 24 of this issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News*. Book Reviews of all the entries will appear in upcoming issues.



Winner of the 2014 CSG Grand Prize in Genealogy

The Ancestry and Descendants of Walter Deane 1612-1693 of South Chard, England and Taunton, Plymouth Colony, Volumes 1 & 2 by H. Clark Dean, CGSM

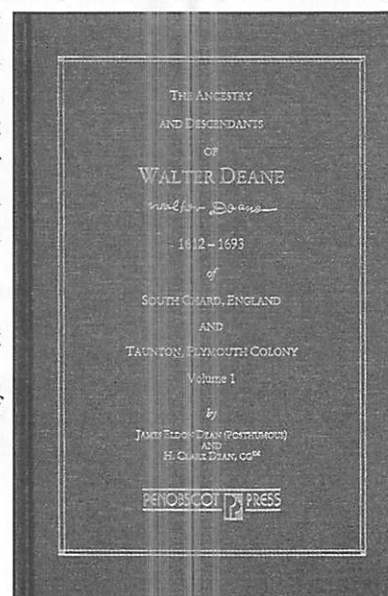


H. Clark Dean was born at Evanston, Illinois, in January 1931. He attended New Trier Township High School. He graduated from Swarthmore College in 1953. For seven months in 1954 he lived at 29 Kenyon Street, Hartford, and worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. He went to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, that September to work for bridge consultant Modjeski and Masters.

In 1955 he was drafted and served in the 18th Engineer Brigade of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He returned to Modjeski and Masters after completing his term of active duty.

In 1958 his brother asked him to find out more about their grandfather, who (according to their father) was born in Philadelphia in 1863. That was the beginning of Clark's entry to family history. He has been at it ever since. He learned his great-grandfather was born at Windsor, Connecticut, and that his great-great-grandfather lived at Ware, Massachusetts, and Stafford, Connecticut, after serving in the Revolutionary War. A cousin informed him that a family Bible entry noted his great-grandfather died at Harrisburg. Later he learned his great-grandfather's mother was a Benton descended from Andrew Benton, buried in Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground, and from colonial Connecticut Governor William Leete. The fact that the first three places Clark lived after graduating from high school (Philadelphia, Hartford and Harrisburg) were tied to the life of his great-grandfather seems to him serendipitous as described in Hank Jones' *Psychic Roots*.

Clark retired from Harza Engineering Company, Chicago, in 1997. He is a past Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois, a member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, of the Association of Professional Genealogists and of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council.





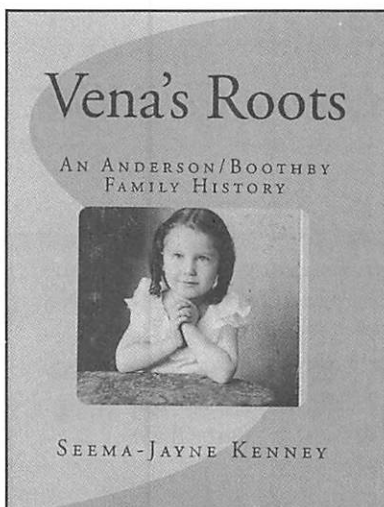
Winner of the 2014 CSG Brainerd T. Peck Award for Family History

Vena's Roots, An Anderson/Boothby Family History by Seema-Jayne Kenney

Seema-Jayne (Bergquist) Kenney has been involved in genealogy for most of her life, professionally for the last three years and is an active member of The Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, serving as President of its Worcester Chapter. She is also a member of The Connecticut Society of Genealogists (CSG), The Maine Genealogical Society (MGS), International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE), American French Genealogical Society (AFGS), and the New England Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (NEAPG). In 2010 she completed the BU Genealogical Research Certificate, followed by completion of the ProGen study program in 2012.



Seema-Jayne started working on the Anderson side of her father's family history in earnest just a few years ago. Finding that *Vena's Roots* extended into colonial Massachusetts made everything more interesting as Lancaster was not so far from where Seema-Jayne lives with her husband, Timothy. During the same time her research was beginning in earnest, her father called with an invitation to a family reunion in Maine – Vena's family and near her childhood home. In attendance were 100 people, almost 95 of whom Seema-Jayne had never met before! The reunion hostess and a couple of other cousins were great sources of information on Vena, her siblings, and her parents!



Vena's Roots took Seema-Jayne on a trip down the road of US History -Almost back to the Mayflower. Along the way, trips to family homesteads and historic houses made that history come to life.

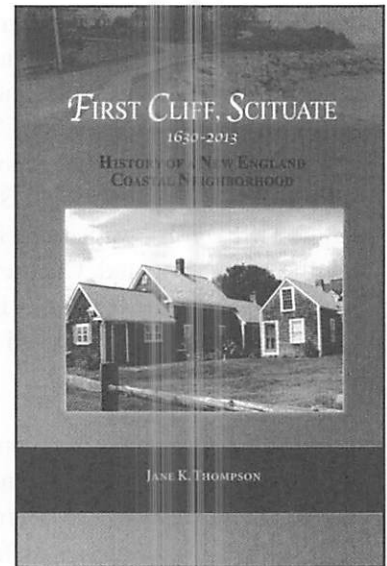
Seema-Jayne's first career was in the computer department of Consolidated Group in Framingham, Massachusetts. For almost seventeen years, she performed analysis and project management for computer system upgrades and installations. In 1999, Seema-Jayne opened her own computer training company, Technical Tutoring, providing computer software training to individuals and groups especially on all the components of Microsoft Office. Seema-Jayne started a new business, Mass Researchers, in 2011, offering genealogically based services to the public. While a few research projects were completed, the business concentrates more on presentations, especially to genealogy societies and clubs, historical societies, senior centers, and libraries. Her genealogical services and interests are listed on her website, www.MassResearchers.com.

Seema-Jayne indicates that this book was written to get things in front of her father and his older brother in hopes of soliciting more stories about the ancestors they knew. Now it is the motivation for researching other family lines and presenting those as gifts for her own three children and other descendants. Her current project is the family history of her maternal grandmother, Christine Florence Ellis, a family with over 150 years of history in Southington and Torrington, Connecticut.

**Winner of the 2014 CSG Prize for
Best Genealogical Resource Publication**

***First Cliff, Scituate 1630-2013*
History of a New England Coastal Neighborhood
by Jane K. Thompson**

Jane Kremers Thompson graduated from Smith College and earned a MSW at Boston College. She practiced social work for many years and retired when she realized her greater interest had become genealogy. She has written several genealogies including *The Burling Books* in 2001, which received four awards. *First Cliff, Scituate* developed from a growing interest in the exploration of property and its owners. She has resided on First Cliff since 1986 with her husband, Hank Stahr, a Cliff resident since 1924.

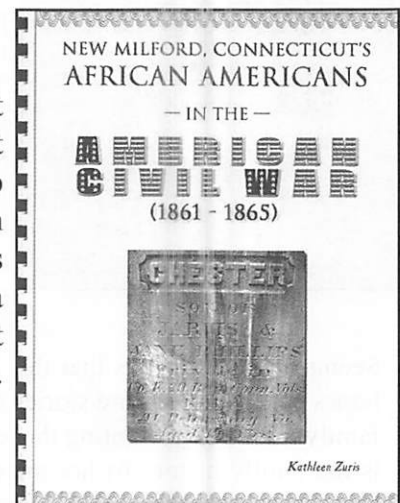


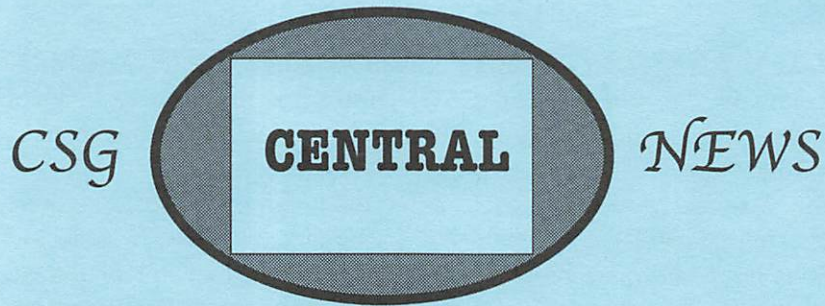
**Honorable Mention in the 2014 Literary Awards Contest
Genealogical Resource Category**

***New Milford, Connecticut's African Americans in the Civil War*
(1861-1865)
by Kathleen Zuris**



Kathleen Zuris has resided in New Milford, Connecticut since 1990. She has been conducting independent genealogical research for over ten years. Kathleen has also done research for historical institutions and was the main contributor to the Danbury Museum & Historical Society's publication *Images of America: Danbury*. It was Arcadia Publishing's best seller for 2001. She is a member (and past trustee) of the New Milford Historical Society & Museum.





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*** SAVE THIS SECTION ***

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2014

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

Summer Saturdays - Introduction to Genealogy Classes

Instructor: Edwin W. Strickland II

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

Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon. **Cost:** \$15 per class or \$50 for all four sessions. **Note:** We must have at least 8 people sign up for all four classes in order to hold the program. Please pre-register by July 9th so we may plan appropriately. For more details see the flyer on page 15 of this issue or visit the CSG website at www.csginc.org.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION

20 September-"Resources at the Godfrey Memorial Library"

Speaker: Alice Sharest of the Godfrey Memorial Library Board

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

Time: 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

SAVE THE DATE

18 October-Annual Family History Seminar:

"New Approaches to Genealogy" ~ Open to the Public ~

Speakers: 1. Mel Smith from the Connecticut State Library; 2. Diana McCain & Carol Whitmer on "How Object Collections Compliment Paper Records Research;" 3. Nora Galvin on "How to Create a Research Plan from One Documental Source;" and 4. Jennifer Zinck on "DNA and Genealogical Research."

Location: Best Western Plus (formerly Holiday Inn North Haven), 201 Washington Street, North Haven, CT.

Time: Registration at 8 a.m. President's Welcome at 8:45 a.m. First program begins at 9 a.m.

Cost: \$45 by 30 Sept. 2014 or \$55 thereafter.

Please pre-register by Noon on Friday, 10 October 2014.

After that date, we can accept additional registrations, but no refunds can be given for cancellations. See page 16 for registration form or call the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 if you wish to use a MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

15 November - "Using Computer Technology for Genealogical Research"

Speaker: Jennifer Zinck

Location: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT **Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

Other Genealogical Events of Interest

MILFORD FOUNDING FAMILIES DAY

Milford, Connecticut will be hosting Founding Families Day on 19 July 2014 as part of its 375th anniversary celebration. Descendants of all 56 original planters and after-planters are welcome to attend. Contact Richard N. Platt, Jr. at RNPlatt@optimum.net for more information on this and related events.

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES CONFERENCE - GONE TO TEXAS

The 2014 FGS Conference is co-hosted by the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society

Date: August 27-30, 2014

Location: Henry B. Gonzalez Convention, 200 East Market St., San Antonio, TX. For more informatin go to the conference website at www.fgsconference.org.

IMPORTANT FOLD3 ANNOUNCEMENT

For many years one of the benefits of CSG membership has been access through the CSG website to the Fold3 database. This database offers documents from the National Archives, such as pension records, etc. The database began small, but has gradually grown as more and more records have been digitized. Access to this database, which is now owned by Ancestry.com, has been a valuable resource to our members, but one that has become increasingly expensive to offer. Recently, the Connecticut State Library has subscribed to the Fold3 database and it is now offered free to any holder of a CSL library card. Access can be obtained at <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/databases/fold3>. CSG members living in other states may also find that their state libraries offer a similar service. Given these developments, the Board of Governors of CSG has elected not to renew our contract with Fold3 when it expires in October of 2014; until then the CSG website will continue to offer access to Fold3. If you feel you will not be able to access Fold3 after October, you should try to complete any current projects. The Board of Governors is discussing the development of new resources for members that can be made available through the CSG website. Thank you to the members who responded to our request on their usage of Fold3.

GENEALOGICAL COALITION HOLDS STRATEGY MEETING

The Steering Committee of the Genealogical Coalition (GenCo) held a strategy meeting on 25 April 2014 at the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, CT. GenCo is an Ad Hoc group which has responded to the periodic attempts to limit or restrict access for genealogists to Connecticut Vital Record.. Edwin W. Strickland II, Chair of the CSG Government Affairs Committee, attended this meeting.

In the latest session of the Connecticut General Assembly, members of GenCo testified in opposition to SB 414. This proposed bill would have imposed new restrictions on access to records and many genealogists and family historians contacted the Public Health Committee and their individual senators and representatives to express their opinions. For two months, concerned genealogists directed their time and energy to this effort. The proposed bill died in committee. The genealogical community owes a debt

of gratitude to Bob Rafford, Nora Galvin and Tom Howard for the many hours they voluntarily gave from their personal time to address this issue.

This is not expected to be the last effort to limit the access to records for genealogists. The purpose of the strategy meeting of the Steering Committee of GenCo was to discuss how to improve contacts with and between the genealogical organizations to ensure timely responses to proposed legislation. GenCo encourages all genealogical organizations to stay informed about critical legislative matters. Individual members are encouraged to contact their elected representatives and senators and introduce themselves as citizens with an interest in family history.

MEMBER NUMBERS & TRANSACTION CODES

Please note: your member number (also known as a "CSG No." is located on your membership card near the top. Please include this number on all correspondence and in the memo portion of any check you may submit for payment. This number will never change. If you should resign your membership for a period of time and wish to reinstate, you will keep the same member number.

Your transaction code (Trans Code on your membership card) is located after your member number. This code changes every year and is used in conjunction with your member number to help maintain the security of the website. It is used initially by the member to register on the website. After the initial registration, the office staff updates this for you.

Concerning your registration on the CSG website: this account is not linked to our membership database which does not go online. Except for updating the transaction code each year, CSG does not make any updates to the account unless asked to do so by the member. Any address changes can be made by signing in and then clicking where it says My Account in the upper right of the screen. Please call or email the CSG office at 860-569-0002 or csginc@csginc.org if you need help with this for any address or information changes that need to be made to the membership database.

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

**Introduction to Genealogy
with Edwin W. Strickland II**

- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -

Summer Saturday Classes beginning July 12th
from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Cost: \$15 per session or \$50 for all four sessions

Pre-registration Deadline: July 9, 2014

(we need at least 8 people to sign up for all 4 classes to hold the course)

July 12th - Session 1: Getting Started; The Mythical Trunk;
Everything You Can Do Wrong;
Family Group Sheets/Pedigree Charts
Handling Names, Dates and Places
Citing Sources

July 19th - Session 2: Vital Records; Bible Records; Church Records;
Cemetery Records

July 26th - Session 3: Census Records; City Directories; Newspapers

Aug 2nd - Session 4: Internet Resources and Genealogy Software.

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

Make checks payable and mail to:

CSG, Inc., P.O. Box 435, Glastonbury, CT 06033

(MasterCard, Visa & Discover accepted)

**Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.
Annual Family History Seminar**

New Approaches to Genealogy

***Saturday ~ 18 October 2014
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.***

***BEST WESTERN PLUS (formerly Holiday Inn North Haven)
201 Washington Street
NORTH HAVEN, CT***

Registration Begins at 8:00 a.m.
Vendor/Exhibitor Booths open, Coffee and Danish

Mel Smith from the Connecticut State Library
Elizabeth Abbe, Diana McCain & Carol Whitmer on
“How Object Collections Compliment Paper Records Research”
Nora Galvin on “How to Create a Research Plan from One Documental Source”
Jennifer Zinck on “DNA and Genealogical Research”

~Open to the Public~

SEMINAR REGISTRATION - SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2014

Seating Limited - Early Registration \$45

ALL Registrations postmarked after 9/30/14 are \$55 - Deadline to Register: 10/10/14

Name: _____ CSG# _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Telephone # _____

Meal Choice (circle one):

Balsamic Glazed Chicken (gluten free) or Tortellini with Tomato Basil Concous (vegetarian)

IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE LET US KNOW _____

For more details, visit us at www.csginc.org or pre-register call 1-860-569-0002
Make checks payable and mail to: CSG, Inc., P.O. Box 435, Glastonbury, CT 06033-0435

Winner of the 2014 Literary Awards “Tell Your Family Story” Essay Contest

“Noah Agard of Litchfield, Connecticut, Revolutionary War Soldier” by Mary Nunn Maki

Mary Nunn Maki was born and raised near Ithaca, New York. She is a graduate of Corning Community College and Ithaca College. She worked as support staff for astronomer Carl Sagan at Cornell University and then as Secretary to President James J. Whalen at Ithaca College.



Upon moving to Newtown, Connecticut in 1997, Mary soon started her own Virtual Assistant business doing transcription work for a number of clients.

Her love of history and genealogy prompted volunteer work on a number of oral history projects: Newtown (CT) Oral History Project (3 volumes), Ulysses (NY) Oral History Project, and Newfield (NY) Archives Alive Oral History Project. She is a member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, a founding member of the Genealogy Club of Newtown, Newtown Historical Society, Ulysses Historical Society, Fredericksburg Regional Genealogical Society, Manatee Genealogical Society, and member

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Genealogy is a lot like popcorn... once you get started, it's hard to stop!

Ancestor Chart: Chart No. ____

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PROFILES OF CONNECTICUT'S CIVIL WAR HEROES

by Noreen Manzella, CSG #15578



Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Swift 17th Michigan Infantry Company F

Frederick William Swift was born 30 January 1831 in Mansfield Center, Connecticut to Dr. Earl and Laura (Ripley) Swift. Swift's paternal grandfather was Captain Barzillai Swift, who settled in

Connecticut in the late 1700s. The Swift line extends back to William John Swift of Suffolk, England who arrived in New England in 1630. Swift's maternal grandfather was Captain Ralph Ripley, and this line extends back to Governor William Bradford of the Mayflower. Known siblings include Albert Earl (b.c. 1811), Harriet (b.c.1812), Althea H. (b.c. 1815), Ralph Ripley (b.c. 1821), Sarah Fearing (b.c. 1823), James B. (b.c. 1825) and Henry Fearing (b.c. 1829). Both grandfathers served in the Revolutionary War and Barzillai Swift served in the Connecticut General Assembly. About the age of 16, Frederick Swift migrated to Michigan and entered the shoe business for some years prior to his service in the Civil War.

Frederick Swift married Mary A.B. (22 March 1836-17 April 1872) about 1859. Second, he married Ella Berdan (1847-1927) in 1874. The following children were born to Frederick and Mary Swift: Anna (b.c. 1860), Frederick William (1865-1865), Louise Bradford m. Robbins (1867-1906) and Caroline Brooks (1870-1951). Children with wife Ella Berdan were May (b.c. 1875), Bradford (b.c.1877) and Stanley (b.c. 1879). Following the war, Swift served as Postmaster in Detroit from 1866-1874. He also was in the drug manufacturing business with his brother. Swift was senior partner at Swift and Dodds for many years. He was a longstanding and active member of the Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, serving as its leader and recorder for the Michigan branch. Frederick William Swift died on his 85th birthday, 30 January 1916, at his residence, 870 Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. He is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

Frederick Swift enlisted 29 July 1862 in the 17th Michigan infantry as a captain. He saw action in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Vicksburg. On November

16, 1863 during the battle at Lenoire Station (Tennessee), the 17th Michigan was part of the forces charged with acting as rearguard as the Union army moved to Knoxville when they were being forced back by General Longstreet's Confederate forces. At Turkey Creek, a short distance from Lenoir Station, the enemy began firing on the Union forces. The Union troops became disorganized and chaotic, some retreating haphazardly. After three color bearers of the unit's flag became incapacitated, Captain Swift grabbed the colors and called to the men to form up. Order was restored and the troops were able to maintain the line, followed by a countercharge. General Longstreet, seeing the countercharge, retreated. Swift's heroic actions helped sway the outcome of this battle. Just a few days later, 26 November 1863, Swift was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

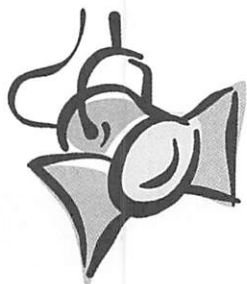
During the Battle of Spotsylvania, on 12 May 1864, Swift was captured and was held a prisoner in Georgia. Swift wrote an account of his experiences, "My Experiences as a Prisoner of War." Swift's brother also was held in the same camp. On August 3, 1864, Swift was one of 40 prisoners exchanged with the Confederates in Charleston. He rejoined his regiment and was promoted to Colonel on 4 December 1864. On 13 March 1865, he was again promoted to Brevet Colonel, followed by promotion to Brevet Brigadier General on the same day. Frederick Swift mustered out at 23 June 1865 at Delaney House in Washington, D.C.

Brigadier General Frederick W. Swift's Medal of Honor was awarded 15 February 1897 and reads:

gallantly seized the colors and rallied the regiment after three Color Bearers had been shot and the regiment, having become demoralized, was in imminent danger of capture.



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Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities

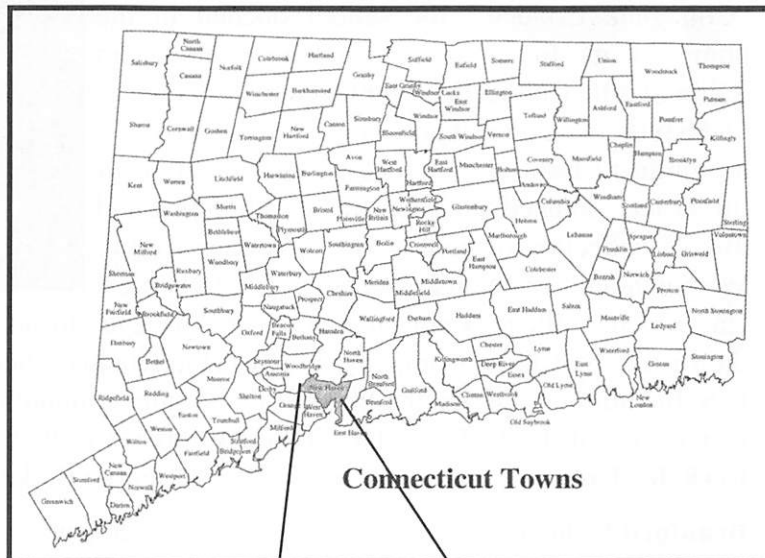


Spotlight on New Haven – Part II

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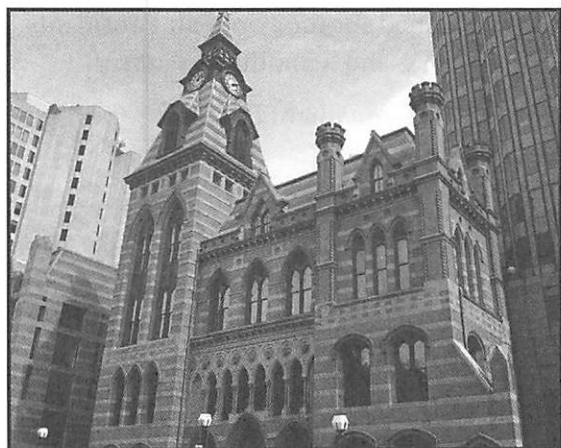
Vital Records – Probate Records

The Vital Records of New Haven are located in the City Hall building on Church Street in New Haven. They are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The City Clerk's office is usually very busy on Mondays and Fridays, so I would advise avoiding those days. The staff is accommodating and you will have full use of records within the scope of the law, but they must be viewed at a special table in the clerk's area. Since New Haven was an original town, they have records from the 1600s to present. Copies are \$20.00 each. Only certified copies are given. Since New Haven is a city with hospitals, you will find a very large collection of birth, marriage and death records, along with sexton cemetery books. The probate records are located in the Hall of Records on Orange Street. They are not located at the courthouse as in most other large cities. These records are open to everyone for perusal. The staff is very accommodating. All of the earlier records are on microfilm. If you need copies, they are \$1.00 per page. New Haven's probate district covers New Haven City ONLY. If you need records for surrounding towns, please consult the appropriate probate district.



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The New Haven Colony Historical Society/ The New Haven Museum

The New Haven Colony Historical Society was chartered on 17 June 1863 during the Civil War; it is now called "The New Haven Museum" The society has occupied several buildings during its history, but is now located at 114 Whitney Avenue, New Haven. The collections include more than 10,000 decorative and fine art objects, and a photographic archive of 75,000 prints, negatives and films. It contains the holdings of the Whitney Library with over 30,000 volumes and 320 manuscripts, as well as some architectural drawings, maps, broadsides, newspapers and

various other items. There are exhibitions, lectures and publications that bring the 375 years of New Haven history to nearly 7,000 visitors annually, including many schoolchildren.

Yale University

The General Court of the Colony of Connecticut passed an act in 1701 to train ministers and lay leadership for Connecticut. Originally called "Collegiate College," the school opened in the home of its first rector, Abraham Pierson, in Killingworth, Connecticut. It moved to the Town of Old Saybrook, Connecticut, when Nathaniel Lynde, a prominent Lawyer and ancestor of the author of this article, donated ten acres of land, a building and a large collection of books. The college moved to Wethersfield, Connecticut and then in 1718 to New Haven.



The college was re-named "Yale College" to honor a gift from Elihu Yale, a governor of the British East India Company. In 1861, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences became the first U.S. Institution to award the Ph.D. Yale became a founding member of the Association of American Universities in 1900. The university today consists of twelve colleges:

Berkeley College – named for the RT. Rev. George Berkeley, early benefactor.

Branford College – named for Branford, Connecticut.

Calhoun College – named for John C. Calhoun, vice-president of the United States.

Davenport College – named for Rev. John Davenport, one of the founders of New Haven.

Ezra Stiles College – named for Rev. Ezra Stiles, a former Yale president.

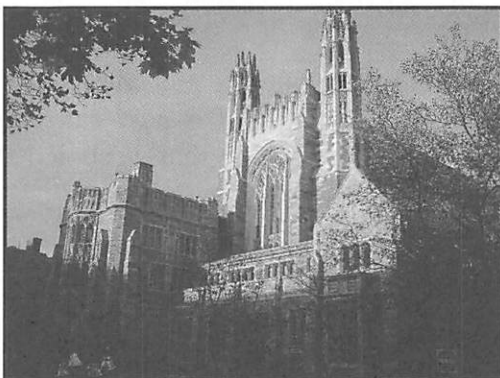
Jonathan Edwards College – named for theologian, Yale alumnus, and Princeton co-founder.

Morse College – named for Samuel F.B. Morse, inventor of Morse Code and the telegraph.

Pierson College – named for Yale's first rector, Abraham Pierson.

Saybrook College – named for Old Saybrook, one of the towns in which Yale was founded.

Silliman College – named for noted scientist and Yale professor Benjamin Silliman.



The Yale School of Law

Timothy Dwight College – named for the two Yale presidents of that name, Timothy Dwight IV and Timothy Dwight V.

Trumbull College – named for Jonathan Trumbull, the first governor of Connecticut.

Yale University is an Ivy league college and is New Haven's largest property owner and taxpayer. Yale employs over 1,100 faculty to teach and advise about 5,300 undergraduate and 6,100 graduate and professional students. The University's assets include an endowment in excess of \$20 billion dollars. Fifty-one Nobel laureates have been affiliated with the University as student, faculty, or staff. Yale has graduated

many notable alumni, including five U.S. Presidents, nineteen U.S. Supreme Court Justices, and many foreign heads of state.

The city is also the home to other private and public colleges, including Southern Connecticut State University, Albertus Magnus College and Gateway Community College.



Libraries

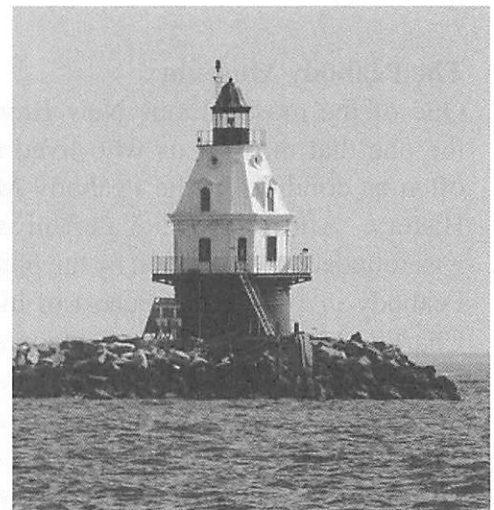
The New Haven Free Public Library Main Branch is located at 133 Elm Street in New Haven. There are three satellite branches: the Mitchell Branch, located at 37 Hamson Street, the Fair Haven Branch, 182 Grand Avenue,;and the Stetson Branch, located at 200 Dixwell Avenue.

The Main Branch has a “Local History Room” which is filled with information about early New Haven. It was developed to support public interest in local history by locating, preserving and making available books, pamphlets, genealogies, newspapers, photographs, municipal documents, maps, atlases, audiovisual materials, electronic resources and indexes. The materials document the economic, natural, political and social history of New Haven and, with lesser emphasis, New Haven County and New Haven County towns. There is also information on Connecticut History, historical methodology and the history of the New Haven Free Public Library. In addition, you will find the entire run of the *New Haven Register* newspaper on microfilm. All of the city directories and many other materials that are useful in family research can be found here. The main library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. The library is closed on Sundays.

Geography

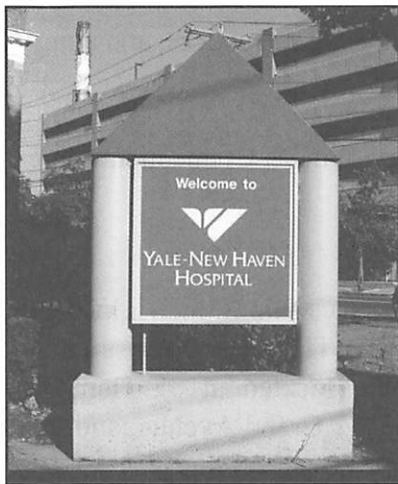
New Haven’s best known geographic features are its large deep harbor and two reddish basalt trap rock ridges which rise to the northeast and northwest of the city core. These trap rocks are known respectively as East Rock and West Rock, and both serve as extensive parks. This area once served as the hideout of the “Regicides”, two of the judges who had condemned King Charles I. West Rock has been tunneled through to make way for the east-west passage of the Wilbur Cross Parkway.

The city is drained by three rivers: the West, Mill and Quinnipiac, named in order from west to east. The West River discharges into West Haven Harbor, while the Mill and the Quinnipiac Rivers discharge into New Haven Harbor.



World Renowned Hospitals

New Haven is home to the Yale-New Haven Hospital Medical system which is one of the most prominent teaching hospitals in the world. Located at 20 York Street the hospital began with humble beginnings and has grown into the largest hospital system in the state. In 2012 the hospital merged with the only other hospital in the city, The Hospital of St. Raphael’s, which is now known as “Yale



New Haven Hospital, St. Raphael's Campus." In 2009 Yale New Haven opened the Smilow Cancer Hospital, a world-class cancer center that sees more cancer patients than any other hospital in the state. Through a generous gift from Joel and Joan Smilow, a Yale alumni, the system has built one of the world's newest and greatest hospitals to benefit those with regular and rare forms of cancer. The Yale New Haven Medical system is one of the largest employers in the city.

Museums

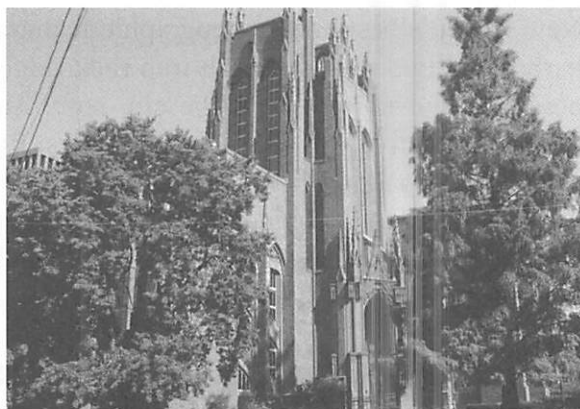
New Haven is the location of a variety of museums, many of which are associated with Yale University. The **Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library** features an original copy of the Gutenberg Bible.

There also is the **Connecticut Children's Museum**, the **Knights of Columbus Museum**, the **Peabody Museum of Natural History**, The **Yale University Collection of Musical Instruments**, the **Eli Whitney Museum**, the **Yale Center for British Art outside the U.K.**, the **Yale Center for British Art**, which houses the largest collection of British art outside of the U.K. and the **Yale University Art Gallery**, which is the nation's oldest college art museum.

Aside from all of these wonderful museums, there is Artspace on Orange Street, one of several contemporary art galleries around the city showcasing the work of local, national, and international artists. Other galleries include the City Gallery and A. Leaf Gallery in the downtown area. Westville galleries include Kehler Liddell, Jennifer Jane Gallery, and the Hungry Eye. The Erector Square complex in the Fair Haven neighborhood houses the Parachute Factory gallery along with numerous artist studios. The complex serves as an active destination during City-Wide Open Studios held yearly in October.

The Peabody Museum

One of the most famous New Haven Museums, and the one that most of us who lived in the area visited often as children, is the Peabody Museum of Natural History. Affiliated with Yale University, the museum was founded by a donation by the philanthropist George Peabody in 1866 at the behest of his nephew, Othniel Charles Marsh, an early paleontologist. It's most known for its Great Hall of dinosaurs, which contains a mounted juvenile Apatosaurus and a one hundred and ten by ten foot mural, "The Age of the Reptiles". The museum is located at 170 Whitney Avenue, in New Haven, and employs about 100 people. The museum contains several world-important collections. It also holds one of the largest and most historically important fossil collections in the United States and the Hiram Bingham collection of Incan artifacts from Machu Picchu, named for the famous Yale archaeologist who rediscovered the Peruvian ruin. A collection of jewels, marine invertebrates, and extensive ornithology collections are also included.



New Haven is the home-port of a life-sized replica of the historic Freedom Schooner *Amistad*, which is open for tours in the Long Wharf section at certain times throughout the summer. *The Quinnipiac*

schooner, which offers sailing cruises of the harbor area throughout the summer, can also be found at Long Wharf. *The Quinnipiac* functions as a floating classroom for hundreds of local students.

Theatre and Film

The city hosts numerous theatres and production houses, including the Yale Repertory Theatre, the Long Wharf Theatre, and the Shubert. There is also theatre activity from the Yale School of Drama, which works through Yale University Theatre, and student-run Yale Cabaret. Southern CT State University runs the Lyman Center for the Performing Arts. Several smaller theatres include the Little Theatre on Lincoln Street. Cooperative Arts and Humanities High School also boasts a state-of-the-art theatre on College Street. The Shubert Theatre once premiered many major theatrical productions before their Broadway debuts. This is and always has been a hot bed of activity in the performing arts.

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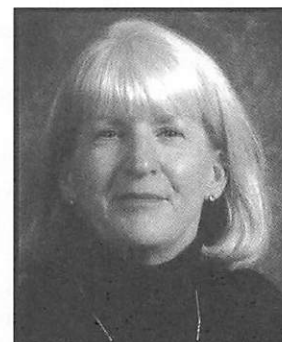
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About the Author

Noreen is a Governor of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. and serves on the Publication Committee. Over 15 years of searching Noreen’s varied ethnic ancestry evolved into experience in research from pre-Revolutionary Pennsylvania to 19th century Little Italy in NYC.



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Book Reviews

by Russell A. DeGraff, CSG # 19174

The Ancestry of and Descendants of Walter Deane, 1612-1693 of South Chard, England and Taunton, Plymouth Colony, Vols. 1 & 2 by James Eldon Dean (posthumous) and H. Clark Dean, CG. Self-published by author through Penobscot Press, USA, 2013. 6 x 9, hardcover, ISBN 0-89725-918-1 or LCCN 2013930101, vol. 1: 609 pages, vol. 2 continues with page 610 to page 1181. Order directly from H. Clark Dean, CG, 422 Kelling Lane, Glencoe, IL 60022. Cost is \$179 plus S&H.

This two-volume set is a superbly researched referenced source of material as evidenced in its being selected as the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. 2014 Literary Awards Contest Grand Prize winner. Beginning with the Dean family in England, the author meticulously traces the family's journey throughout the centuries to their settlement in Plymouth Colony. The researcher can not go astray due to the readers' aids that the author has wisely positioned throughout the material. Not only does Mr. Dean state his literary directions in the first volume, but also provides a listing of illustrations, maps and colorful photographs. An extensive preface and introduction will also provide a sense of his basic thesis. These two volumes are an asset to any genealogist's research and should rest on home library shelves to be savored again and again.

Vena's Roots, An Anderson/Boothby Family History by Seema-Jayne Kenney. Published by Mass Researchers, P.O. Box 888, Upton, MA 01568, seema@MassResearchers.com, 2013. 8 1/2 x 11, softcover, ISBN 0989768198, 182 pages. Order directly from the author at Seema-Jayne Kenney, 4 Sadler Road, Upton, MA 01568. Cost is \$39.95 plus S&H.

This book was chosen to receive the Brainerd T. Peck award for Family History in Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. 2014 Literary Awards Contest. It is not only an informative exposure of the Anderson/Boothby family history, but also provides an illustrated view of their exploits through its many photographs and charts. A reader will easily follow the travels of these families as this well-researched book unfolds an interesting and climatic history. The tools are provided for genealogists who chooses to use this material to expand their own research. A clearly constructed table of contents sets the direction for the researcher. Excellent graphics are included to confirm the multiple data entries. From beginning to end, the author carefully annotates her extensive bibliography and listing of annotated names. For the researcher with those family names, this book is a must-have.

First Cliff, Scituate, 1630-2013, A History of a New England Coastal Neighborhood by Jane K. Thompson. Published by Otter Bay Books, 3507 Newland Road, Baltimore, MD 21218, otterbay-books@gmail.com, 2013. 6 x 9, softcover, ISBN 978-0-9613104-3-1, LCCN 2013942202, 259 pages. Order directly from Jane K. Thompson, 13 Circuit Avenue, Scituate, MA 02066. Email: jane@alumnae.smith.edu. Cost is \$20 plus S&H.

This book was selected to win the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. 2014 Literary Awards Contest in the Genealogical Resource category. This special book guides the reader through the many layers of the development of Scituate, Massachusetts to the present day. Its attention to detail and the specific manner in which the author wrote this book sets it aside as noteworthy for genealogists. The book, in the words of the author, is essentially a genealogy of properties, listing ownership of individual properties from 1630 down to today. It also presents traditional genealogical information about families from today and moving backwards. The author adds her personal observations for a delightful narration of the times. The reader will find multiple aids and guideposts throughout the book beginning with a simple table of contents and a very ingeniously positioned names index in the front of the book. A listing of families is included throughout the text. The reference section at the the conclusion provides the reader with an excellent base for further researching.

New Milford, Connecticut's African-Americans in the American Civil War, 1861-1865 by Kathleen Zuris. Published by the author, 2013. 8 1/2 x 11, softcover, 79 pages. Order directly from the author at Kathleen Zuris, 102 Grove Street, New Milford, CT 06776. Cost is \$20 plus S&H.

This book won an honorable mention in the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. 2014 Literary Awards Contest in the Genealogical Resource category. It addresses that which has been so understated, the Connecticut contributions of African-Americans in the American Civil War. African-American soldiers represented many of the communities of New England. The author presents these citizens from past years in a totally revealing light. The reader/researcher will find the material a pleasure to navigate due to the specific guideposts throughout. A clearly presented table of contents, numerous illustrations, charts and graphs and an ample bibliography present a road map of excellence. A well put-together index is included and endotes are used to cite source material. A highly delightful and interesting read.

Guilford Mail During the Civil War by Tracy Tomaselli, CSG # 16704

Appointed by President Abraham Lincoln, John Hale was the 9th Postmaster of Guilford from 16 May 1861 - 26 Jun 1865. Known as the War Postmaster, through his office came most of the mail that was received in Guilford from the battlefield. Anxious fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and friends made many trips to Hale's store on the west side of the Guilford Green during those crucial four years of the Civil War and many heart-rending messages were taken from the delivery window of the village Post Office.

Personal effects of deceased soldiers were often sent home through the Adams Express Company. The Adams Express Company also served as paymaster for both sides during the Civil War and soldiers would send money home by way of the express. An office of the Adams Express Company was located at 11 Water Street in town.

The soldiers looked forward to receiving mail as much as did their loved ones. Soldiers often wrote letters home that included details of their camp life, battle experiences, and the mention of comrades. These letters also requested items to be sent to them, such as stamps, socks, a locket of hair from a loved one, sewing supplies, and toiletry items. Newspaper subscriptions were sent to the soldiers, supplied by members of the Third Congregational Church.

Military Items
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Letters to soldiers in the 1st Conn. Cavalry, 12th, 13th and 18th regiments, should be addressed to them for the present at Harper's Ferry, Va. And letters to soldiers in General Grant's army in the 1st Conn. Artillery, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 21st, and 29th regiments, should be directed to their respective regiments, divisions and corps. The post-office address for these regiments is Old Point Comfort, Va.

Send writing paper to the soldiers; many of them are out. Blank paper and envelopes may be sent by mail at the rate of two cents for four ounces.—Half a dozen sheets of note paper and envelopes may be sent for two cents postage.



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Queries

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I would like to correspond with descendants of Thomas **BONNEY** who came from Sandwich, England to Duxbury, MA on the *Hercules* in 1643.

Would like all info (births, marriages, deaths & burials) on Lt. Isaac H. **BONNEY** (Hiram G. and Joan D) who was killed in the Civil War and died in Indianapolis, IN.

Need all info on Rev. Isaac **BONNEY** who married 1806, Olive EATON, b 26JAN1784, d 11MAR1829, age 45.

Richard W. Bonney, CSG # 571
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Needham, MA 02492-1539

Need primary source that establishes a link between Sally **MINER**, b 24APR1786, m Champlin Lester 9APR1807 at Lyme, CT according to Lyme, CT records and her father, Seth **MINER**, b 6OCT1758, d 1842 at Lyme, CT according to Lyme, CT records. Seth Miner served in the Revolutionary War. Military records do not show such a link, but the book, *Thomas Miner Descendants 1609-1981* p. 120 #636 does.

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Need any info on the following families: **OTTO** (of Meriden, CT); **SCHOTT** (of Wallingford, CT); **BATTICK** (of New Haven, CT) and **CHAMERDA** (of New Haven, CT).

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- 6.) Click on "Town Historian."
- 7.) Click "+" to add the name of the historian.
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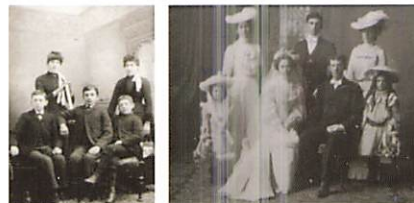
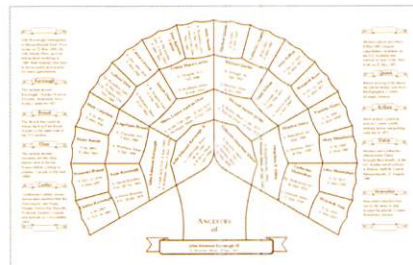
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President's Message



First of all, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Dick Tomlinson for his thoughtful and insightful leadership of CSG, not only during the past year, but since its inception. I have learned much from observing Dick, and

am grateful for all the wise counsel he has provided. It is because of dedicated individuals like Dick, the society is what it is today. During my tenure, I hope to build on what Dick and all the past board members have created, a well-organized and well-respected genealogical society.

With that in mind, I realize that the greatest asset CSG has is its diverse membership. I would like to encourage all members to experience what CSG has to offer, make suggestions and share their stories. During the next year we will be focusing on some new programs aimed at reaching more of our membership. New initiatives such as digitizing some of the collections held by CSG as well as creating online guides and tutorials for the benefit of our members are some of the projects that we will be rolling out.

I also strongly encourage member feedback. Please let us know what you would like to see on the website, what types of programs you are interested in and any suggestions that you might have which would make CSG a better genealogical society.

I am looking forward to an exciting year!

Carol

Editorial

The editor and staff of *Connecticut Genealogy News* congratulate Carol Whitmer on her election to President of The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. We wish Judith Bowen who has recently resigned from the Board, the best of luck in her future endeavors. She has been an integral part of the Publications team. You will always be welcome at CSG.

In this issue we will be continuing our series on the Special Schedules of the U.S. Federal Census and our Spotlight shines on the Connecticut Town of Plymouth. As promised, we have included the Genealogies that are located at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society. We have also continued our series on Connecticut Civil War Heroes. Thank you to Nora Galvin of Connecticut Ancestry; Judy Giguere, Plymouth Town Historian; Marilyn Labbe of the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society and Noreen Manzella, CSG Board of Governors, for those contributions.

The 2014 Literary Awards and Essay contests are now open to receive entries. We have included rules and entry forms in the CSG Central News section.

About the Cover

Plymouth Constitution Oak.

"In the corner of Plymouth's historic green and churchyard near Route 6 is Plymouth's Constitution Oak Tree. The oaks, distributed throughout Connecticut, are not named for the illustrious Charter Oak of 1662 in which colonists hid Connecticut's first charter, but for the 1902 Connecticut Constitutional Convention."

~ Judy Giguere, Plymouth Town Historian



Special Schedules of the United States Federal Census Part II: Mortality Schedules

by *Nora Galvin, CG, CSG # 18813*

This article is a continuation of the discussion of special schedules, also called non-population schedules, available for Connecticut and elsewhere.

Mortality Schedule

The mortality schedule was completed for each town in Connecticut (and all other states, of course) in four censuses: 1850-1880. (There was a mortality schedule in the 1900 census, too, but because Connecticut already kept state-wide vital records, it was one of the states exempted from the mortality schedule that final year.) The purpose of this schedule was to capture information about people who died in the census year (the year ending with "Census Day" which was June 1 in each of the years 1850-1880).

The mortality schedule resembles the population schedule in that it has rows or information on each individual and columns describing the information to be provided. One finds the following headings for columns:

Name of deceased

Family number (from population schedule; 1870 & 1880 only)

Description: Age, Sex, Color, Free or Slave (1850 & 1860 only)

Married or Widowed

Place of birth

Whether father and mother are foreign-born (1870)

Birthplace of father and mother (1880)

Month of death

Profession, Occupation or Trade

Cause of death

Duration of illness (1850 & 1860 only)

How long the deceased person had lived in the county of death (1880 only)

Location the disease was contracted, if away from home (1880 only)

Attending physician (1880 only)

There are several circumstances which might make the information on a mortality schedule useful to us. Prior to 1850 only the head of household was named on the census, while other household members were counted by age. The mortality list might give us the name of a relative we didn't already know about who would not appear on that year's population schedule (due to death). We might learn the occupation of an ancestor (deceased) who had not been found on earlier censuses. We would learn the cause of death, which might not have been recorded in the town records. Using the 1850 census we might find the name of an individual who had previously only been listed as a statistic. More generally we would find out the causes of death of people who lived in the same time and place as our ancestors. Demographic information is also revealed. For example, did more infants die than elderly people? Did people die from disease or from accidents? Unfortunately, the 1850 and 1860 mortality schedules do not give the family number for individuals listed there. That may make it difficult to link an individual to his family if the surname is a common one. Table A shows some example data.

Table A. Selected data from the Mortality Schedule of the 1850 US Census for the town of Fairfield, Connecticut.¹

Name	Sarah Athington	Andrew C. Line1	Francis S. Bradley
Age	63	32	1 mo
Sex	F	M	M
Color	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]
Free?	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]
Marr or Wid	widowed	[blank]	[blank]
Place of birth	Conn.	Norway	Conn.
Month of death	September	August	July
Occupation	[blank]	Navy of USA	[blank]
Cause of death	cancer	[?] fever and broken down in the Mexican War	teething
Duration	c	9 days	1 day

The 1870 and 1880 censuses added a column for family number. This corresponds to the family number on the population schedule, allowing us to definitely match a deceased individual to the family in which he lived. This may be flesh-and-blood family, or it may be a family in which the individual was employed, perhaps as a servant or an apprentice. Here are some examples from the 1870 Mortality Schedule for the town of Fairfield.

Table B. Sample data from the Mortality Schedule, 1870 US Census, Fairfield, Connecticut.²

Family #	10	898	920
Name	George Hall Jennings	Augusta A. Hurd	Sherwood Sterling
Age	6	31	66
Sex	M	F	M
Color	W	W	W

Mar/Wid	[blank]	M	M
Birthplace	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut
Father foreign born	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]
Mother foreign born	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]
Month of death	October	November	October
Occupation	At home	Keeping house	Merchant
Cause of death	Congestion of Brain	Consumption	Apoplexy

Availability

Connecticut Mortality Schedules are available on microfilm at the State Library. They have recently been digitized by Ancestry.com and should appear on that Web site soon. Some other states have Mortality Schedules at Ancestry.com, others do not. You can check availability by visiting <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1276> and using the "Browse" function to see what is available for each state. The Ancestry.com database for all special schedules is called "Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880." You can search for it in the Ancestry.com card catalog, but you must use the exact name or it will not come up. Familysearch.org has the 1850 Mortality Schedule for the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. Mortality Schedules are not extant for the other states.

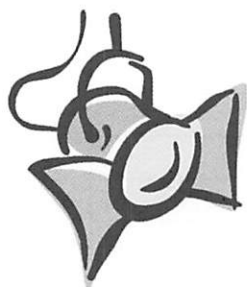
Resource for further information:

Hinkley, Kathleen W. *Your Guide to the Federal Census*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2002.

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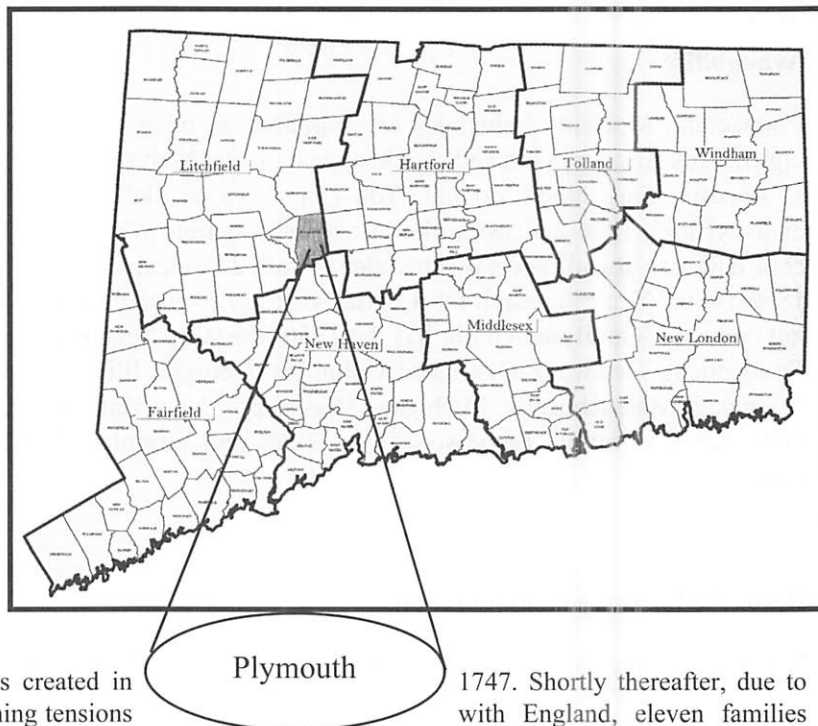
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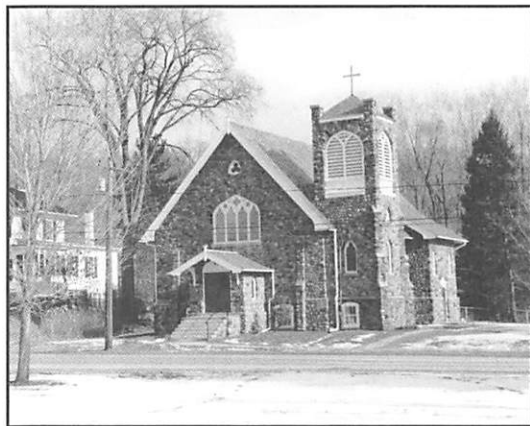
by Judy Giguere,
Plymouth Town Historian

Plymouth, including Thomaston until 1875, was originally part of the Mattatuck Plantation, and called "Northbury." Henry Cook is credited as the first settler to Northbury, arriving about 1728. John Sutcliffe came next followed by Thomas Blakeslee, Isaac Castle, Barnabas Ford, Gideon Allen, John Humaston, Ebenezer Richardson, Samuel Towner, Ebenezer Elwell, and Jonathan Foote. On May 7, 1740, Reverend Samuel Todd was ordained as minister to the small flock of the Ecclesiastical Society of Northbury's eighteen families. A Parade and Burial Ground at Plymouth Center was created in changes in church philosophies and approaching tensions broke away from the Congregational Church to form St. Peter's Episcopal Church, a branch of the Church of England. As tensions divided the colonials, so it divided the early community.



1747. Shortly thereafter, due to with England, eleven families Peter's Episcopal Church, a branch of the Church of England.

The earliest burial in the cemetery, known as the Old Plymouth Burying Ground located at Plymouth Center is recorded as Nettice Curtis wife of Lieutenant Daniel Curtis, died October 1, 1749. The cemetery contains approximately 600 markers and it is the final resting place of 38 Plymouth Revolutionary War soldiers as well as three soldiers from the French and Indian War, and two soldiers in the War of 1812. Veterans include Rev. Andrew Storrs, Surgeon Roger Conant, Major Joseph A. Wright, Marine Thaddeus Beach and two documented men that responded to the Lexington Alarm: Elnathan Ives and Daniel Bartholomew. Many graves are marked with simple brownstones carved with classic death's heads imagery, and most are still legible. Early records suggest that Reverend Samuel Todd took the church records with him when he left town; to date the records have not been located. It is possible there are unmarked graves that are not yet unidentified. West Cemetery on nearby Carter Road dates from 1796.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Plymouth Congregational Church, the focus of Plymouth Green, was constructed in 1838. It was the third Congregational meetinghouse structure to be located there. The large clock and wooden clock movement that dominate the steeple of the church were built at Eli Terry's factory and donated by Eli Terry. The clockworks still function and are maintained by the Plymouth Congregational Church. In front of the church is possibly one of



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Connecticut's first Civil War memorials. Inscribed on the monument is "War of 1861" and "Abraham Lincoln" along with the names of several Civil War soldiers from Plymouth.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, on North Street, directly across from the Plymouth Congregational Church is presently occupied by the First Baptist Church of Plymouth. It is a charming chapel constructed of local fieldstone donated by members of the community. The original St. Peter's Episcopal Church, lost to fire in 1915, was located in the northeast corner of the Green.

The original brick Plymouth Post Office building was built in 1782, and shared space with the town clerk's office. The Beach & Blackmer structure, formerly a general store, dates from 1780 and still exists as an antique shop. A. C. Shelton & Tuttle carried on a successful carriage making business in Plymouth. Ives Toys earned an international reputation primarily for the manufacture toy trains. It was eventually bought out by Lionel Trains. Ives

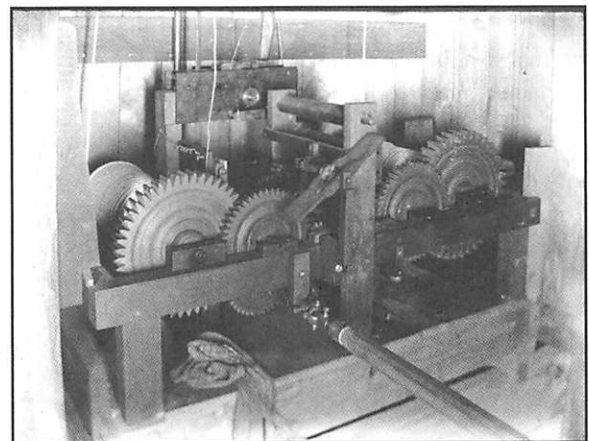
originally manufactured buttons for Union soldier's uniforms during the Civil War but moved on to toy manufacture using clockwork mechanisms. The retaining pond on North Street was used as a water source for the Ives factory, and has recently been purchased by the Town of Plymouth with the intent to use it for passive recreation.

The former home of Revolutionary War soldier General David Smith who served under George Washington is located across from Plymouth Green. According to tradition, George Washington was General Smith's guest.

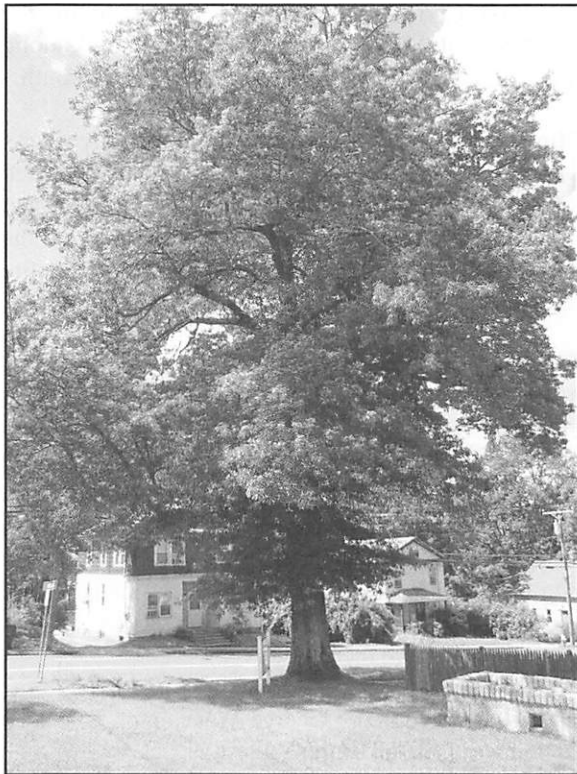
The second historic district is called "East Church." Most East Church residents maintained their loyalty to the King of England and the English Church, much to the chagrin of Captain Wilson and the local branch of the Sons of Liberty. The woods of East Church contain a cave known as "The Tory Den," which is historically recognized as the hiding place for Loyalists or Tories when the Sons of Liberty were on the prowl.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church was consecrated in 1795 and formed the heart of the little community. Surrounding the small triangular green in front of the church are several historic homes dating from the early 1700's. St. Matthew's burying ground was first used in 1795 and contains more than 500 internments of both Tories and Revolutionaries. East Church was home to several active manufacturing concerns, a carding mill, spinning, weaving and dressing of cloth, and a tannery. Randall Matthews made nails. Willis Hinman had a shop to manufacture clock cases. Tradition states that Eli Terry, famous clockmaker, made plans to divert Poland Brook by canal into the Old Marsh but residents protested and Lyman Preston refused to sell. As the industrial revolution progressed, better industrial opportunities were created in other parts of town. East Church returned to quiet rural life.

Eli Terry is credited with initiating interchangeable parts and revolutionizing the early clock making industry. Andrew Terry, son of Eli Terry, was one of the first in the new United States to bring about the production of quality malleable iron. The waterwheel on Main Street in the Terryville section has been preserved and in the future will be part of an industrial display promoted by the Town of Plymouth. The Eagle Bit & Buckle, later known as Eagle Lock, was one of the first companies in the United States to manufacture cabinet locks and to patent locks for mail bags. Cooper Oven Thermometer created the first baking thermometers. The culture of silk worms was attempted by James Terry, son of Eli Terry, Jr. The silk process was a good choice for a supplemental income, but it was so labor intensive that Mr. Terry turned his ingenuity to other ventures. Mr. Terry sold his silk business to the Cheney Brothers of Manchester, Connecticut.



Clockworks at Plymouth Congregational Church



Eli Terry hired Silas Hoadley and Seth Thomas to help him build clocks. The three established the firm of Terry, Thomas, and Hoadley. It was here in the Greystone section of Plymouth that Eli Terry fulfilled his famous Porter Contract for production of 4,000 clock movements—an incredible accomplishment in 1806! The three genius partners designed a system that used water power to run their machinery as well as a system of standardization and interchangeable mechanical parts for their clocks. Later, Eli Terry and Seth Thomas sold their interests to create their own companies.

As new people, mostly Eastern Europeans, came into Plymouth to work in businesses and factories, they created a sense of community and a far better life than that they left behind. Newcomers, seeking a familiar religious context, organized and built churches in their new home through togetherness, hard work, and sacrifice. They actively gave of their labor to build the physical church structures and energies to formulate their congregations. They generously gave up portions of their incomes and labor for the common goal.

Over the years, large and small business claimed Plymouth as their home. Generations of immigrants have settled here to work in local industries and continue to contribute to their adopted hometown.

Plymouth's Constitution Convention Pin Oak

In the corner of the historic green and churchyard near Route 6 is Plymouth's Constitution Convention Pin Oak Tree. The oaks, distributed throughout Connecticut, are not named for the illustrious Charter Oak of 1662 in which colonists hid Connecticut's first charter, but for the 1902 Connecticut Constitutional Convention. The primary intent of this convention was to allow changes in representation of each Connecticut town in the legislature. Each representative to the convention received a tiny pin oak tree (*Quercus Palustris*) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. in commemoration of the event.

Plymouth Green still maintains its historic character and status as a gathering place for town events. As of 1999, the it is one of several Plymouth locations listed on the National Register for Historic Places. The community focus of the Plymouth Green makes it a perfect place for the Plymouth Constitution Oak.

This significant tree has thrived, and in 2002 was recorded to have a trunk size of 10 feet 2 inches with an approximate height of 75 feet! A large sign next to the Plymouth tree specifies its historic designation. Each year and hopefully for many more, this historic tree will grace us each fall with spectacular scarlet leaves and the promise of a bright future!

Plymouth Green and Civil War Monument

Originally, when Plymouth was part of Northbury, land was set aside as a Parade and Burial ground. It is located on Main Street in the heart of Plymouth village center. The ancient burial grounds to the side of the church hold the remains of many veterans of Plymouth who fought in the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War. The Parade Ground was used by Civil War soldiers to practice drills.

The Soldier's Monument located on the Green is an obelisk nearly 20 feet high that sits on a granite pedestal. The actual date of origin



is unknown, but may be as early as 1865 since it refers to the War of 1861 and President Abraham Lincoln. Later, historically, the War was referred to as the “Civil War.”

The monument itself is beautifully simple with carved letters naming 38 soldiers and wonderfully detailed cannons on each corner recessed panels of the pedestal. It sits on slightly raised ground with a large flagpole to one side.

Dorence Atwater Memorial

A Civil War cannon is dedicated in honor of the services of Dorence Atwater, a 19-year-old soldier in the Union Army and a Terryville resident. Atwater, captured by rebels while delivering dispatches near Hagerstown Maryland, was first imprisoned at Belle Island and later transferred to the infamous Andersonville Prison. While at Andersonville, Atwater determined that Southern methods of record keeping for the dead were woefully inadequate, he began to make detailed records of the dead, including a duplicate.



Dorence Atwater recorded the deaths of 13,000 prisoners. These records were used in the trial of the commander of the camp, Henry Wirz, toward his conviction for war crimes.

When Dorence Atwater was released from Andersonville at the close of the war, he hid the documents in his coat intending to publish them for the benefit of the families of the deceased who, without the lists, might never have known what happened to their fathers, husbands, sons, and brothers.

Mr. Atwater offered the records to the War Department and through a major miscommunication, he was arrested and sentenced to 18 months in Auburn prison. Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, as well as friends and family pleaded for Atwater’s release. The release finally came but with a dishonorable discharge. Again, Clara Barton, friends and family worked to clear his name. Finally, in 1898, Dorence Atwater’s name was officially cleared and as the news reached Terryville, the town prepared a monument in his honor.



A Rodman cannon was donated by the federal government, taken from Boston Harbor. It was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1907, with Clara Barton present. The cannon today, a memorial to this local hero, is on a small hillside overlooking Main Street.

Veterans Memorial Park

Two monuments are located at the small intersection of North Main Street and Main Street in Terryville called Veterans Memorial Park. The larger monument is to honor the town residents who served in WWI, WWII, and the Korean War. The inscription reads: “Dedicated in memory of the men and women of the Town of Plymouth, Connecticut who served their country in World War I, World War II and the Korean War.” To the left is a flagpole with the American Flag and the POW (prisoner of

war) flag and a monument to those who served in the Armed Forces during the Viet Nam War of 1961-1975. Benches are on either side for contemplation of the sacrifices of our honored soldiers.

Milestone Marker

In 1835, a highway mile marker was placed on Main Street, near the present Bristol town line, signifying that Route 6 was once a well-traveled roadway. The markers were used to specify the distance from the marker's location to Hartford and Litchfield. This marker is made of dark brown stone. It is inscribed:

19 Miles to Hartford

13 Miles to Litchfield

1835

It is indication of the growth of the area as our town and the fledgling United States expanded.



Ye Old Toll House

Along Route 6, formerly a stagecoach route between Hartford and Litchfield, is a structure identified as the Historic Toll House. It is maintained by the Plymouth Historical Society. The Toll House was built in 1834 and closed during the Civil War. Next to it is the Plymouth Historical Society building, which is open the last Saturday of each month from 1-3 pm and for various exhibits throughout the year. It is home to an 1852 Woodruff and Beach steam engine, one of the last in existence. It was recently reconditioned and is in running condition. The engine once provided power for the Shelton-Tuttle Carriage Company and later was owned and used by local resident Hiram Minor for his sawmill. The Minor family donated the steam engine to the historical society.

The Historic Waterwheel

One of the only remaining waterwheels of the early industrial history of the United States to still have its original gears is located in Terryville. It is dated as early as 1824 or could be as late as the mid-1850's. This time discrepancy challenges the status of where it was installed and by whom. Eli Terry's clock factory existed on the site as early as 1824, but changed ownership and became the Lewis Lock Company which was destroyed by fire in 1851. Documents are unclear as to which entity installed the waterwheel and its exact provenance.



The Lock Museum of America

Extensive collection of locks made in America with a major display of over 1,000 locks and keys made by the Eagle Lock Company, Terryville, CT. The Lock Museum of America, open seasonally, is located at 230 Main Street (Route 6) Terryville, CT 06786. Their website is: <http://lockmuseumofamerica.org/home.aspx>.

Vital Records

Vital Records are on file from 1795, the date of incorporation of the Town of Plymouth to the present. They are available to the public with active memberships in genealogical associations such as The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. Some maps are on file, but staff assistance is required. Land records dating from 1980 are on a public computer.

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Probate Records

Plymouth Records begin with 1892 at Volume 28 going forward on LaserFiche (DVD). Plymouth, Plainville, and Bristol Probate Courts were merged by the State of Connecticut in January 2011. For earlier records for Plymouth, contact the Connecticut State Library.

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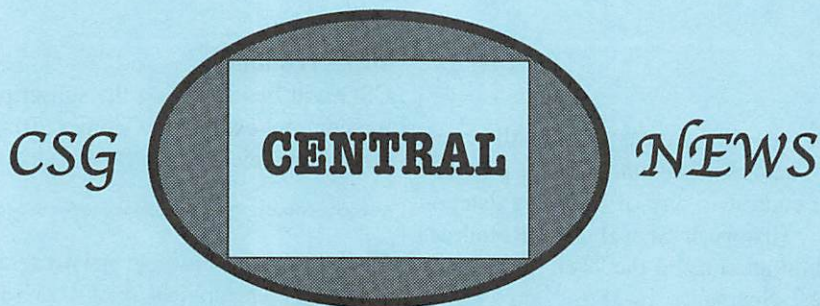
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Heritage Humor by Justin Piccirillo



A truth found in DNA analysis



CSG **CENTRAL** NEWS

Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

SAVE THIS SECTION

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2013-2014

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

2014

*****SAVE THE DATE- REGISTER EARLY*****

18 October-Annual Family History Seminar "New Approaches to Genealogy" ~ Open to the Public ~

Speakers: 1. Mel Smith "Beyond the Barbour Collection, Finding your Connecticut Ancestor in Governmental Records;" 2. Diana McCain & Carol Whitmer on "How Object Collections Complement Paper Records Research;" 3. Nora Galvin on "How to Create a Research Plan from One Documental Source;" and 4. Jennifer Zinck on "DNA and Genealogical Research." See registration form on p. 27.

Location: Best Western Plus (formerly Holiday Inn North Haven), 201 Washington Street, North Haven, CT.

Time: Registration at 8 a.m. President's Welcome at 8:45 a.m. First program begins at 9 a.m.

Cost: \$45 by 9/30/14 or \$55 thereafter.

Please pre-register by Noon on Friday, 10/10/14.

After that date, we can accept additional registrations until 10/17, but no refunds can be given for cancellations. See page 27 for registration form or call the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 if you wish to use a MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

15 November - "Using Computer Technology for Genealogical Research"

Speaker: Jennifer Zinck

Location: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT **Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

2015

17 January - "How I Solved My Brick Wall Genealogy Problems." Attenders will discuss their solutions (round-table format). If time allows, the attenders can state their current genealogical problems and the group can discuss possible solutions.

Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT
Time: 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

15 February - "Attending the NERGC Conference" This is an open discussion with the attenders about their experiences about attending. Also, how to get the most out of a conference will be considered.

Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE

21 March - "Paleography: Reading Old Handwriting"

Speaker: Edwin W. Strickland II

Formerly entitled "Techniques for Interpreting Old Handwriting" Rescheduled from February 2013 & February 2014 where we were forced to cancel due to inclement weather.

Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE

15-19 April - JOIN US In Providence, RI for the 2015 NERGC Conference. See ad on page 26. Go to www.NERGC.org to register or for more details.

CSG NEWS

The 28th Annual Literary Awards Contest is officially open and receiving entries. There is a \$20 entry fee for publications submitted to the contest in any of the three categories: Genealogy, Family History or Genealogical Resource. There is no fee to submit an entry to the "Tell Your Family Story" Essay contest. See pages 16-18 for entry forms & rules. Photocopies of the form are welcome. Please pass along to your friends. Please contact the CSG office with any questions you may have.

Volunteer Opportunities at CSG

One of our on-going projects is to put our Ancestry Service on our website. To do this we have to enter our Indexes into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. There is no need to live locally, this can be done from the comfort of your own home (Microsoft Excel needed) or you can come into the CSG Office to work on it.

For more information on this or other projects, please contact the CSG Office from 9:30 to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday at 860-569-0002 or email at csginc@csginc.org.

CSG Members may submit up to three queries per issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News*. Contact the CSG Office for more details at 860-569-0002 or csginc@csginc.org. No queries were submitted for this issue.

The Connecticut Cities and Towns database is also available. It is a work in progress, but more information is added daily. Registered users of the CSG website may add data (subject to verification).

Thank You.

We are delighted to acknowledge the contribution of Margaret Bock who added twenty-two items about Westbrook, CT to the Town and City database on the CSG website. This information will be very helpful to fellow genealogists and family historians researching Westbrook connections. Please consider adding information to this database about your town. Anyone registered on the CSG website can submit proposed additions to the data. Share your knowledge with your friends in genealogy.

Just a reminder

CSG will be cancelling the subscription to FOLD 3 when the contract expires in October 2014. We do apologize for any inconvenience.

Visit the CSG website at www.csginc.org for a list of new and used genealogical books for sale. ALL PRICES ON USED BOOKS HAVE BEEN REDUCED 50% beginning September 1st. Books may be purchased directly from the website; however it is advisable to call or email first to check availability, as in most cases there is only one copy.

Back issues of *The Connecticut Nutmegger* are available for sale at the CSG Library.

Volumes 1 & 2 (combined)* -	\$6
Volume (4 issues) -	\$4
Single Issue -	\$3 each

Plus CT State sales tax where applicable and shipping and handling.

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Genealogical/Historical Societies, libraries, or other such organizations wishing to own a complete set may ask for one at no charge, except for shipping, or must provide their own transportation.

Quantities are limited and subject to availability.

Back issues of *Connecticut Genealogy News* are also available for \$3 each plus tax and S&H. Again, quantities are limited and subject to availability.

"I am sad to report that the decision has been made to discontinue The Master Genealogist ("TMG")," said Bob Velke, recently on WhollyGenes.com.

According to that article, official support will end at the end of 2014 even though they may release some more bug fixes before that. They will continue to sell the full product and updates through the end of September 2014 with the understanding that product development has been discontinued. Bob Velke expects to maintain the support forum which would be available for "user-to-user" support and other on-line forums, including the TMG-L mailing list will also be available to users. For more information go to WhollyGenes.com

Entry Form For

**LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST MAY 2015
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST**

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Please Print or Type

Title of Publication

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

Author's/Authors' Name(s) Year of Publication

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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!

Entry Rules for Categories of "Genealogy," "Family History," and "Resource Publication"

- 1.) 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.)
- 2.) Entries must have been published after 2009 and have some relevance to Connecticut and/or New England.
- 3.) 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 instead) must be submitted with each Entry Form.
- 4.) **Entries must be received in CSG's Office by February 16, 2015.**
- 5.) Entry is open to anyone except CSG staff and the current/sitting CSG Board of Governors and their immediate families. Membership in CSG is NOT required to enter.
- 6.) Submit completed Entry Form to CSG at the mailing address above.
- 7.) Photocopies of the Entry Form are welcomed.

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

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

Winning entries will be formally announced at CSG's Annual Meeting in May; winners will be notified by April 1, 2015.

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Date Submitted: _____

Title of Essay: _____

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

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Where/How did you learn of this Contest? _____

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

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

Signature _____

Date _____

**We encourage you to photocopy this Entry Form and pass it on.
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FOURTH ANNUAL "TELL ME YOUR FAMILY STORY" ESSAY CONTEST

OPEN TO ALL*

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$100!

ENTRY RULES

- 1.) *Entry is **open to anyone** except for CSG staff and current/sitting CSG Board of Governors or immediate family thereof. Membership in CSG is NOT required.
- 2.) Essay must have some relevance to New England (including at least one of the six states which are: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont).
- 3.) 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.
- 4.) **TWO** copies of the essay (which will not be returned) must be submitted with each Entry Form. If submitting copies of supporting documentation, please include for **both** copies.
- 5.) **Entries must be received in CSG's Office by February 16, 2015.**
- 6.) Submit completed Entry Form to CSG at the mailing address above. Entries may be hand delivered. We cannot accept emailed entries.
- 7.) Photocopies of the Entry Form are welcomed.
- 8.) Currently there is no entry fee!

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

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

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PROFILES OF CONNECTICUT'S CIVIL WAR HEROES

by Noreen Manzella, CSG # 15578



Private Charles D. Ennis 1st Rhode Island Light Infantry Battery G

Charles D. Ennis was the son of Joseph and Susannah (Burdick) Ennis, born on 8 August 1843 in Stonington, Connecticut. His siblings included William (b. circa 1826), Varnum Stillman (b. circa 1829), Joseph F. (b. circa 1831), Susan Frances (b. circa 1831), Phoebe Ann (b. circa 1834), Thomas Noyes (b. circa 1836), and Edwin (b. circa 1838). Charles was the youngest of his siblings. Though Ennis was born in Connecticut, the family originated in Rhode Island and the family returned there.

Charles D. Ennis married Mary Tucker, the apparent daughter of his mother's second husband, Peleg Tucker about 1866. Children with Mary included Charles W. (b.c.1867), Arba (b.c. 1869), Mary E. (b.c. 1870), William N. (b.c. 1873), Alzada (b.c. 1875) and Frances (b.c. 1878). Ennis's occupations were variously blacksmith, farmer and laborer. A member of the GAR Burnside Post #2, he is listed as attending the National Encampment in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1892. He died in Potter's Hill, Rhode Island on 29 December 1930 and was buried in the White Brook Cemetery in Richmond, Rhode Island.

Charles D. Ennis enlisted in 1st Rhode Island Light Infantry on 7 August 1862 in Charlestown, Rhode Island. Battery G had been organized in Providence in December 1861. Among the battles Battery G participated in were Antietam (1862), the Chancellorville campaign (1863), Gettysburg (1863), Battles of the Wilderness (1864), Spotsylvania Court House (1864). From December of 1864 to April 1865, Battery G participated in the Siege and fall of Petersburg. It was on April 2, 1865 that Private Charles Ennis volunteered to be a member of an attachment that was assigned to take command of the enemy's own works. Under fire, the group approached the enemy's fortified position, climbed over the works and took over 12 large guns. Only one proved usable. Though they were under constant fire, the men produced such rapid fire with it, the enemy retreated. Six other soldiers from Battery G who manned this gun, along with Private Ennis, were also awarded the Medal of Honor for their bravery: Sergeant John Havron, Sergeant Archibald Molbone, Corporal James Barber, Corporal Samuel Lewis,

Private John Corcoran and Private George Potter.

Private Charles D. Ennis's Medal of Honor awarded 28 June 1892 reads:

"was one of a detachment of 20 picked artillerymen who voluntarily accompanied an infantry assaulting party and who turned upon the enemy the guns captured in the assault."

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GENEALOGIES at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society

by Marilyn Labbe, CSG # 2771
(that have been done by us or other members)

- Adams, Ancestors of Caroline Melissa Martin by Mrs. Carolyn J. Martin
- Alexander, Nell and Descendants of Windham County by Edwin R. Ledogar
- Aurillo Branch of the Mildred Davis family by A. Joyce Desruisseau
- Bakers of Killingly by David Baker
- Baker Family Records by A. Joyce Desruisseau
- Bartlett, Edward of Killingly, Part 1 & 2, by Norma A. Combs
- Bartlett, Richard of Killingly, ancestors and descendants by Norma A. Combs
- Bellavance families by Edwin R. Ledogar
- Bennett, Luman, ancestors of, by Marilyn Labbe
- Bernier family by Edwin R. Ledogar
- Bernier-Belanger by Edwin R. Ledogar
- Briere, Ellie and Descendants, of Dayville by Edgar R. Ledogar
- Brown, Henry W., Letters from home to Private Henry W. Brown
- Brown by Lois Harrington
- Chaffee, Desc. Of Peter, of Woodstock, CT by Priscilla Butler
- Chenail genealogy by the family
- Chilson, descendants of Walsingham
- Codding, genealogy of the family by Joan Child Tinklepaugh
- Covel family
- Crouch family newsletters by Glenn Crouch
- Crouch families by Glenn Crouch
- Cyr, Little, Ledogar, Hitchew by Edwin R. Ledogar
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A Ring and a Bundle of Letters: an Immigrant's story and the family's stories back home with genealogical information on Eric Helsten's family by Erica Dakin Voolich, translations by Bisse Bowman, Cecilia Franzel and Dick Erickson. Self-published with Lulu.com, Somerville, MA 02143, 2013, 6 ¼ x 9 ¼, hardcover, ISBN 978-1-304-61798-9, 333 pages. Order directly from the author at Erica Dakin Voolich, 244 Summer St., Somerville, MA 02143. Telephone orders accepted at 617-666-0666. Email orders accepted at voolich@gmail.com. Cost is \$35.00 plus S&H.

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the author and her translators need to be commended for the diligence with which they pursued this elusive family from Europe into an immigrant's quagmire of United States intricacies. Not only has the author interspersed photographs throughout the book, but has also seen fit to entertain us with multiple maps, charts and graphs. This is a delightful read. When using any material for research, the scholar needs solid guideposts along the way to ensure their accuracy. The author's easy to follow table of contents provides a simple roadway to travel. The introduction will charm you, and the rich narratives will add color to those lives being explored. As stated above, photographs are unlimited throughout the material and provide the researcher a brief, but appreciated, respite from the intensity of the printed words. Located at the conclusion of the book is an excellent index of included materials. This book is an enjoyable document written to entertain and enlighten.

The Descendants of Dr. Nathaniel Saltonstall of Haverhill, Massachusetts by Scott C. Steward. Published by Newbury Street Press, NEHGS Publications, 99-101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116, 2013, 9 x 6 ½, hardcover, ISBN 13:978-0-88082-295-4, Library of Congress Control Number 2013934603, 385 pages. Order directly from New England Historic Genealogical Society, 99-1-1 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116. Telephone orders accepted at 617-326-1207 or email orders to Leslie A. Weston at leslie.weston@nehgs.org. Cost is \$49.95 plus S&H.

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Old Center Cemetery, North Main St., West Hartford, Connecticut by David Shortell. Self-published, 2014, 8 ½ x 11, softcover, 34 pages. Order directly from the author at David Shortell, 26 Gillette St., West Hartford, CT or email dshortell@comcast.net. Check with the author for costs.

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Raymond H. Schaefer, Biotech Visionary, A Biography by Cris H. Schaefer and production assistant, Laura Anne Schaefer Wildman. Published by Java Printing and Mailing Services, 40 Mountain Road, Mansfield, CT 06250, 2013 (copyright 2012), 5 ½ x 8 ½, hardcover, 118 pages. Order directly from the author at Cris Schaefer, 190 Sherman Hill Rd., Woodbury, CT 06798. Telephone orders accepted at 203-263-3146 or by email at crissch@charter.net. Cost is \$35.00 plus S&H.

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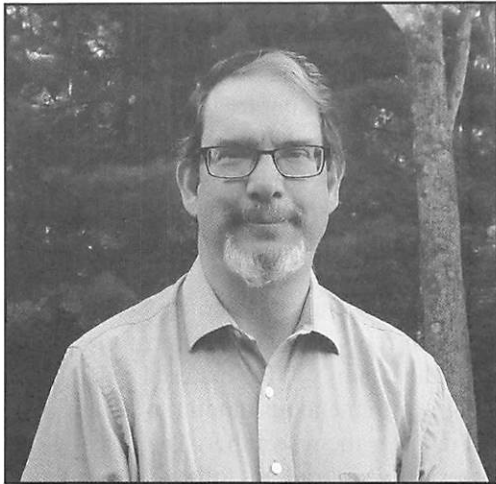
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"Who was Joel Holcomb of Wallingford, Connecticut?" by Chip Rowe. Published by the New England Historic and Genealogical Society and the NEHGS *Register*, 99-101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116, 2013, 8 ½ x 11, softcover, 14 pages. Order directly from the author, Chip Rowe, 332 Avery Rd., Garrison, NY 10534 or email chip@chipperowe.com or contact Henry Hoff at NEHGS at email: Register@NEHGS.org. Check with author or publisher for cost.

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Mel Smith on “Beyond the Barbour Collection, Finding your Connecticut Ancestor in Governmental Records”

Mel Smith is a reference librarian in the History & Genealogy Unit of the Connecticut State Library and has been helping individuals climb their family tree for over eighteen years. He has spoken to many genealogical and historical organizations over that time promoting Connecticut's unique cultural history

and genealogy, and has been an active contributor both on and off screen for the popular reality show, “Who do you think you are?”

Nora Galvin on “How to Create a Research Plan from One Documental Source”

Nora Galvin is a fulltime professional genealogist specializing in Connecticut and Irish research and genetic genealogy. Her research and reporting skills have been recognized by the Board for Certification of Genealogists which awarded her the credential Certified Genealogist in April, 2014 (Certificate # 1044). She is president of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council, editor of Connecticut Ancestry (journal of Connecticut Ancestry Society), and a member of the publication committee at CSG.



Diana McCain & Carol Whitmer on “How Object Collections Complement Paper Records Research”

Diana Ross McCain is Florence S. Marcy Crofut Head of the Connecticut Historical Society’s Waterman Research Center. She is the author of the books *It Happened in Connecticut*; *Connecticut Coast: An Illustrated History*; *Mysteries and Legends of New England*; and a biography of Connecticut’s official state heroine, *To All on Equal Terms: The Life and Legacy of Prudence Crandall*. She holds a bachelor’s degree in history and French from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania; a master’s degree in library science from Southern Connecticut State University, and a master’s degree in history from Wesleyan University.

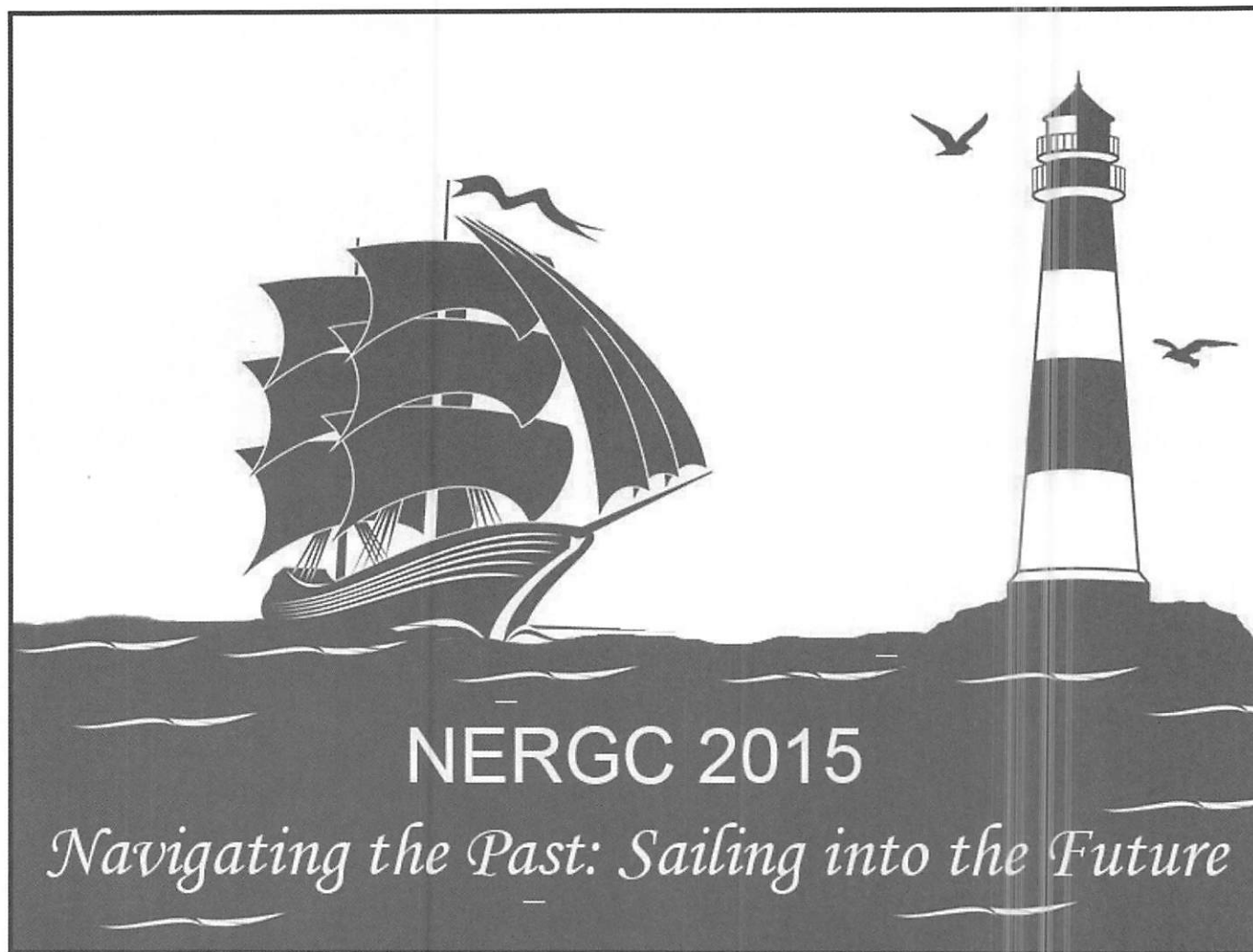


Carol R. Whitmer is a professional genealogist and researcher. She is the current president of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. and also a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a Trustee of the Connecticut Historical Society. Carol lectures on various genealogical topics including New England genealogy resources and genealogical resources which are available electronically.

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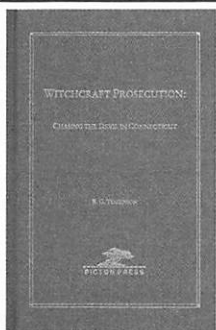
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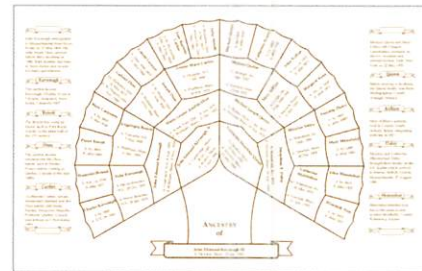
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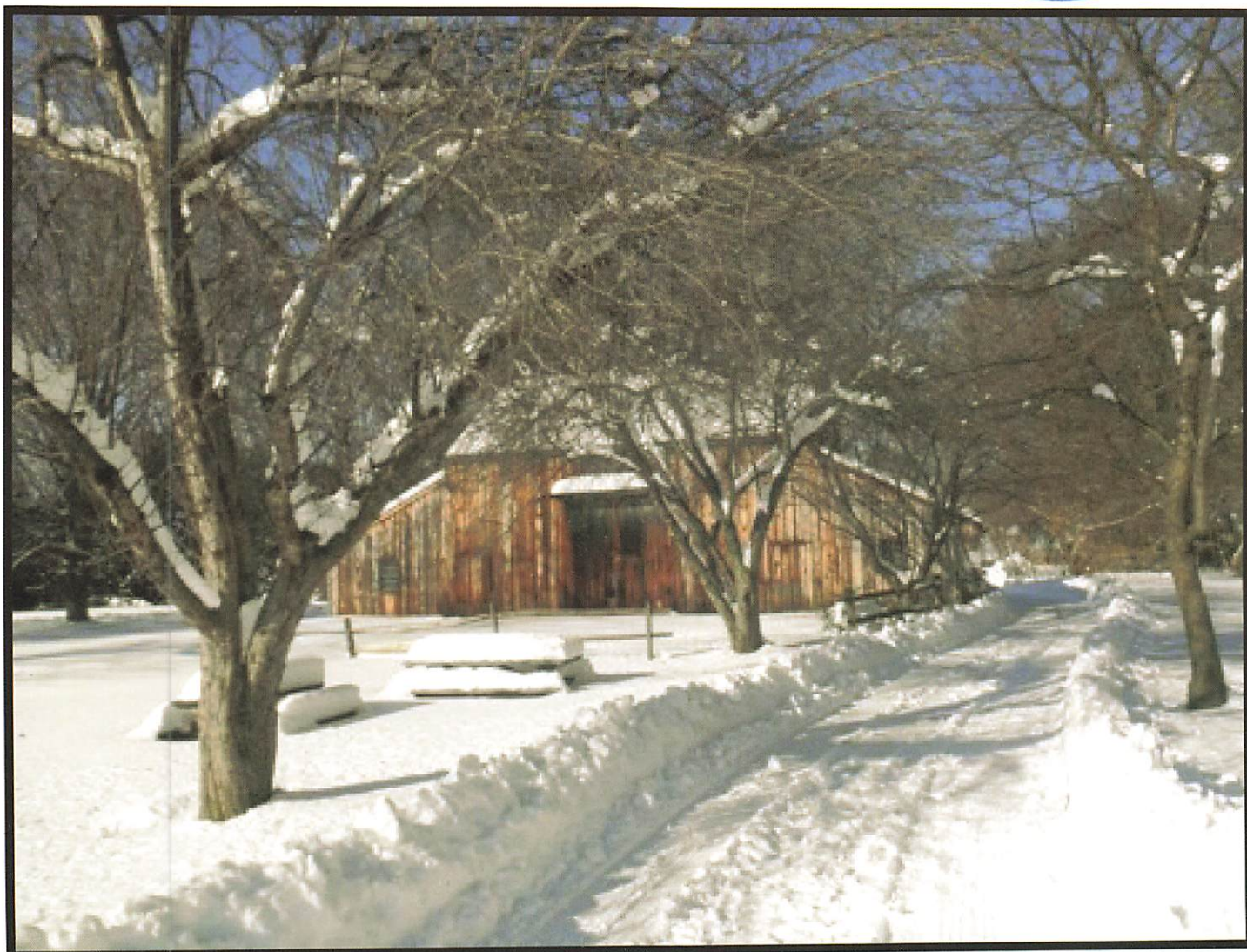
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President's Message



I just wanted to take the time to personally thank all of the members of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. A special thank you to those members who attended our annual Family History Day seminar in October and all who have

contributed to our Annual Appeal fund drive. Without you, we would not exist.

As was mentioned earlier, we are making progress on the digitization of our Ancestry Service database. We expect to have the first binder of the actual charts available to members on our website early next year and will continue to publish them on our website as they are completed. We are actively seeking to provide a wider range of materials on our website so stay tuned!

Our goal is to provide our membership with interesting and relevant information, so please let us know what we can do to help you with your genealogical research.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Carol R. Whitmer
President

Editorial

In this issue we are continuing our special schedules to the U.S. Census series as well as our "Resources at the Connecticut State Library" series. Be sure to read about the new arrangement with Ancestry.com for free online access to many CSL collections using any Connecticut library card. As an added bonus, the president of the Avery Memorial Association, Stephanie Lantiere, CSG # 11732, has contributed "Resources at the Ebenezer Avery House." You never know where you will find a wealth of information. The Ebenezer Avery House

is much more than a museum. Thank you to Nora Galvin, Richard Roberts and Stephanie Lantiere for your articles. I'd also like to thank Noreen Manzella for her Profiles of Connect Civil War Heroes and Richard Tomlinson for focusing our spotlight on the Connecticut Town of Wethersfield. The purpose of these spotlight articles is to give a brief highlight of the town's facilities and resources of value to genealogists and also to place the town in the context of Connecticut's history. We hope that these articles will be particularly useful to CSG members who cannot currently visit the town. However, ancient Connecticut towns, like Wethersfield, have much more of interest than can be covered in a brief article. we hope you will plan to visit when possible.



Be sure to check out the blue pages. Our calendar of events has been updated through our 47th Annual Meeting to be held on May 16, 2015 at a brand new location. Members, be sure to see our News and Notes - there is a lot of information there concerning your membership and the CSG Library.

The CSG Board of Governors and editor and staff of *Connecticut Genealogy News* wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season.

Stephanie Hyland
Editor

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Webb Barn after snowfall...The 19th century Webb Barn, located at the rear of the property of the Joseph Webb House at 211 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT, behind the Colonial Revival Garden. The building serves the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum as a setting for education classes, lectures, meetings and other special events. Photo taken from Google Images. For more information on the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum or the Joseph Webb House go to <http://webb-deane-stevens.org/historic-houses-barns/webb-house/> or see our Spotlight on Wethersfield on p. 19.



Special Schedules of the United States Federal Census Part III: Manufacturing / Industry Schedules

by Nora Galvin, CSG # 18813

This article is a continuation of the discussion of special schedules, also called non-population schedules, available for Connecticut and elsewhere.

There were schedules for “Manufacturing” in the 1810, 1820 and 1830 censuses. As was true for the population schedules, the government was primarily interested in the statistics from these schedules, not specific information about individual businesses. However, the extant copies of these schedules do include the names of the business owners.

The purpose for the schedule was to determine whether the United States was dependent on foreign manufacturing and whether transportation of goods could be interrupted by foreign wars. From that perspective, the censuses of industry in 1810, 1820 and 1830 were not adequate, and they were considered failures. An “Industry” special schedule was included in the 1850-1880 censuses. In all Manufacturing/Industry Schedules, the questions range from facilities, tools and raw materials required to the number of people employed and their products.¹

Images of many of these schedules still exist. Using them, family historians can learn about an ancestor or his neighbor who is found in these schedules. Table E shows information about some of the industries in the town of Fairfield in 1870. Note that the Industry Schedule gives us information on women who owned companies and employed others. It is one of the few opportunities for us to get such direct evidence about individual women. In Table E we see data for companies owned by two women, Rosilla Bulkley, a milliner,

¹ <https://www.census.gov/history/pdf/manufactures1810-1890.pdf>

and Mary Gregory, a dressmaker. We also see that the Bibbins grist mill was a very busy place, employing five men besides the owner and paying over \$4,000 in wages, far more than any of the other businesses. We see that the tanners did their work by hand and the grist mill depended on water power to turn the stones. Mary Gregory used a sewing machine to make her clothes. (Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine Company of Bridgeport had been mass-producing machines for about 20 years in 1870.)

Availability: Scattered returns for the early instances of this schedule from Connecticut are available on microfilm at the Connecticut State Library. These are returns from individual business owners and they generally contain the answers to the questions but not the questions themselves. In addition, there is a published volume containing transcriptions of an Industry census done in Connecticut in 1830, available in the reading room at the State Library. (*Documents relative to the Manufacturers in the United States, collected and transmitted to the House of Representatives, in compliance with a resolution of Jan. 19, 1832, by the Secretary of the Treasury in Two Volumes, Volume I, Washington: Duff Green Printers by order of the House of Representatives, 1833, [reprint], pp. 977-1050 (contains only Connecticut section of the publication).*)

The 1850-1880 Industry Schedules for Connecticut have been microfilmed and are available at the Connecticut State Library. Ancestry.com has digitized these images, and will be placing them on their website, but they are not available there as of this writing.

Table E. Examples of data from the Industry Schedule, 1870 U.S. Census, Fairfield, Connecticut.

1	2	3	Motive Power		Machines		Average Number of Hands Employed				12	Materials. (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel.)			Production. (Including all Jobbing and Repairing.)		18
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		13	14	15	16	17	
Name of Corporation, Company, or Individual producing to value of \$500, annually.	Name of Business, Manufacture, or Product.	Capital (real and personal) invested in the business.	Kind of power (steam, water, wind, horse or hand).	If steam or water, No. of horse power.	Name or description.	Number of.	Males above 16 years.	Females above 15 years.	Children and Youth.	Total amount paid in wages during year.	Number of months in active operation, reducing part time to full time.	Kinds.	Quantities.	Values (omitting fractions of a dollar.)	Kinds.	Quantities	Values (omitting fractions of a dollar.)
Disbrow William	Carpenter	250			tools of trade		1							5	jobbing & days work		900
Wakeman SB	Tinner	1500	Hand	--	Tinners machineries generally		3			300	12	Tin	3 tons	600	Tin roof		500
												Copper		20	Boilers &c		20
												Charcoal	200 Bu	44	Stove pipe		100
												Short [?] Iron	1500	150	Furnaces		
												Furnace Stoves	6 / 30	600	Stove [?]		3400
Bibbins WH	Grist and flour mills	15,000	Water	50	3 run stones Capacity 300 Bs day		5			4008	12	Wh. Flour			240 Bbbs		
												Personal [?]	bushels		Rye do	20,000 lbs	
												Grain	25,700	28,580	Corn Meal	1,149,000	32,850
												Private Owners			Barley	250 bu	
												Grain	225 bu	337	after grinding		545
Bulkley Rosilla	Milliner	800	--					2		300	12	Could form no estimate perhaps 500			[?] & Job Work		1000
Gregory Mary	Dressmaker	450	Hand		Sewing machine	1		4		300	12	Could not estimate [?] 700 added later			Job Work		1800
															Drapes &c		

Connecticut State Library Collections on Ancestry.com

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680



Over the past several years, *Connecticut Genealogy News* has featured articles on a number of Connecticut State Library resources. For years, it was necessary to visit the State Library in person in order to access them. Later, through microfilming projects, some collections, such as the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, the Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions, and the Church Records Index became available through the LDS Library's family history centers. Recently several significant collections, described below, have become available to those with access to Ancestry.com. Better yet, through a special agreement between the State Library and Ancestry.com, anyone with a library card from any Connecticut library can access these collections from their home computer without charge. As indicated on the State Library's Web page, "To access the State Library's materials on Ancestry.com, you will need to create a free, individual account with Ancestry.com. In doing so, be aware that you may receive large amounts of e-mail from Ancestry.com unless you choose to opt out of receiving those e-mails." For further information, contact the State Library's History and Genealogy Unit at 860-757-6580.

The State Library Collections in Ancestry.com currently include those listed below. Although a version of the Barbour Collection is also available on Ancestry.com, the images were taken from the published books edited by Lorraine Cooke White, et. al., not the State Library's set of bound volumes, and so are not available as part of the special agreement. Another version of the Barbour Collection is available online through AmericanAncestors.org.

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The Connecticut State Library holds a large collection of church records dating back to the 17th century. The Library's Church Records Index covers Congregational "church" (but not "society") records and corresponding records from other Protestant denominations. Although there is no specific cutoff date for the index, most entries date before 1850. However, entries for some churches extend into the early twentieth century. Much of the indexing was done in the 1930s. Work was halted during World War II, but was resumed after the war, and some work on the Church Records Index continued until the 1960s. However, those using the Church Records Index should keep in mind that as it currently stands it covers, at best, only about one-quarter of the church records held by the Connecticut State Library. For more information about the project, see *Connecticut Genealogy News* Vol. 5, No. 4, Winter, 2012.

At the State Library

The Church Records Index consists of two parts, a slip index and bound volumes. The slips are arranged alphabetically in drawers by name of individual and

within that chronologically. Each slip includes a brief abstract of information found in the original record such as a baptism, marriage, or burial along with a citation to the original source including town, church, volume, and page. The volumes are arranged by town/church, with abstracts arranged alphabetically by individual names.

On Ancestry.com

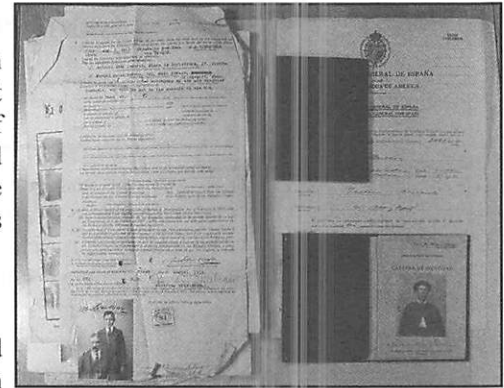
Ancestry.com, *Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920* [database on-line]. Provo, Utah, USA: 2013. This collection consists of images of the bound volumes of the Church Records Index. Note that when work on the Index was discontinued in the 1960s, slips, but not bound volumes, were prepared for some churches (for example, Cheshire Congregational, Hartford First Congregational, Stratford First Congregational, and Wolcott Congregational) so that the slip index at the State Library is more complete than the information found on Ancestry.



A Connecticut Passport

Connecticut Passports and Birth Certificates

This collection includes late 19th and early 20th century passports, birth certificates, baptismal certificates, admission of alien forms, employment information cards, and similar documents. They provide a wide range of information such as birthplace, parents' names, address, profession, and may provide additional information based on the type of document. Note that the documents are generally in the language from which the individuals originated (Italian, Polish, Portuguese, etc.) and have not been translated.



At the State Library

The original passports and certificates are part of State Archives Record Group 010, Records of the Connecticut State Department of Education. An online finding aid is not currently available, but a notebook with the finding aid is available at the History and Genealogy reference desk at the State Library. The records must be retrieved from the vault; see the Library's *Using Secured Collections, Archives, and Offsite Materials* page at <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/node/2324>.

On Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com. *Connecticut, Passport and Birth Certificates, 1852-1928* [database on-line]. Provo, Utah, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012. The records are indexed by the name of the primary person and by date of birth. Metadata includes the Box and Folder numbers in which the original documents are housed, and a "browse by" option is also provided through which you can browse by Box and Folder.

Connecticut Military Questionnaires, 1919-1920

Following World War I, soldiers who served (or members of their families) completed questionnaires that included personal data, information and comments on their service, and sometimes even a photograph and/or related correspondence. The wealth of information provided includes name, birth date and place, citizenship, church, father's name and birth country, mother's name and birth country, spouse, children (including names and birth dates and places), occupation prior to and following service, employer, current address, residence prior to service, date and place of induction, unit, rank, branch of service, service history (training, transfers, promotions, engagements, wounds, etc.), comments, and personal experiences.

A military questionnaire form with a photograph of a man in a military uniform. The form contains the following information:
Place of birth: [blank]
Name of father: Sherman C. Smith
Maiden name of mother: Mary A. Talney
Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? [blank]
Citizen: Yes [checked] Voter: Yes [checked]
Married: Yes [checked] Feb. 28 1915
To: Mary Elizabeth LeMay
Children: Phyllis Elizabeth, Georgia Francis
Fraternal Orders: Lohayetta # 19
Previous military service or training: 50 continuously to July 15-16 1918
Occupation before entry into the service: [blank]
Residence before entry into the service: [blank]
Present home address: 7 W. Ledy Street, West Hartford, Conn.

At the State Library

The original Military Service Questionnaires, 1919-1920, are in State Archives Record Group 012, Series II:24. An overview providing information about the questionnaires as well as a free searchable database providing basic information is available at <http://www.cslib.org/ww1.asp>. Information provided in the database includes last Name, first name, middle initial, whether or not a photo is included with the questionnaire, residence, whether the individual saw foreign service, and the box number in which the original questionnaire is housed. As archival records, the original questionnaires must be retrieved from the vault; see the Library's *Using Secured Collections, Archives, and Offsite Materials* page at <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/node/2324>.

On Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com. *Connecticut, Military Questionnaires, 1919-1920* [database on-line]. Provo, Utah, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013. Be sure to click on the previous and next arrows at the bottom of the page in order to see all pages of each survey, which may include attachments such as newspaper articles and photographs.

Connecticut School Age Certificates

In the early twentieth century, the Connecticut State Board of Education's responsibilities included oversight of child laborers. Beginning in 1903, it issued certificates for children over 14 as proof of age. This collection includes the stubs from these certificates. Information provided may include date, town, child's name, date and place of birth, first names of the mother and father, and evidence provided as proof of age.

At the State Library

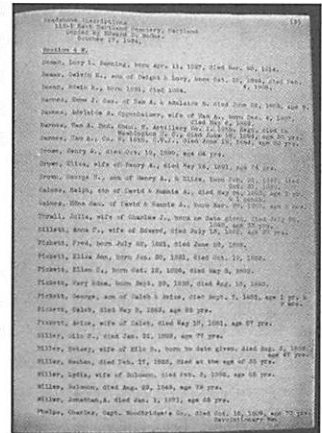
The School Age Certificate Stub Volumes, 1903–1912, as with the Passports and Birth Certificates, above, are part of State Archives Record Group 010, Records of the Connecticut State Department of Education and an online finding aid is not currently available. The records must be retrieved from the vault; see the Library’s *Using Secured Collections, Archives, and Offsite Materials* page at <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/node/2324>.

On Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com. *Connecticut, School Age Certificates, 1904–1911* [database on-line]. Provo, Utah, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013.

The Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions

The Charles R. Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions includes over one million inscriptions from 2,269 cemeteries, largely compiled in 1933 and 1934. Information provided in the transcriptions varies based on the information on the stone and the individual doing the transcribing but may include name, death date, age at death, birth date, clues to family relationships, and military service. For more about Charles Hale and the project, see *Connecticut Genealogy News* Vol. 4, No. 2, Summer 2011.



At the State Library

The original “Hale Collection” consists of two parts: slips in a single state-wide alphabetical file and bound volumes in which information is listed alphabetically by town and within towns by the individual cemeteries. In most cases the information is then presented in the order the transcribers went up and down the rows of the cemetery.

On Ancestry.com

Connecticut, Hale Cemetery Inscriptions, 1629-1934 Ancestry.com. *Connecticut, Hale Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices, 1629-1934* [database on-line]. Provo, Utah, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012. It consists of images of the Hale bound volumes.

The Military Census of 1917

In February 1917 the Connecticut General Assembly directed Governor Marcus H. Holcomb “to procure certain information relative to the resources of the State,” especially about “men and materials available for use in the event of war.” The major portion of the census pertains to information on male inhabitants over the age of sixteen including name, post office address, trade or profession, age, marital status, citizenship, military service, and physical disability. Also included is information on specialized skills, such as whether they could ride a horse or drive a team, ride a motorcycle, operate a wireless, handle a steam engine or a boat, or swim well. Companion surveys (not included on Ancestry.com) included such things as farms, crops, livestock, automobiles, doctors, nurses, and factories.

At the State Library

The Military Census of 1917 is in State Archives Record Group 029. For a brief overview of the Military Census, see the *Research Guide to the Connecticut Military Census of 1917* at <http://www.cslib.org/milcens.htm>. A more detailed finding aid is online at <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/RG029.html>. Note that the State Archives treats a set of microfilms as the “use copy” and that the films must be retrieved from the vault; see the Library’s *Using Secured Collections, Archives, and Offsite Materials* page at <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/node/2324>.

On Ancestry.com

Connecticut, Military Census, 1917 Ancestry.com. *Connecticut, Military Census, 1917* [database on-line]. Provo, Utah, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012. Original data: *Connecticut Military Census of 1917*. Hartford, Connecticut: Connecticut State Library.

Manwaring's Digest

Between 1900 and 1906 Charles William Manwaring completed a three-volume set, *A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records*. For a biography of Charles Manwaring and information on what the Digest is and what it includes, see my article "Connecticut Genealogical Pioneers: Charles William Manwaring" in *Connecticut Genealogy News*, Vol. 5, No. 3, Fall 2012.

Original data

Manwaring, Charles William. A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records. Hartford: R. S. Peck & Co., Printers, 1906. All three volumes of Manwaring's Digest are available online (without cost) by going to the State Library's Web page, <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/>, doing a keyword search in the catalog for "Manwaring Digest," selecting the 1904-06 edition, and following the links to Internet Archive presentations of Volumes 1, 2, and 3.

On Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com. *Hartford, Connecticut Probate Records, 1639-1700* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000. Note that only Volume 1 of the three volume set is included in Ancestry's online presentation.

Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880

Special Schedules for Manufacture/Industry, Agriculture, and Social Statistics (called "Schedule for Defective, Deficient and Dependent Classes" in 1880) were conducted in 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. For an overview of the Special Schedules, see Nora Galvin's article, "Special Schedules of the United States Federal Census" in *Connecticut Genealogy News*, Volume 7, No. 2, Summer 2014 and in this issue; see also "U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules," below.

At the State Library

For a list of special federal census schedules for Connecticut held in the State Library, see the *Research Guide to Special Federal Census Schedules for Connecticut at the Connecticut State Library* at <http://www.cslib.org/speccens.htm>. Those that have been microfilmed are available for use during regular library hours. Original volumes that have not been microfilmed are retrieved from vaults in the State Archives; see the Library's *Using Secured Collections, Archives, and Offsite Materials* page at <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/node/2324>.

On Ancestry.com

Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880. Ancestry.com. *Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. As of this writing, all Connecticut Agricultural censuses (1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880) and the 1880 Schedules of Defective, Dependent and Delinquent Classes are available on Ancestry.com. However, although Ancestry has scanned the Manufacture/Industry and other Social Statistics schedules, they are not yet available online.

U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules

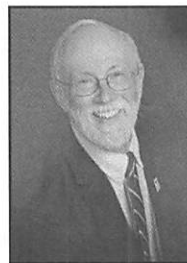
Mortality schedules for Connecticut were completed in 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 and provide information on those who died during the census year. For a description of what information is provided, see Nora Galvin's article, "Special Schedules of the United States Federal Census, Part II: Mortality Schedules," in *Connecticut Genealogy News*, Vol. 7, No., 3, Fall 2014.

At the State Library

United States. *Nonpopulation Federal Census Schedules, Mortality, 1850-1885*. 4 microfilm rolls. For further information, see the *Research Guide to Special Federal Census Schedules for Connecticut at the Connecticut State Library* described under "Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880," above.

On Ancestry.com

1850-1885 Ancestry.com. *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.



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Resources at the Ebenezer Avery House

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In your genealogical research have you considered visiting historic house museums to look through their archives and files? Many house museums exist because of their connection to significant individuals or families, and many have documents and other artifacts relevant to the history of that family.

The Ebenezer Avery House is one example of an historic house museum that collects and maintains important genealogical records. Parke Avery built the house in the 1750s for his son, Ebenezer, who lived there with his four wives (all named Elizabeth). The Avery family is a founding family of the town of Groton, Connecticut but the house itself took on special significance when it became a makeshift hospital after the Battle of Groton Heights on September 6, 1781.

The Avery Memorial Association has been researching family history since 1895, and when the house opened as a museum in 1973 the AMA gained a location to house those records. Within the walls of the Ebenezer Avery House are books about various branches of the family; bibles with birth, baptism, wedding, and death information; autograph and photograph albums; a few original deeds; paperwork regarding the Groton Heights Centennial Committee in 1881; and paperwork and documents from other Avery family associations that no longer exist. These are just a few of the examples housed within our one museum, but imagine the amount of documents that could be held within the hundreds of house museums across the country.

The Ebenezer Avery House also has portraits of Avery descendants, items belonging to those individuals, and articles of clothing that they sewed. These tangible pieces really bring that history to life and yet many people do not realize what is stored behind our doors.

The Ebenezer Avery House is open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day and at other times of the year by appointment. To schedule a visit or to learn more about our collection and mission, please call 860-446-9257, email sglantiere@aol.com, or visit the Ebenezer Avery House & Museum on Facebook.

Books at Ebenezer Avery House

American Heritage

The Averys

Avery Clockmakers & Craftsmen by Amos G. Avery

The Avery Homestead by Catherine Yesair Gould

Our Genetic Pool: Ancestors through the Ages
by Catherine Yesair Gould

Avery Memorial 1900-1972 signature book at annual meetings

Manuscript: The Avery Family by Carolyn Marie Avery-Schichtel

The Averys of Aurora, NY 1795-2002

Averys of Groton - descendants of Nathaniel Avery son of John Avery and Abigail Cheseborough

The Avery Family: The Ancestors and Descendants of Christopher Avery by Maureen Taylor

Notebook of photos for Isaac Erwin Avery gravesite dedication

Genealogical Record of The Dedham Branch of the Avery Family in America by Jane G.A. Carter & Susie P. Holmes

Manuscript: The Avery Family by Douglas Schenk
Avery Newsletters 1971-2014

Manuscript The Avery Family 1996 of Torbryan, Devon, England and surrounding Parishes

Genealogy of a selected line of the Groton Avery Clan 1590-1987 Avery by Rothenburger

Ancestry of My Children by Lina V. R. Cherry

The Avery Memorial Association: 100 Years of History in Newspaper Clippings by Stephanie & Joe Lantiere

Moses Avery Journal by Joe Lantiere

The Averys of Groton Genealogical and Biographical
by Homer DeLois Sweet

Avery Memorial Wadsworth Atheneum: The First Modern Museum by Eugene R. Gaddis

Barber's Views of Connecticut 1834-1836 by John Warner Barber

Henry Ward Beecher A Sketch of his Career by Lyman Abbott & Rev. S. B. Halliday

Burke County Heritage North Carolina

A Californian in Cambridge

Everyday Life in Colonial America 1607-1783

Photo Album of gravestones, Ebenezer Avery House

Photo Album of 100 year dedication of the Avery Memorial Association - annual meeting

Photo Album of Ebenezer Avery House
Foot Power Loom Weaving
Groton Avery Clan Vol. 1 & 2 by Elroy M. Avery & Catherine Avery
Groton Congregational Church 1727-1870
Genealogy and Local History
The Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Primitive Organization of the Congregational Church and Society in Franklin, Connecticut by Franklin Congregational Church
Founders and Leaders of Connecticut by Charles Edward Perry
The Diaries of George Washington, Volumes 1,2,3,4 by John C. Fitzpatrick, A. M.
The Governors of Connecticut by Frederick Calvin Norton
225th Anniversary of the Battle of Groton & the Burning of New London by 225th Committee
The Village of Groton Bank: A Historical and Architectural Tour by Rose Marie Althuis
The Battle of Groton Heights A Story of the Storming of Fort Griswold by Charles Allyn
Isaiah Green and Elizabeth Tefft of Charlestown, Rhode Island and Stonington, Connecticut by Judith (Green) Watson
A History of United States: Its People and Institutions - 5 Vols. by Elroy M. Avery
History of Battle Flag Day Sept. 17, 1879
The Complete American Housewife 1776
Increase Mather: The Foremost American Puritan by Kenneth Ballard Murdock
 Ipplepen booklet by Arthur French
Manuscript Ancestors of Elmer Rowe Jenkins
King James Bible
Historic Ledyard Volume 1 Gales Ferry Village by Ledyard Historic District Commission
The Strange Death of Colonel William Ledyard by Walter L. Powell
Language of the Cosmos by Perry Dickinson Avery
Memorials & Pilgrimages in the Mohegan Country by Arthur Peale
The Mitchell-Avery Clan 1630-2010
The Minor Diaries by The Thomas Minor Society
Morgan Genealogy, A History of James Morgan of New London, Conn. and His Descendants; from 1607 to 1869 by Nathaniel H. Morgan
Thomas Minor Descendants 1608-1981 by John Augustus Miner
History of New London by Frances Manwaring Caulkins

The Beginnings of New England or the Puritan Theocracy in its Relations to Civil and Religious Liberty by John Fiske
September 6, 1781 North Groton's Story by Carolyn Smith & Helen Vergason
History of Norwich, Connecticut by Frances Manwaring Caulkins
 Sager of a Burke County Family North Carolina Photo Album Swan Ponds North Carolina
In Olde Connecticut: Being a Record of Quaint, Curious and Romantic Happenings There in Colonie Times and Later by Charles Burr Todd
Papuchis Family Directory
Patriot and Tory: One Hundred Years Ago by Julia McNair Wright
The Rebirth of America
Records of CT Men in War of the Revolution, War of 1812 and War with Mexico
Route 66, the Highway and its People by Susan Croce Kelly
The Sterling Saltmakers of International Salt Company by International Salt Company
History of the First Congregational Church (Road Church) Stonington, Connecticut 1674-1974 by Richard A. Wheeler
The Stonington Chronology 1649- The Stonington Chronology 1649 1949 by William Haynes
Treatise on the Practice of Midwifery, Vol. 1 by W. Smellie, M.D.
Five Colonial Families: History of the Treman, Tremaine, Truman Family in America Vol. 1 & 2 by Ebenezer Mack Treman
A Memorial of the Rev. James Brainerd Tyler by J. H. DeForest
Time, the Making of America
Uncas and the Mohegan-Pequot by Arthur L. Peake
History of the United States And Its People & Institutions by George L. Clark
Who Lived Here? by M. A. DeWolfe Howe
Williamsburg Reproductions
Yankees West
Ye Ancient Burial Place of New London by Edward Prentis

Other Resources

Portraits

Phebe Throop (1771-1844) wife of William Thomas Avery

William Thomas Avery (1764-1820)
John Avery (1780- 1859)
Abigail Williams (1782-1867) wife of John Avery
Ebenezer Avery (1746-1828)
Park William Avery (1788-1866)
Clarissa Belton (1792-1867) wife of Park William Avery
Drawing of Delia Avery Southworth (1855-1909)

Samplers

Bethiah Williams 1831; she was 14 years old
Hope Ayers 1843; she was 14 years old
Delia Avery (1814-1849)
Nabby Avery (1788-1875)
Elizabeth Starr (1794-)
Sarah William

Avery artifacts

Dress Sword belonging to Lt. Ebenezer Avery, killed at the Battle of Groton Heights, Sept. 6, 1781. (1732-1781)

Queen Anne Table - Lt. Ebenezer Avery was seated at the table having breakfast when he was summoned to the fort on the morning of Sept. 6, 1781. He was killed in the battle that day.

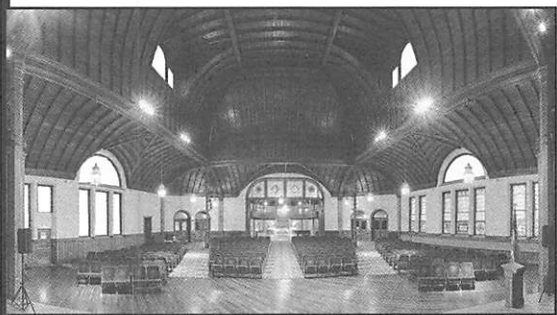
Autograph album/photograph album Frances (Fannie) Charlotte Gillette born in Exeter, Illinois (1841-abt 1928) She married Ralph Jacoby Whitledge (died abt 1835).

“The Christian Minister’s Affectionate Advice to a Married Couple” inside was an Avery wedding certificate.

Off site: Christopher Avery mourning ring. He was the son of George Avery and Eunice Avery. He died at the battle of Groton Heights September 6, 1781. (1760-1781)

Off site: mourning brooch for Gustavus Taylor Avery a lock of the boy’s hair under glass. (1853-1856)

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. will hold their 47th Annual Meeting at Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main Street, New Britain, Connecticut on 16 May 2015. Marcia Melnyk will speak on 18th and 19th Century Immigration Research.

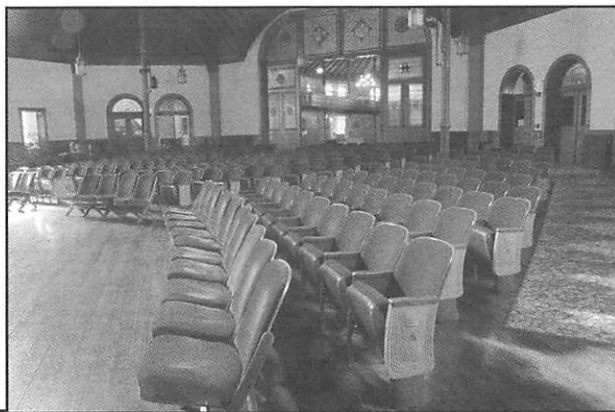


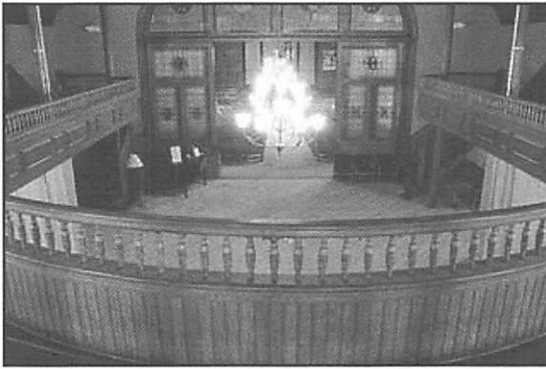
TRINITY-on-MAIN, A Space for Arts, Community and Culture

History

"The architect of 69 Main Street, formerly the Trinity United Methodist Church, was Amos P. Cutting, one of New England’s most prestigious architects in the late 19th century. Worcester, Massachusetts was his home, from where he was said to have designed seventy-five churches, the New Hampshire State Library, the Kellogg-Hubbard library in

Montpelier, Vermont and a number of other buildings. He chose European precedents for his inspiration, resulting in a building in the Romanesque Revival Style for the exterior, but an interior plan to meet the needs of the congregation. Built over the course of three years, from 1889-1891, the building is well planned, beautifully built and handsomely outfitted.... On the inside the building reflects the needs of the church congregation and the style and taste of the day. The plan of the building, like the exterior, is divided into three parts—the entrance and office, the “Sunday School” rotunda and the sanctuary/auditorium. The design of the rotunda and the raked floor of the wide, curved theatre-like auditorium particularly reflect the then-modern aspects of the plan. In Cutting’s design, the Sunday School class space (the rotunda) was placed at the rear of the sanctuary, separated by large sliding doors with beautiful art-glass windows. This space, surrounded by a wide curved balcony with well-preserved and elegant original woodwork, is ideally suited for lobby or reception space or opened for expanded seating...But beauty and drama don’t by themselves guarantee





that the furnace works or the roof doesn't leak. In 2000, the congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church, unable to meet these very pressing expenses, reluctantly and painfully voted to demolish the Church. This led to a grass-roots movement of local citizens who vowed to prevent the demolition of this beloved New Britain landmark. This committee, formerly the "Committee to Save 69 Main Street" under the auspices of the New Britain Area Conference of Churches, and then Vision New Britain, has now been organized as a separate and independent non-profit known as Trinity-On-Main, Ltd. Its goal is to create a much-needed cultural center for Central Connecticut for Arts, Community and Education." History taken directly from their website at www.trinityonmain.org.

For more information about Trinity on Main, please visit their website. We are very excited to hold our 47th Annual Meeting in this very beautiful, historic location. Please join us on May 16th. See page 13 for more details about this event.

Directions

Rt. 72 East exit #9 (Rt. 71 Main Street) Take a right at the end of ramp onto Rt. 71 (Harry S. Truman Overpass), turn right at 1st light onto Chestnut Street. Trinity-On-Main is at intersection of Chestnut and Main. (Parking garage is on the right)

Rt. 9 North, exit #26 (Downtown New Britain) Proceed straight onto Columbus Blvd. at end of ramp. Turn left at 1st light onto Chestnut Street. Trinity-On-Main is on the left at the 2nd light.

Rt. 9 South, exit #27. (Chestnut Street) Take right at end of ramp onto Chestnut Street. Trinity-On-Main is on the left at the 3rd traffic light at the corner of Chestnut and Main.

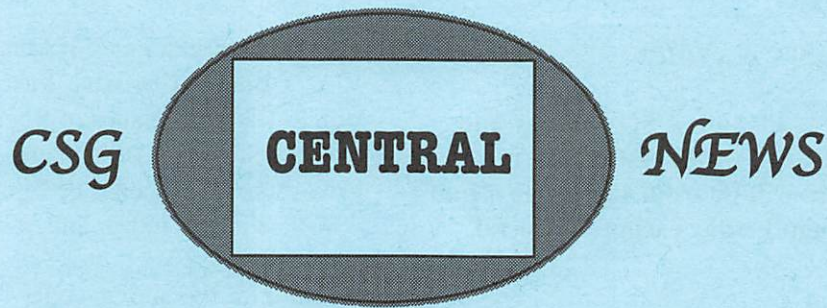
Parking

Parking in both the garage and on the street is free on weekends.

Heritage Humor by Justin Piccirillo



The Life of a Genealogist



The logo features the text 'CSG' on the left, 'CENTRAL' in a white box inside a dark oval in the center, and 'NEWS' on the right.

Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

*** SAVE THIS SECTION ***

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES ~ All CSG Events are open to the public, and many are free of charge. These opportunities not only provide helpful knowledge and insights into various aspects of genealogy, but the camaraderie found in each gathering is always a plus. Our attendees always take away more than what they expect when they sign up.

Please pre-register with the CSG Office, so we can plan appropriately and notify you of any last-minute changes or emergency announcements. All events may also be found on the CSG website. www.csginc.org. Members are reminded to invite their friends and watch this space and/or the CSG website for updated information.

Over the winter months, we may have to cancel a program due to inclement weather. The cancellation will appear on WFSB.com under Closings/Delays.

2015

17 January - "How I Solved My Brick Wall Genealogy Problems." Attendees will discuss their solutions (round-table format). If time allows, the attendees can state their current genealogical problems and the group can discuss possible solutions. **Place:** CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT. **Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

25 January - OPEN HOUSE EVENT

The CSG Library will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for general research. There will be a group-sharing discussion on "Unique Resources Discovered." Attendees may discuss their "finds" with the group.

21 February - Past CSG President Janet Wallace and CSG Governor Olivia Patch present "Attending the NERGC Conference" This is an open discussion with the attendees about their experiences and opinions on attending this conference. Also, how to get the most out of a conference will be considered.

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

Time: 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

22 February - OPEN HOUSE EVENT

The CSG Library will be open for general research from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be a group discussion on How to Use Ancestry.com and Google for "sticky genealogy." Computer help will also be available. Attendees may also share their knowledge.

21 March - "Paleography: Reading Old Handwriting"

Speaker: Edwin W. Strickland II

Formerly entitled "Techniques for Interpreting Old Handwriting" Rescheduled from February 2013 & February 2014 where we were forced to cancel due to inclement weather.

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

Time: 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

29 March - OPEN HOUSE EVENT

The CSG Library will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for general research. There will be a group sharing discussion with Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, Director of the Connecticut Gravestone Network, on their coming events and what individuals can do to help preserve existing gravestones.

18 April - Due to the NERGC conference (see invitation on page 15 and their ad on the inside back cover) CSG will not hold a separate program. We hope to see you there.

15-19 April - JOIN US In Providence, RI for the 2015 NERGC Conference. See invitation on page 15 and their ad on the inside back cover. Go to www.NERGC.org to register or for more details.

16 May - Join us for our 47th Annual Meeting. Marcia I. Melnyk will be speaking on 18th and 19th Century Immigration Research. **Place:** Trinity-On-Main (see page 11-12 for description & directions). **Time:** Come at 9 a.m. to Ask the Experts on various subjects. Business meeting begins at 10 a.m. Lunch is at Noon and the speaker begins at 1:30 p.m. **Cost** is \$30 per person. Please pre-register by Friday, 8 May. We can add after that date through Friday, 15 May but we may not subtract from the count. To pre-register by phone, call 860-569-0002. *MasterCard, Visa & Discover Accepted.*

News & Notes

Beginning January 1, 2015 the CSG Library and Office will be CLOSED EVERY MONDAY. Library/Office hours will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST, Tuesday through Friday except for postal holidays.

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The CSG Annual Appeal is in the mail and members should have received it in October. Please consider donating to CSG via the Annual Appeal so we can continue to provide you with quality genealogical programs, publications and information. Thank you.

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The 2015 Literary Awards Contest is in full swing. Entries must be received at the CSG Office no later than 15 February 2014. Entries received after that date cannot be considered. Contact the CSG Office for an entry form and details on how to enter. You do not have to be a member to enter the contest.

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The holidays will be here before you know it! Check out the CSG website Online Bookstore to find the right book for the genealogist on your list (you can even treat yourself). All prices on used books have been cut by at least 50%! All orders placed through the CSG website are processed through PayPal, but no PayPal account is needed.

Please contact the CSG Office prior to ordering to ensure availability or with any questions you may have at: 860-569-0002 or by email directly at csginc@csginc.org. MasterCard, Visa or Discover also accepted. Gift certificates are also available.

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The CSG Library has recently acquired the following items which are available for use in our library now:

A four volume book set donated by Dana Noonan about the history of North Central Connecticut.

Journal Inquirer, *Looking Back, Historic Images of North Central Connecticut*, 4 vols. (Canada: Pediment Publishing, 2002).

- Vol. 1: Historic Images of Enfield, Somers & Suffield

- Vol. 2: Historic Images of Manchester, Andover, Bolton, Coventry, East Hartford and Hebron
- Vol. 3: Historic Images of Rockville/Vernon, Ellington, Tolland and Stafford
- Vol. 4: Historic Images of Windsor, East Windsor, South Windsor and Windsor Locks.

In addition to the above, sixteen rolls of National Archives microfilm containing census information from 1800 through 1860 for New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York were donated by Richard Benedict.

- M19-Roll 95: 1830 Census-New York State, Montgomery and Niagara Counties
- M19-Roll 115: 1830 Census, Orleans and Oswego Counties, NY
- M32-Roll 15: 1800 Census, Hampshire County, MA
- M33-Roll 50: 1820 Massachusetts Census, Franklin, Hampshire & Plymouth Counties
- M252-Roll 23: 1810 Census, Cheshire County, NH
- M252-Roll 30: 1810 New York Census, Allegany, Clinton, Dutchess, Sullivan and Washington Counties
- M432-Roll 316: 1850 Census, Part of Franklin County, MA
- M432-Roll 317: 1850 Census, Part of Franklin County, MA
- M432-Roll 560: 1850 Census, Part of Niagara County, NY
- M432-Roll 561: 1850 Census, Part of Niagara County, NY
- M432-Roll 575: 1850 Census, Orleans County, NY
- M653-Roll 836: 1860 Census, Orleans County, NY
- M704-Roll 183: 1840 Census, Franklin County, MA
- M704-Roll 184: 1840 Census, Hampshire County, MA
- M704-Roll 311: 1840 Census, Niagara County, NY
- M704-Roll 321: 1840 Census, Orleans County, NY

In addition to the above, CSG has much more on microfilm and microfiche to include genealogies, orphan's court, some probate, more census, parish and vital records and even a good portion of the Ancestor Charts that are connected to Set 1 of our Ancestry Service. While it true that just about all of this can be found on the Internet, if you prefer to view in this format, please feel free to come visit us.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC)

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists invites you to join us as one of the 22 Participating Societies of the thirteenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference -- Navigating the Past: Sailing into the Future 15-18 April 2015 in Providence, Rhode Island.

NERGC 2015 is being held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, www.riconvention.com, One Sabin Street, Providence, RI, 02903. There are dozens of restaurants nearby, including Capital Grille, Luxe Burger, RI-RA, ARDEO's, Water Place and the Cheese Cake Factory and many entertainment spots.

NERGC has special rates at two hotels close to the Convention Center:

The Providence Biltmore

11 Dorrance Street

The Providence Courtyard by Marriott

32 Exchange Terrace

For more information about the hotels and/or to reserve a room, go to <http://www.nergc.org/Hotel-and-Convention-Center.html>.

You are sure to advance your knowledge and learn research skills at the 2015 conference. With over 95 lectures -- and audience levels ranging from beginner to expert, NERGC 2015 will help attendees "navigate": new research pathways, methodologies and strategies, ethnic genealogy of all types, maritime and military topics, new approaches for utilizing records, photography and family heirlooms, New England's repositories, successful research planning and project implementation, and ways to engage youth in genealogy. The conference also features an Exhibit Hall (be sure to stop by the CSG booth), Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show as well as Librarians and Teachers Day, and Technology Day (both being held on Wednesday, 15 April).

The national speakers are bringing some blockbuster talks to NERGC in April 2015. "The Legal Genealogist" Judy Russell will lecture on early court records; facts, photos and fair use; women and the law; and genealogy and the law. She will speak on records access for genealogists at the Saturday luncheon. Lisa Louise Cooke, in addition to doing presentations on

Tech Day, will provide strategies for using Evernote for genealogy and mastering Google for common surnames. She'll also be hosting "The Great Google Earth Game Show" at the Saturday evening banquet, sponsored by the Connecticut Society of Genealogists.

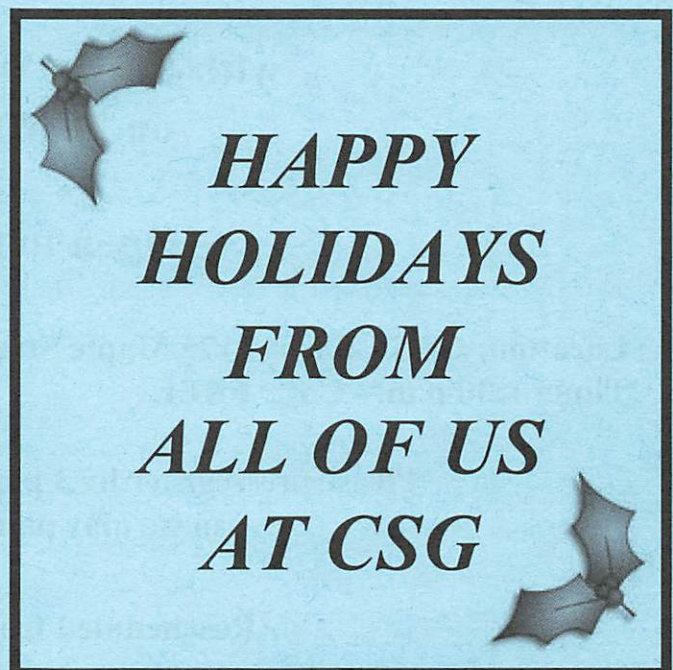
CSG is also sponsoring the presentation "Genealogy in 3D," Session T-113, by our president, Carol Whitmer. It will explore how finding and interpreting three-dimensional objects can complement traditional methods of genealogical research by adding depth and context to the past.

The 2015 New England Regional Genealogical Conference registration brochure is now available in searchable PDF format at www.NERGC.org. It contains the full conference schedule, summaries of lectures, speaker biographies and information on available luncheons, banquets, and a special Explore Providence tour. Check it out now and start planning your conference experience! Then register online from the link on the NERGC web page, www.NERGC.org). This method lets you pay by either credit card or check.

OR

To register by postal mail with payment by check, use the form on p. 16 of the Conference brochure.

For more information about the conference, watch the NERGC Website www.NERGC.org, blog www.nergc.blogspot.com, and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/.





HAVE YOU SOLVED A BRICKWALL (STONEWALL) PROBLEM IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH?

Come to the Connecticut Society of Genealogists' Library
on 17 January 2015 for
"How I Solved My Brickwall Problems"
and share your success!

If you need help solving a brickwall come and learn what others have done.

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

Time: 1:30 p.m. Cost: FREE

Please pre-register by 3 p.m. on Friday, 17 January so we may plan appropriately.

Go to www.wfsb.com/weather for information on delays & closings in case of inclement weather.



~ Open to the Public ~

JOIN US for "Paleography: Reading Old Handwriting"

with Edwin W. Strickland II
on 21 March 2014

~ Open to the Public ~

Location: CSG Library, 175 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT

Time: 1:30 p.m. - Cost: FREE

Please pre-register by 3 p.m. on Friday, 20 March 2015
so we may plan appropriately.

(Rescheduled from February 2013)

PROFILES OF CONNECTICUT'S CIVIL WAR HEROES

by Noreen Manzella, CSG # 15578



Sergeant Elijah A. Briggs Company B, 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery Company B, 19th Connecticut Infantry

Elijah A. Briggs was born 26 October 1843 in Litchfield County, Connecticut, most likely Lime Rock. His probable parents are Henry O. and Emma [Unknown] Briggs. Identified siblings include Mary Jane Briggs (b.c. 1832, m. William Benedict) and Ellen (b.c.1842, m. Lewis Little). By 1850, Elizah (*sic*) Briggs was living in the home of Hiram Weed, a Salisbury manufacturer along with many of individuals, indicating a family upheaval that caused the family unit to be separated. Growing up in the area, he attended the Lime Rock School. Little else has been discovered of his early life.

Elijah Briggs married Hanna Elizabeth Monfort in Matteawan, New York. The couple had two daughters: Inez May (b.c. 1879 –d. presumably before 1900) and E. Marie (b. April 1887-1973).

The family lived for many years in Fishkill, New York. Briggs was a well-respected member of his community and belonged to several civic organizations including the Howland Post, G.A.R, in which he served in many offices of that post. Briggs also held membership in the Evergreen Lodge, No 131, the International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), and the First M.E. Church. Elijah Briggs died 10 March 1922 at his home 22 Maple Street, Beacon, New York. He is buried in the Fishkill Rural Cemetery. In 1988 a ceremony was held at the cemetery installing a marble marker at his gravesite with a color guard ceremony. Descendants of Briggs attended this ceremony.

Elijah Briggs enlisted in Company B, Connecticut 2nd Heavy Artillery on 11 September 1862 as a private. Captain James Hubbard commanded Co. B, and Colonel Leverett W. Wessell, followed by Colonel Elisha S. Kellogg, commanded the 19th Regiment of Volunteers. The 2nd artillery at first served as infantry until November 1863 when it was changed to an artillery unit. Briggs was promoted to Corporal on 24 April 1864. Corporal Briggs was wounded in the forehead during the Battle of Cold Harbor on 12 June 1864. Although wounded, Briggs declined to be hospitalized and continued on with his unit after a few days absence. Other battles in

which the 2nd was engaged included the Battles of Opequon, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Petersburg (III), and Sailor's Creek. During the Battle of Petersburg, the 2nd led the charge into the city. It was on 6 June 1865, at the Battle of Sailor's Creek, as the brigade had joined the Sixth Corps in following the fleeing Confederates, that Corporal Briggs captured the flag for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor. The 2nd then joined with General Sherman in North Carolina, completing a 105 mile march in less than 5 days. Guard duty for a supply train, a march through Richmond and Fredericksburg, followed by participation in in the grand review in Washington on June 8 rounded out the 2nd Artillery's service. Briggs' promotion to Sergeant followed on 20 June 1865. Sergeant Briggs, along with the remaining members of the original 19th Regiment, was mustered out 7 July 1865.

Corporal Elijah A. Briggs' Medal of Honor citation awarded 10 May 1865 reads: "Capture of battle flag."



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Private George E. McDonald 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery Company L

George E. McDonald was born in 1839 in Warwick, Rhode Island to John and Ellen (Wood) McDonald. Identified siblings included James (b.c.1831, Ireland), Thomas (b.c.1833, Ireland), Charles (b.c.1848) and Fanny (b.1850). George's parents and older siblings emigrated about 1835 from Ireland. His father worked as a dyer and briefly moved the family to Connecticut, with a return to Rhode Island for the remainder of his life. George's older brothers were mariners. Little has been discovered about George's younger days.

Following the war, George McDonald married Abby Horton (1842-1903) before 1875. Two children were born to George and Abby: Breta Mary (b. 10 February 1884-before 1900) and Lester Irving McDonald (9 March 1885-?). George continuously worked in the jeweler's trade. George E. McDonald died 8 September 1897 at age 58. He is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. When "Medal of Honor Day" was proclaimed in the state of Rhode Island in 1962, George was listed alongside other Medal of Honor recipients.

George E. McDonald enlisted 26 February 1862 in Warwick, Rhode Island, in Company L of the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery. The first duty of the 1st Connecticut H.A. was in support of the defenses of Washington, D.C., a duty to which the company was reassigned at various times during the war. Other engagements included the Siege at Yorktown, Gaines' Mill, and Malvern Hill during 1862. Additionally, the company was used in support of the defenses south of the Potomac River and was used there much of 1863. The entire regiment was involved in the Siege of Petersburg (1864) in various capacities including fatigue duty and as garrison for batteries and forts on the Bermuda front. At the start of 1865, the regiment was on expedition to Fort Fisher (Cos. B,G, and L) and aided in the capture of Fort Fisher on January 15. It was during action at Fort Stedman, Virginia on 25 March 1865, that Private McDonald captured the flag for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor. After assaults on and the fall of Petersburg in April, the regiment

returned to duty in defense of Washington, D.C. The regiment remained on duty in Washington until July, 1865 and George E. McDonald mustered out 25 September 1865 at Washington, D.C.

Private George E. McDonald's Medal of Honor citation awarded 1865 reads: "Capture of battle flag and its bearer."



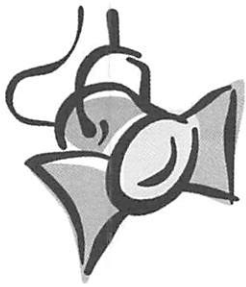
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About the Author

Noreen is a Governor of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. and serves on the Publication Committee. Over 15 years of searching Noreen's varied ethnic ancestry evolved into experience in research from pre-Revolutionary Pennsylvania to 19th century Little Italy in NYC. Other family research includes 19th century German railroaders and famine Irish quarrymen in NY. Her research has led to expertise in identifying, locating, and establishing contact with 20th century descendants of ancestors, a skill she has employed for clients. A 35-year career teaching grammar, research and writing on the secondary level has laid the foundation for Noreen's interest in helping others write their personal memoirs.



Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities

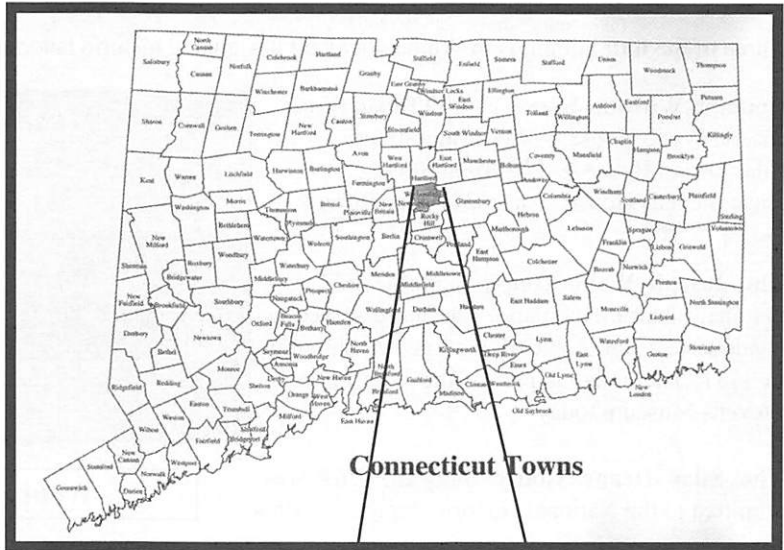


Spotlight on Wethersfield

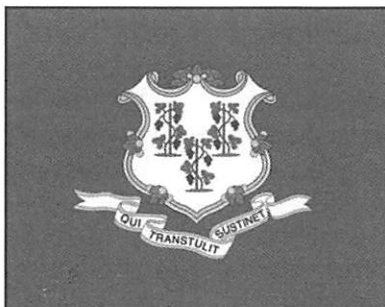
by Richard G. Tomlinson, CSG #55L

“Ye Most Ancient Towne”

Wethersfield, along with Hartford and Windsor, was one of the three original towns on the Connecticut River. Three grapevines on the Connecticut State flag, signifying the state’s three oldest European settlements, represent the towns. Wethersfield claims the title of the first and refers to itself as “Ye Most Ancient Towne.” It was founded in 1634 by a Puritan settlement party of “10 Men” including John Oldham, Robert Seeley and Nathaniel Foote. The town took its name from a village in the county of Essex in England.



Connecticut Towns



Historic Events

One of the opening events of the Pequot War occurred here on 23 April 1637. Indians attacked settlers working in the fields on the east (now Glastonbury). They killed six men and three women, a number of cattle and horses, and took two young girls captive. They girls were carried down the river to the Pequot village, but were ransomed by Dutch traders.

Wethersfield

War occurred Wethersfield side of the river

Four witch trials and three executions for witchcraft occurred in the town in the 17th century. Mary Johnson was convicted of witchcraft and executed in 1648 and Joan and John Carrington in 1651. Landowner and young widow, Katherine Harrison, was convicted in 1688. At the request of Governor John Winthrop, a panel of ministers led by Wethersfield minister, Gershom Bulkeley, reviewed the evidence in the trial. In a precedent setting document, they rejected the evidence and set new rules that made conviction for witchcraft nearly impossible. Over the loud objections of the Wethersfield residents, Winthrop threw out the jury’s verdict.

Silas Deane was an important figure and commissioner to France during the American Revolutionary War. His house is now part of the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum. In May 1781, at the Webb House on Main Street, General George Washington and French Lt. Gen. Rochambeau planned the Siege of Yorktown, which culminated in the independence of the rebellious colonies.



Silas Deane

Wethersfield was the center of the onion trade in New England during the late 1700s and early to middle 1800s. It was home of the world-famous Wethersfield red onion. Outsiders dubbed Wethersfield, "Oniontown." In addition, the town was home to William G. Comstock, a well-known 19th century gardening expert. In 1820, Comstock founded what would become Comstock, Ferre & Company. Still in business, it is America's oldest continuously operating seed company, pioneering the commercial sale of sealed packets of seeds.

The Historic District

Historic District, known as "Old Wethersfield," is the state's largest historic district, spanning two square miles and 1,100 buildings. Many fine old buildings have been preserved. There are fifty houses built before the Revolutionary War; 100 built by the time of the Civil War; and another 150 built shortly thereafter. Each fascinating home captures the essence of the style in vogue at the time.

Three of the four buildings in Wethersfield are designated historic landmarks by the National Register of Historic Places:

Buttolph-Williams House — 249 Broad Street

Joseph Webb House — 211 Main Street

Silas Deane House — 203 Main Street

Isaac Stevens House — also 211 Main Street

The **Joseph Webb House** built in 1752 is a national historic landmark. The house served as headquarters for General George Washington in 1781. The house is part of the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum today.



Webb, Deane and Stevens Houses

The **Silas Deane House** built in 1769 was admitted to the National Historic Register in 1964.

"As a rising star in local and regional politics, Deane designed his house to serve as a power base for his personal ambitions."

While Deane was secretly away procuring supplies for the patriots' cause in France, his wife had John Adams to tea in 1774 and in 1775, George Washington dined with her on his way to take command of troops in Boston. She passed away in 1777 while Deane was still in France.

The **Isaac Stevens House** was built by leatherworker Isaac Stevens with construction complete in 1789. Its floorplan is similar in design to that of the Webb House, though it is smaller. Isaac died from illness in 1819 and his son Henry inherited the house. He also died of illness about 1825 and both of his sons had died by 1835. In 1828, Henry's widow Elizabeth married Captain Stephen Francis. Four of their children survived to inherit the Stevens House jointly. "They and their descendents occupied the house for 170 years until it was acquired by the Connecticut Colonial Dames, who restored the house from 1959-1963 and opened it to the public."



Buttolph-Williams House

The **Buttolph-Williams House**, built in 1711, was thought to have been built by David Buttolph, but is now believed to have been built by Benjamin Beldon, a licensed tavern keeper, and completed in 1714.

The Antiquarian & Landmarks Society (now Connecticut Landmarks) acquired the house in 1941 and opened it to the public in 1951 after restoring it.

Elizabeth George Speare, a local novelist, used the Buttolph-Williams house as the setting for her novel for young adults, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* (first published in 1958). The Buttolph-Williams House is managed by the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum.

Notable people

Silas Deane (1737–1789), first American diplomat. He served as a diplomat to the Continental Congress.

John Deming (c.1615–1705), a founder of Wethersfield and an original patentee of Connecticut Colony. Considered one of the “Fathers of Connecticut.”

Nathaniel Foote (1592–1644), an original settler. His wife Elizabeth was the sister to John Deming listed above. He is considered by the Foote Family of America to be their “No. 1 ancestor in America.” Nathaniel received a ten-acre house lot on the east side of Broad Street according to “The Original Distribution of Lands Around Wethersfield” records in 1640, a short time after arriving in Wethersfield in 1635. The Foote Family Association website adds that he became the owner of several other tracts laying in part in the great meadow east of his house and containing close to 400 acres of land. In 1641, he was appointed a delegate to the General Court. He was a juror in 1643 and 1644. Note: Part of his land is now a public park at the foot of Broad Street.

John Oldham (1592–1636), an original settler. In 1633 or 1634, Oldham led a group of ten men (which included Captain Robert Seeley) along the Old Connecticut Path to establish Wethersfield, Connecticut, the first English settlement on the Connecticut River. His death at the hands of Indians was one of the causes of the Pequot War.



Robert Seeley (1602–1668), an original settler. In 1630, Robert, his wife and son sailed with John Winthrop as a part of the original Puritan expedition to Massachusetts. Soon after arriving in the New World, Seeley became one of the original forty settlers of Watertown, Massachusetts. He was granted freeman status in 1631. Seeley was part of the group led by John Oldham that established Wethersfield. Seeley served as second-in-command to Captain John Mason in the Pequot War. He was severely wounded in an attack on a Pequot fort along the Mystic River. Captain Mason, who called Seeley a “valiant soldier,” wrote of the incident, “Lieutenant Seeley was shot in the eyebrow with a flat headed Arrow, the Point turning downwards. I pulled out the arrow myself.” Seeley carried a permanent scar from the wound.

Drawing and Caption by Seeley Genealogical Society: The Pequot War was the first serious armed conflict between indigenous people and settlers in New England. Robert Seeley fought alongside Captain Robert Mason and was wounded in battle.

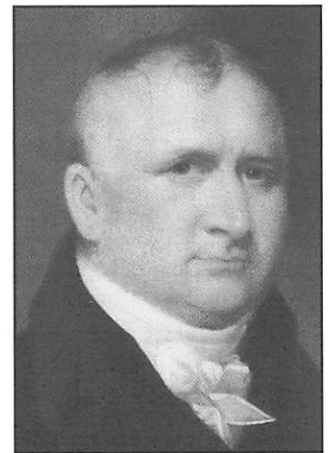
Charles Stillman (1810–1875), founder of Brownsville, Texas.

Richard Treat (1584–1669), an original settler of Wethersfield and a Patentee of the Royal Charter of Connecticut.

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Thomas Welles (1590–1660), Governor of Connecticut Colony.

Benjamin Wright (b. Wethersfield, 10 October 1770; d. 24 August 1842), chief engineer of the Erie Canal, named “Father of American Civil Engineering.”



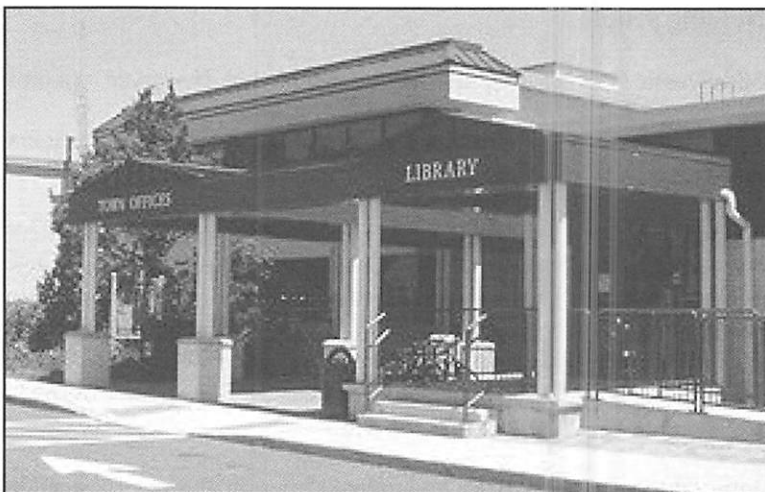
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Wethersfield Historical Society

The **Wethersfield Historical Society** is a 501(c)3 non-profit membership supported, educational institution devoted to preserving the history of *Wethersfield, Connecticut*. Chartered by the state in 1932, the Society maintains properties and collections on behalf of its membership and the public and offers year-round activities for children and adults.

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The society owns two historic houses: the Hurlbut-Dunham and Captain James Francis Houses; and manages four properties owned by the Town: the Wethersfield Museum and Visitor Center at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center, the historic Cove Warehouse, the Old Academy and the Deming-Standish House. The Old Academy is used for the society's offices and library. Museum collections are stored at the Keeney Memorial, which also has public exhibits and meeting rooms. The society also hosts a variety of historical and cultural programs for the greater community.



Wethersfield Historical Society's logo is Peter Blinn's Sunflower. Peter Blinn was a Wethersfield craftsman who immigrated to Wethersfield in the 1670s and served as one of two joiners in town in the late 17th century. The Society holds in the permanent exhibit one of approximately sixty "sunflower" chests that are credited to Blinn.

Genealogy Research

There is a genealogical research library operated by the Wethersfield Historical Society in the 1804 Old Academy building at 150 Main St. It contains over 1000 books, including genealogies of Wethersfield families, as well as local and regional histories and other paper and photographic material. The library is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments may be made for other hours. Please call (860) 529-7656 or send written inquiries to: Wethersfield Historical Society, 150 Main St., Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Wethersfield Library



515 Silas Deane Highway
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Wethersfield has an excellent library which includes a special room dedicated to historic and genealogical publications. The definitive history of Wethersfield, *The History of Ancient Wethersfield Connecticut*, by Sherman Adams and Henry Stiles was published in 1904. Volume I contains the history and volume II contains genealogies.

Library Hours

Monday 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Wethersfield Town Hall

505 Silas Deane Highway
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(860) 721-2800
(Hrs. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m)

The town hall is next to the library. One of the treasures of the town hall is the first volume of Town Votes (1640-1717) and the first volume of Land Records (1640-1653). In addition to the originals, the archives contains copies carefully made by Judge Sherman Adams when he was working on his history of Wethersfield. These are sometimes overlooked assets in genealogical research.

Current Events

The annual Wethersfield Historical Society Antiques, a well-established November event, showcases more than thirty of the finest dealers from the northeast in room setting booths displaying a wide range of early American and 19th century items with a new twist of offering vintage clothing and items.

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Guide to Genealogical Writing by Penelope L. Stratton and Henry B. Hoff, CG, FASG (Boston, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2014. 9 + 195 pp., illustrations, index. Softcover \$19.95, shipping & handling, \$6/50). Available at AmericanAncestors.org or telephone 888-296-3447.

Whether you are thinking of contributing an article to the *Nutmegger*, or you would like to share a sketch of your great-grandpa with the rest of your family, or you'd like to publish a substantial genealogy, this book is for you. An expanded update of *Genealogical Writing in the 21st Century*, it is filled with examples illustrating everything from the basic structure of a family sketch to the format of footnotes. Though at times it may seem rather technical, it's easy to move around looking at different aspects of the process. Writing up your family can be fun, and it's a great way to see holes in your research. When you have a how-to question, the table of contents or index can direct you to an answer. A chapter toward the end, "A Genealogical Manual of Style," provides answers to almost every conceivable question about format. It covers, for example, alternate spellings of names, when and how to use lineage lines, how to include adopted children and stepchildren, aspects of double dating, and other issues faced by genealogical writers.

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Genealogy of the Marble Family of New York State with a Focus on Levi Marble Descendants Including Caleb Marble by Gerry D. Getman, Ph.D. Published by Infinity Publishing, 1094 New DeHaven St., Suite 100, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2813, 2013. 8 ½ x 11, softcover, ISBN 978-0-7414-8253-2, 132 pages. Order directly from the author at Gerry D. Getman, 125 Marble Drive, McMurray, PA 15317 or email ggetman1@earthlink.net. Cost is \$49.95 including shipping.

THIS BOOK WAS AN ENTRY IN THE 2014 CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST. The author of this book provides not only names and dates, but also a family history narrative. A man of chemistry, he has been able to combine both loves, science and genealogy, and presents a well-documented book using those skills learned while researching the sciences. The Marble family and its connection to New York State is extensively explored by the author, beginning in in the late 1700s until current generational contributions. A researcher unearthing information about the Marble family will find this book an interesting wealth of data and one that can be used to flesh out one's own genealogy research. The table of contents pages are a rare outline for easy searching. With an extensive introduction, many charts, graphs and photographs, the researcher will be delighted to find materials so clearly presented. At the conclusion of this manuscript the author has chosen to provide a brief bibliography. The Marble Family researcher will find this information useful and intriguing.

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The Keane and Sheahan Families of Bridgeport, Connecticut by D. Joshua Taylor. Published by Newbury Street Press imprint of New England Historic Genealogical Society, 99-101 Newberry St., Boston, MA 02116-3007, 2013. 6 x 9, hardcover, ISBN 13:978-0-88082-293-0, 200 pages. Order directly from the publisher at Newbury Street Press, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 99-101 Newberry St., Boston, MA 02116-3007. Cost is \$44.95 plus S&H.

THIS BOOK WAS AN ENTRY IN THE 2014 CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST. This is an extensive and thoroughly researched book of formative Irish history. This book is fully endorsed by the experienced NEHGS staff and any genealogical endeavor by this author is worthy to be investigated. If you are interested in Irish history, are researching an Irish relative or simply tracking down Irish ties within your own family heritage, you will find this book a valuable tool. An easy to follow "road map" of readers' aids provides the researcher with a simple direction. Especially helpful is a section entitled "About the Format of this Book" which explains the author's tactics for annotating his research and gathered information. With the provisions of multicolored photographs, letters and descendant charts, the reader will find the many graphics a pleasant diversion from the printed word. This is a book that any researcher of Irish history will find beneficial in years ahead. RAD

The Immortal Patriot by Frederick Channell. Published by Sugar Run Books, 156 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ 07013, 2013. 6 x 9, softcover, ISBN 13:978-0615776866 and ISBN 10:0615-776868, 297 pages. Order directly from the publisher at sugarrun@gmail.com or contact the author at euchika@msn.com. Cost is \$24.99 plus S&H.

THIS BOOK WAS AN ENTRY IN THE 2014 CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST. This book takes the reader through the long and exciting life of the American Patriot Abraham Channell. The author has blended genealogical and historical research about this descendant and his impressment during the Revolutionary War, his struggle to raise a family and his diligent battles at sea, on his lands and in the courts. The usual table of contents, randomly placed illustrations and carefully written leads for each section provide the reader with easy to follow aids. The author also provides an extensive bibliography along with a plethora of resources for follow-up researching. The Channell family and its time and place in American history makes this material a necessary read for those researching these specific origins. RAD

Descendants of John Cornelius Nestor and Bridget Earls from Kilshanny by Barbara Fay Boudreau. Published by Lulu Press, Inc., Lulu.com, 2014. 6 x 9, softcover, ISBN 978-1-304-77590-0, 154 pages. Order directly from the publisher at Lulu.com. Cost is \$19.95 plus S&H.

THIS BOOK WAS AN ENTRY IN THE 2014 CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST. Following an extensive drive with her daughter throughout the Irish countryside and thorough research of the Nestor and Earls family the author found herself in a genealogical conflict as to whether her Irish or Lithuanian forebears were the more elusive. The setting of this material begins in the "lovely green vales of Kilshanny" of County Clair, Ireland and moves into the craggy climates of New England. Seven of the eight children of John and Bridget Nestor left their farming life in Ireland. One, whose name has been forgotten, went to Australia and the remaining six settled in Northern climes. This book is a researcher's dream because it is packed with photographs and charts of those members of the families being explored. A massive table of contents points the way for the eager researcher and the genealogical summary will provide any researcher with the Nestor's and Nestor related ancestors a rich source of material. The Irish history of this family is brought to stunning life. RAD

Ancestors and Descendants of George Rufus Brown and Alice Nelson Pratt by Christopher C. Child, Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG, FGSP and Kevin L. Meyers. Published by Newberry Press, Imprint of New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, MA 02116, 2013. 7 x 10, hardcover, ISBN 978-0-88082-314-2, LCCN 2013958620, 669 pages. Order online at AmericanAncestors.org, by phone at 888-296-3447, or by writing New England Historic Genealogical Society, Sales Dept., 99-101 Newberry St., Boston, MA 02116. Price is \$59.95 plus S&H.

This immense project details the life and times of the Whittlesley family. Part 1 begins with the Brown Family in America, written by Mr. Child and ending with the Johanna When Family. It begins an extensive tracing of the families who established this large and extensive lineage. Part 2, written by Ms. Hatcher and Mr. Meyers, highlights the King Family and leads to the Cadet-Young Family then gently flows into the research of the Pratt Family and concludes with the Whittlesley Family. The last family, written by Mr. Child, Ms. Hatcher and Mr. Meyers, details the Nelson Family and concludes with the Rerad/Reade Family. This book is for the serious researcher and will challenge even the most sophisticated genealogist. A book without a road map of literary devices is a book that the reader will struggle with when conquering its contents. The authors of this material kindly offer guideposts along the way to lighten the burden

of reader interpretation. The many maps, photographs and drawings inserted by the writers provide a welcome distraction from the heavy academic presentation. The table of contents to the much appreciated index supports the needs of the researcher screaming “read me to find your hard to find family details.” **RAD**

Norwich in the Gilded Age, the Rose City’s Millionaire’s Triangle by Patricia G. Staley. Published by The History Press, 645 Meeting St., Suite 200, Charleston, SC 29403, 2014. 6 x 9, softcover, ISBN 978-1-626-19-247-8, 176 pages. Order directly from the publisher by writing or calling 843-577-6712. Cost is \$19.99 plus S&H.

Ms. Staley, a retired school administrator and history teacher, provides us the opportunity to stroll down Norwich’s most fashionable mile of millionaire’s mansions. In this delightful book of Norwich’s history, she not only writes about the wealthy residents of the city, but uncovers those forgotten scandals of kidnapping and embezzlement. This small book is an entertaining read for history lovers. A simply written table of contents and preface guides the reader on their journey. The many illustrations beautifully portray the beautiful people and places of those early days. The book concludes with a bibliography and an index to tempt the reader into strolling this “triangle of long ago wealth.”

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A Steel Family History, Planters of Old England, New England and the American West by Edward E. Steel. CD format but also printed in book form and originally published by Creative Imaging, Inc., St. Louis, MO. CD may be purchased by sending a check for \$20.00 payable to Edward E. Steel. Mail to Steel Family History, 7421 Gannon Ave., St. Louis, MO 63130.

The following information taken directly from its advertising materials states this 600 page history of one line of the Steel family in England and America with over 100 illustrations, maps, photographs is now available on CD. It includes an every-name index, indices for places and subjects and an annotated bibliography. This CD is a much less cumbersome version of the book and reader may find it more comfortable to use during their researching. The interested genealogist should refer to earlier reviews of the book to refresh one’s memory of its contents. The book was named the “Best Family History” and was the winner of the Brainerd T. Peck Award for Family History in the Connecticut Society of Genealogists’ 2002 Literary Awards contest. **RAD**

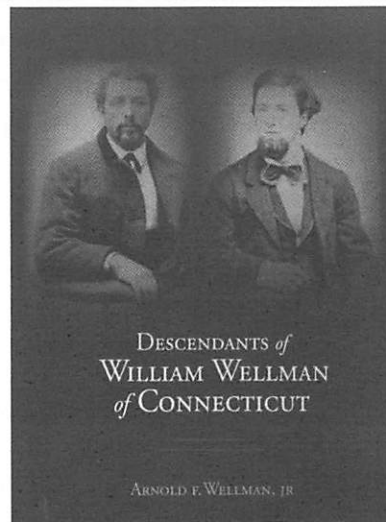
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by Richard G. Tomlinson

This definitive history of witchcraft prosecution in Connecticut in the 17th and 18th century covers every known case of formal accusation or suspicion of witchcraft. This includes over forty cases. An "every name" index includes nearly 1,000 entries. There are thirteen illustrations and 406 footnotes. The appendices contain a table of the accused, annotated descriptions of the original court documents in the Wyllys Papers collection and historical profiles of key persons. Hardcover, 6 x 9, 224 pp., illustrated, Picton Press.

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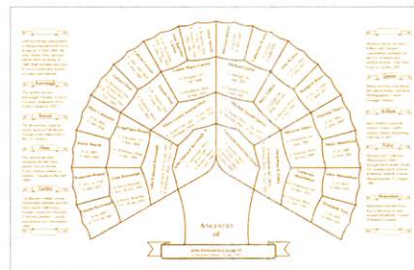
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