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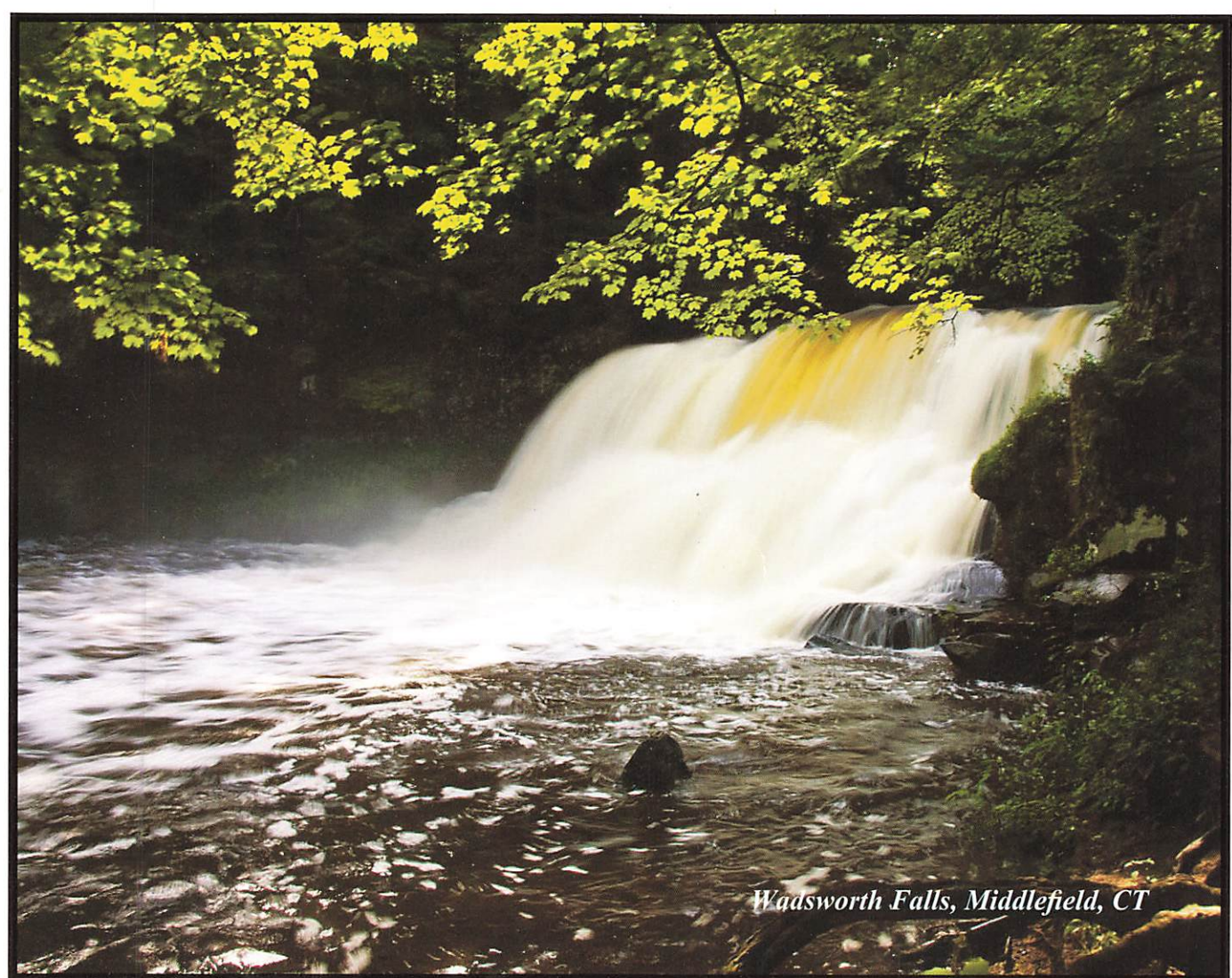
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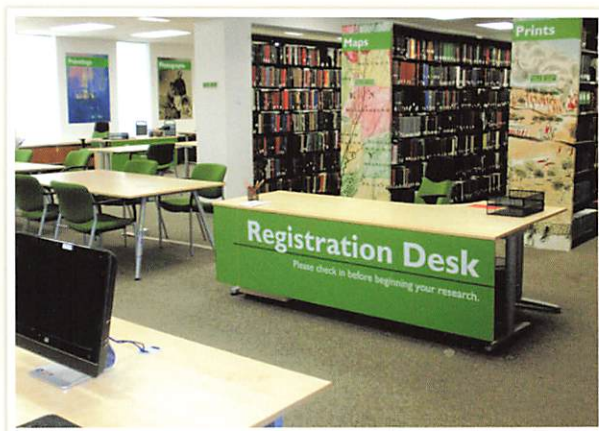
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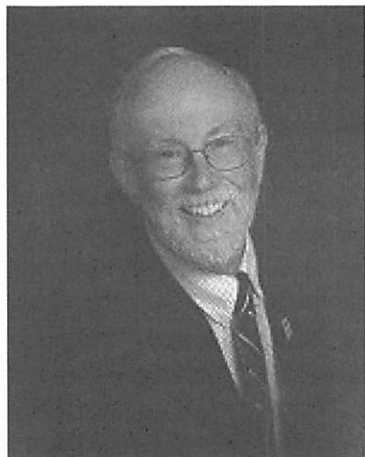
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## President's Message



Family has traditionally been defined as “the people descended from a common ancestor,” or “persons having kinship with one another.” More recently, it has come to mean, “a group of two or more persons residing together and related by birth, marriage, or adoption.” But family might also

be considered “those relatives who have affected your lives; those who teach children the lessons of the past and the relevance of the past to their present day lives and how to become a better person.” Is this notion of “family” reflected in family genealogies?

One of my colleagues, a professional genealogist, has pointed out that, “Today’s families are not statistics, and neither were the families of our grandparents and great-grandparents.” A few years ago, a “thread” on the Librarians Serving Genealogists Listserv attempted to sum up the difference between “genealogy” and “family history.” One librarian wrote, “We do genealogy in order to research, record, and hopefully publish our family history.” Another wrote, “Genealogy is the ‘begats’ while family history is everything else. Genealogy is my parents had me. Family history is that Dad was a cook and my folks lived in the Detroit area most of the time.”

Back in 1913, members of the Roberts family put together a slim booklet titled *Genealogy of the Family of William Watson and Nancy Hoyt (Bean) Roberts*. A greatly expanded version was published in 1971. However, both of those editions were essentially lists of births, marriages, and deaths; they were long on “genealogy” but came up short on the “family” part. When our Roberts Reunion Association set about to update the genealogy in 1981 and again in 2006, we wanted to insure that the new editions were more than names and dates. We researched the lives of William Watson Roberts, a young Englishman who emigrated to America to work in Lowell’s growing textile industry, and of his wife, Nancy Hoyt Bean, born August 8, 1806, in Poplin (now Fremont), New Hampshire, whose father, Obadiah, died about 1828 leaving a widow and

twelve children. Soon thereafter, Nancy, two sisters, and their mother arrived in Lowell, Massachusetts, where the mother became a “house mother” and at least two of the girls worked in the mills. We also included stories about William and Nancy’s children. Five of the boys served in the Civil War. Joseph, a sergeant in Company F, 27<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, was killed in battle at Drury’s Bluff, near Petersburg, Virginia, on May 16, 1864, and my great-grandfather, Charles, was captured as a prisoner of war in the same battle and spend months in the infamous Andersonville Prison. Ham Allen Barnes, husband of Adelaide, one of the Roberts girls, was killed just a month later.

But beyond gathering information on William, Nancy, and their children, we set about contacting their descendants all over the country, becoming acquainted through correspondence (and occasional surprise telephone calls) with many wonderful cousins. Through the project, many descendants who had been lost track of over the years were “rediscovered,” and we were able to include occupations, hobbies, civic activities and additional family stories in what became more than a genealogy but a “celebration of family”.

Although this organization’s name is the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., the tag line on the masthead of *Connecticut Genealogy News* since the Spring 2014 issue has been “For Those Who Pursue Their Family Heritage” because, as members of CSG, many of us are presumably interested to some degree or other in discovering not only names, places, and dates but the heritage of our families. Although you may not be ready to take on a project as ambitious as our Roberts family history, I encourage you to go beyond the pursuit of names and dates. Share with family members not only your ancestor charts, but the stories and lessons of the past and the relevance of the past to their present day lives. Ask your “cousins” to share family stories with you. And consider taking an additional step.

If you’ve prepared -- or are in the process of preparing -- a “Genealogy,” a “Family History,” or even a “Resource Publication,” consider submitting an entry in our annual Literary Awards Contest. If you’re not ready for a project quite so elaborate as these, there is also a “Tell Me Your Family Story” essay contest. This year’s Literary Awards Contest is officially open as of March 15th. All entries must be received by the CSG Office by August 15th to be considered. Winners

will be recognized and awards presented at the Annual Family History Seminar on 15 October 2016. Official rules are included with the entry forms, available on the website at [www.CSG.inc](http://www.CSG.inc). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CSG Office by phone at 860-569-0002 or email at [csginc@csginc.org](mailto:csginc@csginc.org).

As an alternative, consider sharing smaller portions of your family's story through one of CSG's publications. This "magazine," *Connecticut Genealogy News*, is published quarterly: Spring (copy due date January 25), Summer (copy due date April 10), Fall (copy due date July 25), and Winter (copy due date September 25). It features articles relating to genealogical research (e.g., "Researching German Ancestry in Connecticut") and repositories (e.g., "Resources at the Connecticut State Library) as well as book reviews, information about speakers, and other topics. In the "CSG News Central" (blue pages), you'll find news about upcoming seminars, trips and tours, and web site developments. If you have an article that you would like to submit to *Connecticut Genealogy News*, please go to [http://www.csginc.org/csg\\_publications\\_news.php](http://www.csginc.org/csg_publications_news.php), the link for "Guidelines for Magazine Authors".

Our journal, *The Connecticut Nutmegger* is published three times a year: July (copy due date April 15), November (copy due date July 15), and March (copy due date January 15). It contains original articles relevant to, but not limited to, genealogical studies of Connecticut/New England families as well as transcriptions of probate records, Bible/Family records, church records and other archival information. If you are interested in submitting an article, please print out the Guidelines for Authors at [http://www.csginc.org/csg\\_publications\\_nutmegger.php](http://www.csginc.org/csg_publications_nutmegger.php).

If you need assistance in putting your article together, please let us know. We can help!

- Richard Roberts, President

## Editorial

In this issue we are featuring an article by CSG Vice President, Richard Tomlinson, on the history of the Literary Awards contest. What he doesn't say is that it was he that originally proposed the contest which has operated successfully for 20 years!

As many of you know, CSG partnered with FindMyPast last year. This partnership allows our members 50% off the world subscription of FindMyPast.com. FindMyPast has added some great new databases, so I've shared them in this issue.

CSG Governor Justin Piccirillo continues to share with us his *Heritage Humor* and has also provided us with "Sources of Information." To start, we are doing reviews of the current CSG Board of Governors. CSG Members: if you would like to contribute to "Sources of Information," contact the CSG Office. We are also offering a review of the Ancestry Academy by Ancestry.com, submitted by CSG Member Shannon Green and CSG Member Bryna O'Sullivan shines the CSG spotlight on the Town of Middlefield.

On 21 May 2016, CSG will celebrate its 48<sup>th</sup> year and the Annual Meeting will return to the place where its founding meeting was held ... The Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford, CT. This will be an exciting meeting. CHS has a dynamic, new leader, Jody Blankenship. Jody was recruited by CHS after a nationwide search that attracted scores of outstanding applicants. CHS has adopted the mission statement, "Connecting You to the Stories of Connecticut." As part of Jody's initiative to reach out to the broader history and genealogy community, CHS has recently hired Ilene Frank as Chief Curator to unify the library and museum functions and provide greater access to CHS resources. Ilene will be the featured speaker at the CSG Annual Meeting. The CHS research center has great genealogical assets, including the original papers of Donald Lines Jacobus. Following the meeting, attendees will be treated to a guided tour of the research center and museum. Please plan to attend this outstanding event. CHS is easy to reach in Hartford's West End and provides ample, free parking. See page 13 for more information on the Annual Meeting. **Reminder: The Literary Awards presentation has been moved to our Family History Seminar in October.**

Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue and for your continued support of CSG.

- Stephanie Hyland, Editor

## The CSG Literary Awards

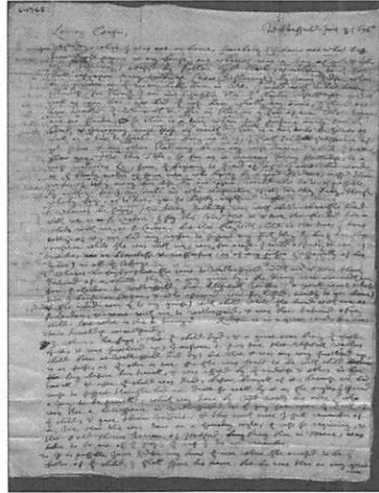
by Richard G. Tomlinson, CSG # 55L

### A Letter

I am sitting here reading a letter that was written 320 years ago. This letter, from the archives of the Connecticut Historical Society, was written by the Reverend Gershom Bulkeley to his nephew, Joseph, on June 3, 1696. Joseph had come up from New London to Wethersfield to tell his uncle, Gershom, about charges against Mercy Holbridge (now Disborough). Not finding Gershom at home, Joseph had left a message, and Gershom's letter was a reply. The charge was that Mercy, who had been a servant in Gershom's household in New London, had gone with him when he had moved to be the minister in Wethersfield, Connecticut. There, it was charged, she gave birth to a baby and killed it. The accusers said that the father was "a very great man" and so the affair was "smothered up." The clear implication was that Gershom was the father.

This was the second attempt on Mercy's life. Four years earlier she had been accused of witchcraft, and was, in fact, the last woman convicted of that charge in Connecticut. Gershom had come to her defense, and Mercy had been reprieved and then pardoned by three judges in Hartford in 1692.

Gershom denied that Mercy had ever come to Wethersfield. There was, he wrote, a servant in his household in Wethersfield that had a child out of wedlock and the baby did die under suspicious circumstances. However, he said, the father was known and had been prosecuted at the time. He sarcastically dismissed the charges (by James Redfin) as a phony attempt to once again try to take Mercy's life. Gershom wrote, "Mr. Redfin hath need to scratch his noodle and bethink himself again and to ask forgiveness from ye God of truth." After refuting Redfin's charges, Gershom expressed disdain for the implications against himself saying, "But I have other fish to fry than to regard ye tattle of malice."



### The CSG Literary Award

What does this have to do with CSG literary awards for genealogy? Well, think about this. This piece of paper reaches out over the centuries and conveys to us information about events in the lives of people long gone that would otherwise be unknown and lost. It also tells us more than just a few dry facts and data. We can feel the emotion and some sense of the personalities of those people. These are no longer static, cardboard figures from the past.

They suddenly become real, animated people. All of this from a yellowed scrap of paper and its quaint, colonial-era handwriting. Think of the endurance of this record.

One of the goals of CSG is the preservation of our heritage and our research into our family histories. Therefore, CSG established in its Bylaws the following statement of purpose and objectives:

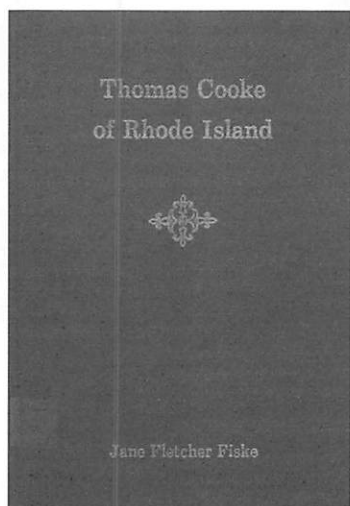
- to encourage and assist in the acquisition, location, preservation and indexing of public and private genealogical records, with emphasis on Connecticut records, and to make such records and collections available to members and to the general public;
- to encourage and instruct members in the technique and practice of genealogical research and compilation;
- to maintain and elevate genealogical standards; and
- to provide instructional and educational programs and publications throughout the year.

In 1987, 19-years after its founding, CSG decided that many of these goals could best be promoted by establishing annual literary awards for publications in genealogy. The purpose of these awards was both to encourage the publication of material and to set, by example, standards of excellence in genealogical research and publication.

The original proposal to the CSG Board was for several categories, but to inaugurate the project, the first contest was narrowly focused. It offered only a reward for a recent genealogy which began with an early New England immigrant and proceeded through time, through all the subsequent descendants. This is a demanding task, but produces a publication of great value to a large number of people, who can connect back through the generations to the initial person. The winner of the first



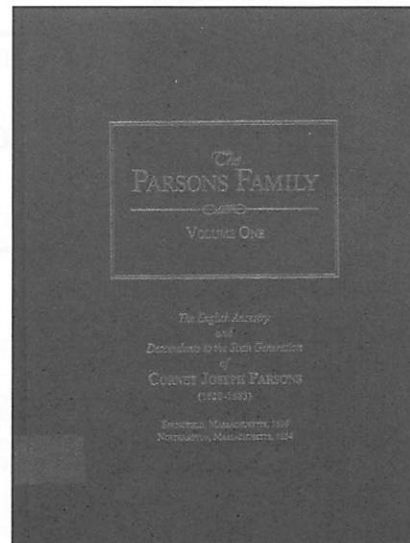
*The porringer is the symbol that represents the grand prize winning entry of the Literary Awards Contest. It is engraved with the year of the contest inside and with the title of the winning entry and the author on the back.*



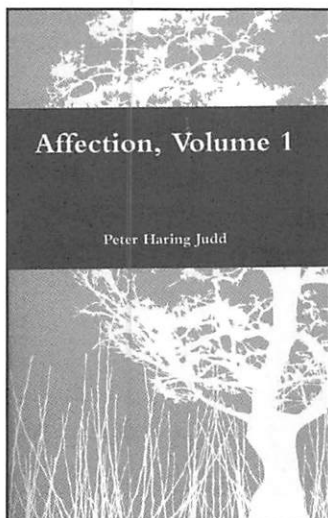
contest was Jane Fletcher Fiske for *Thomas Cook of Rhode Island*, a two-volume set. She was presented with a cash prize, an engraved porringer and a citation at CSG's Annual Meeting of May 1988.

**1988 Literary Awards Contest Winner**

In the second year of the contest, Gerald J. Parsons won the prize with a compiled genealogy, *The Parsons Family: Descendants of Cornet Joseph Parsons Through His Grandson Jonathan Parsons*. Although it did not strictly qualify under the existing rules, *At Rest in Unadilla* by Shirley Goerlich was also given a "Special Award" citation for its contribution to New England heritage. It was clear that the parameters for submission of a publication were too narrow and the rules needed to be changed.



**1989 Literary Awards Contest Winner**



The Literary Awards were expanded and the criteria broadened. The requirement that a genealogy start with an immigrant ancestor was dropped. A Family History category was created and the requirement that authors be CSG members at the time of the award was dropped. Most of us compile our family tree which begins with us and goes back in time to our direct ancestors - parents, grandparents, etc. Such a family history is of great interest primarily to our family and is easier to compile and write than a comprehensive genealogy.

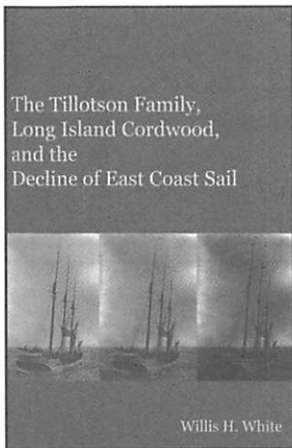
**2009 Family History Winner (left)  
*Affection, Volume 1*  
by Peter Haring Judd**



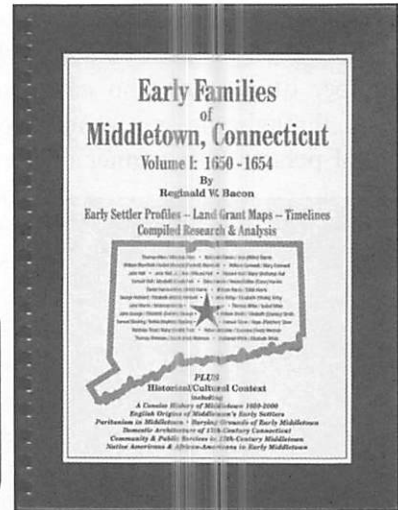
*This pin is awarded to the winners of the Brainerd T. Peck Award for best Family History. The pin depicts the blueberries which he grew on his farm and which he loved so much.*

In 1997, CSG named its Family History Award the “Brainerd T. Peck” Award, in honor of his long service to CSG as President, Board Member and book reviewer.

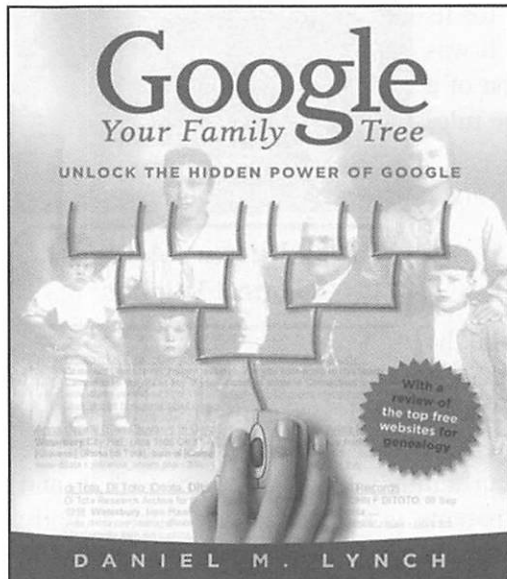
Representative of the entries which won the Family History award were *The Tillotson Family* in 2011 and *The Early Families of Middletown, Connecticut* in 2013.



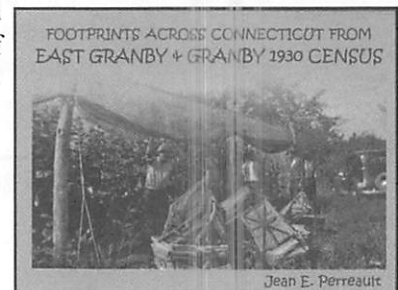
**2011 Family History Winner (left)**  
*The Tillotson Family, Long Island Cordwood, and the Decline of East Coast Sail*  
 by Willis H. White



**2013 Family History Winner (right)**  
*Early Families of Middletown, Connecticut, Volume I: 1650-1654*  
 by Reginald Bacon

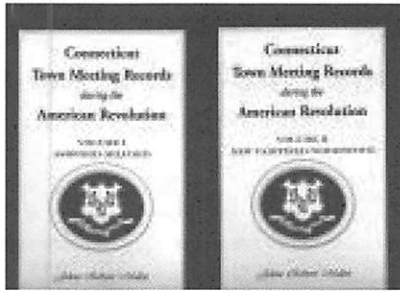


Since many valuable books were being published which did not fit into either the “genealogy” or “family history” categories, a completely new category was established. In 1994, Shirley Goerlich won this “Other” category with *Genealogy: A Practical Research Guide*. This category quickly grew in importance and embraced many aspects of genealogy, including “how-to” books, census records, cemetery records, town records, etc. The category was later officially named “Genealogical Resource.” Daniel M. Lynch won the category with *Google Your Family Tree, Unlock the Hidden Power of Google* in 2009. Jean Perreault won in it 2011 with *Footprints Across Connecticut from the East Granby and Granby 1930 Census*. Jolene Mullen’s *Connecticut Town Meeting Records During the American Revolution*, vols. 1&2, won the category in 2012, showing the versatility of and value of this category.



**2009 Genealogical Resource Winner (above)**  
**2011 Genealogical Resource Winner (right)**





### 2012 Genealogical Resource Winner (above)

#### 2016 Literary Award Contest

For the 2016 Literary Awards Contest, the categories will be “Genealogy,” “Family History” and “Genealogical Resource Publication.” There will be a first place winner in each of the categories. A “Grand Prize” winner will be awarded to the one judged to make the greatest contribution to Connecticut genealogy overall from the three first prizes chosen. In addition, the “Tell Me Your Family Story” essay contest will continue. The essay must be no more than ten pages and may include any aspect of family stories, oral histories, etc. which pertain to the author and have some relevance to New England. Essay writers are encouraged to use their imagination in selecting their topic. Entry forms and contest rules are available on the CSG website at [www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org). Anyone can enter except the library/office staff or current/sitting board members or their families. CSG membership is not required. Entries must be received in the CSG office by July 15, 2016. CDs are acceptable (see the Rules and Regulations). The 2016 prizes will be awarded at the CSG Family History Seminar in October.

#### In Praise of Paper

This brings me back to Gershom Bulkeley’s 1696 letter. While acknowledging the need to accommodate today’s computer environment, I am not really comfortable with entrusting my family history research to electronic archives. Some of us have experienced the mini-disaster of a hard-drive crash and rue our failure to have backed up our data. Other sources of angst include the obsolescence of software and/or hardware. This can result in a minor irritation of reconstructing files or a major

catastrophe of lost data.

I was struck by a passage in the book, *Silicon Snake Oil*, by Clifford Stoll. He noted that he had the responsibility for preserving the data obtained by NASA’s Pioneer spacecraft’s flyby of Saturn in 1979. To make sure that none of this priceless data was lost, it was saved in multiple formats. This included 9-track magnetic tape, 7-track tape, paper tape and punch cards. Fifteen years later all this data was safely stored in a warehouse in Tucson. The trouble was that none of it could be read. The punch-card, magnetic-tape and paper-tape readers no longer existed. Technology moves continuously and makes obsolete once-favored media like floppy disks, Betamax tapes, single-sided disks, etc. and the equipment to read them simply vanishes.

Now, I admit that I distribute my research to fellow family members via CDs. It is simply the easiest way to store and send a large amount of data. However, I am never quite comfortable with this. I am not a Luddite, in fact, I have a PhD in Electrical Engineering and have used computers for work and play my whole life. But, I keep thinking about that 1696 letter and the power and endurance of the written word.

I really encourage all genealogists and family historians to commit their precious research to paper, either by publishing (the preferred method) or by printing out your computer files. You may not envision your work lasting for 300 years, but it might be cool to do so because it just might.



Gershom Bulkeley’s gravestone (above)



## Announcements from FindMyPast.com

*submitted by Jen Baldwin, FindMyPast.com Outreach Manager U.S. & Canada*

### LAUNCH OF 12 MILLION IRISH PARISH REGISTERS

Leading family history site Findmypast announced in February at Rootstech that it will launch 10 million Irish Catholic Parish Registers, one of the most important Irish record collections, in March 2016.

Covering over 200 years from 1671-1900 and over 1,000 parishes, Findmypast has worked to transcribe the National Library of Ireland's online image collection of 3,500 baptism and marriage registers. This is the first time that the collection has been indexed with the images linked online, making the search much easier and the records more accessible. As a result, family historians will now be able to make all important links between generations with the baptism records and between families with the marriage registers. These essential records cover the entire island of Ireland, both Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

Ben Bennett, Executive Vice-President North America and International for Findmypast, said:

*"The Irish Parish Registers will be a gold mine for anyone with Irish heritage. The 10 million baptism and marriage records will help even more people to trace their Irish ancestors. In addition to being able to search this valuable collection, customers with family trees on Findmypast will benefit from leads that automatically connect the records related to their family directly to their trees. The Catholic Parish Registers are a hugely important addition to Findmypast's Irish collection, the largest and most comprehensive source for online Irish family history research."*

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#### **About Findmypast**

Findmypast (previously DC Thomson Family History) is a British-owned world leader in online family history. It has an unrivalled record of online innovation in the field and 18 million registered users across its family of online brands, which includes Lives of the First World War, The British Newspaper Archive and Genes Reunited, amongst others.

Its lead brand, also called Findmypast, is a searchable online archive of over eight billion family history records, ranging from parish records and censuses to migration records, military collections, historical newspapers and lots more. For members around the world, the site is a crucial resource for building family trees and conducting detailed historical research.

In April 2003, Findmypast was the first online genealogy site to provide access to the complete birth, marriage, and death indexes for England & Wales, winning the Queen's Award for Innovation. Since that time, the company has digitized records from across the globe, including major collections from Britain, Ireland, Australia, and the United States. Findmypast, in association with The National Archives, recently launched the 1939 Register, a record of 41 million lives on the eve of World War II.

<http://www.findmypast.com/>

## **LARGEST ONLINE COLLECTION OF U.S. MARRIAGES FROM 1650-2010 - 100 MILLION RECORDS, 450 MILLION+ NAMES**

Leading family history company, Findmypast, announced in February at RootsTech that, in partnership with FamilySearch International, it will launch the single largest online collection of U.S. marriages in history.

Covering 360 years of marriages from 1650-2010, when complete this landmark collection will contain at least 100 million records and more than 450 million names from 2,800 counties across America. More than 60 per cent of these marriage records have never before been published online. When complete, this collection will only be found in its entirety exclusively on Findmypast.

To kick start the collection, Findmypast has launched the first 33 million records of this ambitious project today and is offering them to the public for free from now until 15 February. The records include marriage date, bride and groom names, birthplaces, birth dates, age, residences as well as fathers' and mothers' names. These records have been described by the Foundation for U.S. Genealogical Research as being "second only to the U.S. census as the most valuable resource for US genealogical research". Customers with family trees on Findmypast will benefit from leads connecting relatives on their trees with the marriage records, thus generating a whole new source of research.

Those seeking a bit of star dust will find the marriage records for actors from Bette Davis to Jimmy Stewart, actor-turned-President, Ronald Reagan, founding father Samuel Adams, writers including F. Scott Fitzgerald and John Steinbeck, jazz great Duke Ellington and baseball legend Babe Ruth, to name but a few among the hundreds of millions of names.

Commenting, Annelies van den Belt, CEO, Findmypast said:

*"We are delighted to be working with FamilySearch to bring this hugely important collection online. The launch of the U.S. marriages project is central to our growth strategy in the U.S. The millions of new U.S. records will complement Findmypast's massive collection of British and Irish data allowing us to provide many more connections and a more comprehensive experience to family historians in the US and all over the world."*

Steve Rockwood, CEO of FamilySearch said:

*"We greatly value our close working relationships with our partners and record archives. They enable us as a community to get important records available to family history researchers online much, much faster. The US marriage records agreement with Findmypast is an excellent example. We are delighted to assist making these records available."*

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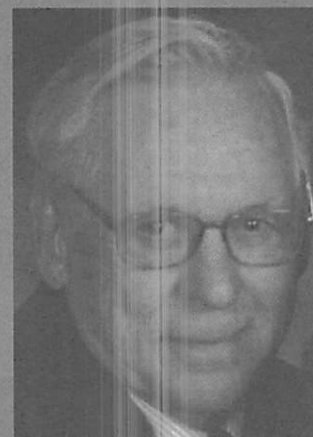
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Findmypast will release millions of marriage records every quarter and aims to complete the entire digitization project by the end of 2017.

# SOURCES of Information

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Dick is a descendant of Henry Tomlinson, an early settler of Milford and Stratford, and is related to CT Governor Gideon Tomlinson. Interested in family history for over 45 years, he is a founder of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. and has served as an officer or governor nearly continuously. He is the creator of the CSG Literary Awards and *Connecticut Genealogy News* and has published several books including *Witchcraft Prosecution: Chasing the Devil in Connecticut*. He is a former vice president of United Technologies and a former senior principal scientist in the UTC Research Labs. In 1985 he founded the Connecticut Research, Inc., a management-consulting firm. He holds a PhD from Ohio State University, an MS from Case-Western Reserve University and an MBA from RPI. He is a senior life member of the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers and a Trustee of the Connecticut Historical Society.



Q.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?**

In the library at the Litchfield Historical Society, I found a book called *Henry Tomlinson and His Descendants in America*, published by Rev. Orcutt in 1880. It traced the Tomlinson from Henry, who came from Derby, CT, in ~1650 to my great-grandfather Giles Hawkins Tomlinson, who “disappeared” to Ohio. I was hooked.

Q.

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

The Orcutt book had an error in the second generation. My direct ancestor was really William Tomlinson who seems to have been a nephew of Henry Tomlinson. I worked out the correct line through quitclaims, and then found that Donald Lines Jacobus had already done it in one of his publications.

Q.

**WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE & WHY?**

I use MyHeritage a lot, although I am usually providing as much information as I am gaining. They do a great job of linking you to people with common ancestors.

Q.

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

In the early days, I spent a lot of time at the Connecticut State Library. It was really exciting to handle the actual Probate Records of ancient ancestors. There was a group that met informally at the library on Saturday mornings. George Williams got us organized so that we could have access to Connecticut vital records and CSG was born on April 20, 1968.

**SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.**

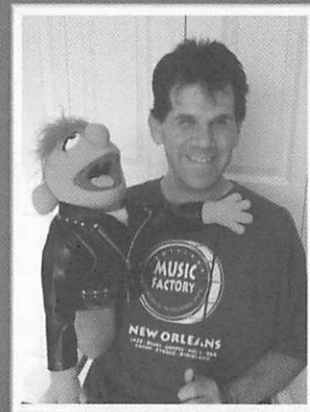
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Justin Piccirillo, *CSG Board of Governors*

Justin is an artist, musician, genealogist, author and educator. His genealogical research began in 1996 and has grown to include over 10,000 names, with over 200 being direct-ancestors. He has researched throughout North America and Europe and has given classes and workshops upon this subject as well.

Justin can be contacted via his website, [www.justinpiccirillo.com](http://www.justinpiccirillo.com).



Q.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?**

I began as a teenager trying to help my grandfather remember names and dates from his war years. I would visit the city library, our City Hall and the National Archives, just to name a few, trying to help him retell his personal journey throughout World War II. Well, as it turned out, his journey led to my journey, so to speak...

Q.

**WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?**

Hands down it is the Meriden Public Library. Fortunately, one of its former librarians was an avid genealogy researcher and kept the shelves lined with valuable genealogy books. Although a lot of my ancestry is now focused overseas, Meriden continues to be one of my first stops.

Q.

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

I have three. *Always cite your sources.* Years ago I received a disk from a distant relative with his family tree upon it. At first glance, it was quite impressive until I noticed there were limited citations. It took me a few years to verify all of that information. Secondly, *share your research.* Make copies. Talk about your relatives to others. Once people see your excitement, they just may get excited, too. And lastly, *have fun.* Enjoy what you do. That alone will make it all worthwhile!

Q.

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

As mentioned, most of my work now is researching overseas either by snail mail or via the Internet. To me, that is my perpetual brickwall. But, I must say that generally I have found that a handwritten letter gets you more than an email will overseas any day. It may take longer, but the results are definitely much greater.

**SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.**

**PERSISTANCE.**

# SOURCES of Information

Lisa Vasas, *CSG Board of Governors*

Born and raised in Bridgeport, Lisa spent ten years in the computer industry, first as a programmer and later as a database administrator before getting the chance to pursue an interest in genealogy that was sparked by a college anthropology class. Her research has taken her to various cities in Connecticut to Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, French Canada and records of the former Austria-Hungary Empire with the promise of Galicia, Poland, Russia and Albania yet to come. In addition to her CSG board and committee positions, Lisa served as liaison for the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium conferences (NERGC) in Portland, ME, Hartford, CT and Manchester, NH.



Q.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?**

It began back as an Anthropology class project back in college where I had to create a pedigree chart (circles and boxes with basic info) for my family. I picked it up again after my son was born and I was laid off from work. I have had to put it aside again until my children are grown enough where I have some more time to devote to the missing ancestors.

Q.

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

I had asked my mother's father about his family. He took me on a road trip down to Middleport, PA, where he grew up and told me stories of his youth as he showed me the area. I took some pictures and notes and recorded on audiotape as much as I could. It was the last trip he took, as he died a little more than three months later from a massive stroke.

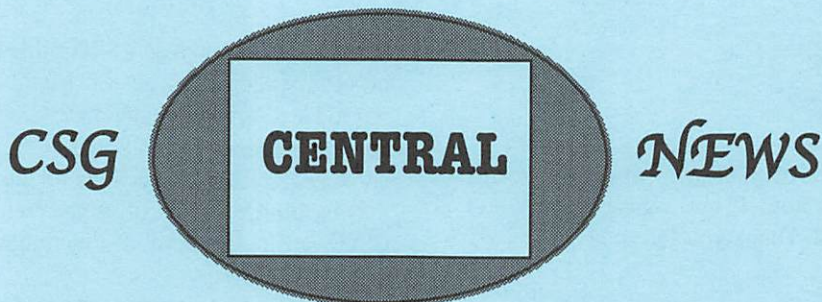
Q.

**WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST BRICKWALL AND HOW/WHAT DID YOU DO TO OVERCOME IT?**

My father's mother's mother disappears from what records I can find around 1910. The 1900 census shows the family together. In 1910, the father is listed as married, but living in a boardinghouse, and the kids are scattered around the state. A few years later, the father remarries, but the marriage certificate does not indicate the status of the first wife and I've not been able to find a death certificate for her in that state or the surrounding ones. Problem still isn't solved.

**SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.**

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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.

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

**SAVE THE DATES** ~ All CSG Events are open to the public, and many are free of charge. These opportunities not only provide helpful knowledge and insights into various aspects of genealogy, but the 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](http://www.csginc.org). Members are reminded to invite their friends and watch this space and/or the CSG website for updated information.

**16-17 April** - Join us in Massachusetts this weekend for the Massachusetts Genealogical Council Seminar.

See flyer on the inside back cover or go to [program@massgencouncil.org](mailto:program@massgencouncil.org) for speakers, topics, location and registration fees. Questions should be directed to the Massachusetts Genealogical Council.

**21 May - CSG 48th Annual Meeting and "Connecting You To History: The Connecticut Historical Society"**

**Location:** Connecticut Historical Society,  
One Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105

**Time:** 11 a.m. Registration  
11:30 a.m. Welcome, Business Meeting  
Noon: Luncheon buffet  
1 p.m. Welcome by the Connecticut Historical Society Executive Director Jody Blankenship and presentation by Chief Curator Ilene Frank  
2 p.m. Tour of CHS Research Center & Museum

**Cost:** \$30

Pre-registration by Friday, 13 May 2016, is required so we can plan appropriately.

**9 July [& three additional Saturdays] -**

**Introduction to Genealogy Summer Classes -**

**Instructor:** Edwin W. Strickland II

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the CSG Library, 175 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT.

The CSG Library will be open from 11 a.m. to Noon for researching.

See page 16 for more information.

**17 September** - "Want to Join the DAR? SAR? Mayflower Society? Early Jamestown Settlers? Patriotic Society Membership requirements: how to apply, benefits, problems you may run into.

**Speaker:** Gregory Thompson

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

**Cost:** FREE but please pre-register by 3 p.m. on 16 September so we may plan appropriately.

**15 October** - Annual Family History Seminar

Join us in welcoming Dick Eastman of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter ([www.blog.eogn.com](http://www.blog.eogn.com)) as the speaker for this year's seminar. He will speak on 4 different topics.

**Topics:** TBA - Watch upcoming issues and the CSG website for updates.

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

**Time:** Registration begins at 8 a.m., speaker begins at 9 a.m.

**Presentation of the 2016 Literary Awards will be in the lunchtime hour.**

**Cost:** \$55 if paid by 30 September 2016, \$60 thereafter. Pre-registration required - PLEASE NO WALK-INS. Deadline to pre-register is Friday, October 7, 2016 unless seats fill up beforehand. Watch the CSG website for updates.

## CSG NEWS

### It's Dues Time Again...

Members, you should have received your dues renewal invoices in the mail by now. If not, please contact the CSG Office at 860-569-0002. Thank you for your continued support of CSG.

If you wish to Reinstate your membership or add a second or more household members, please contact the CSG Office.

The website can only renew continuous memberships with options for just the member or the member + 1 Household Member. This is listed with the membership level you choose. For example, if you are a Sustaining member and want to renew yourself and your spouse, you would pick "Sustaining + 1 Household Member." If you are a Basic member, you would just pick "Basic." Please contact the CSG Office with any questions you may have.

### Are Your Membership Dues Tax Deductible?

In IRS Publication 526 under the second item in the table of contents: "Contributions You Can Deduct," subsection, "Contributions From Which You Benefit"

[[https://www.irs.gov/publications/p526/ar02.html#en\\_US\\_2015\\_publink1000229650](https://www.irs.gov/publications/p526/ar02.html#en_US_2015_publink1000229650)], it states:

"**Membership fees or dues.** You may be able to deduct membership fees or dues you pay to a qualified organization. However, you can deduct only the amount that is more than the value of the benefits you receive...."

While CSG is a qualifying organization, the membership dues alone is not in excess of your member benefits. For more information go to the website above.

### NERGC Update

"Using the Tools of Today and Tomorrow to Understand the Past" is the theme of the 2017 New England Regional Genealogical Consortium conference to be held at the Mass-Mutual Convention Center in Springfield, Massachusetts from 26-29 April 2017. E-zine #1 is available on the NERGC website. It introduces the conference theme, the Tri-Chairs, and one of the featured speakers among other items of interest. The E-zines will keep you up to date as planning for the conference continues.

For more information on the conference, go to [www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org). You can also visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NERGC> or their blog site at <http://nergc.blogspot.com>.

### FindMyPast Update

FindMyPast.com has just added a wealth of information to

their database (see pages 8-9 of this issue) and are in the process of adding more! CSG Members can get 50% off their world subscription. Contact the CSG Office for the discount code (members can also find it by signing in to the CSG website). The link for instructions for signing up, which includes the discount code) is on your Welcome page). Watch the CSG website for more information under Latest News.

### FamilyTree Maker Software Update

Good news for users of Family Tree Maker software!

Since Ancestry.com announced recently that they would discontinue support of the Family Tree Maker software, many of you have been inquiring about other software that can do what FamilyTree Maker did. Unfortunately, we didn't have an answer. Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter had an article on it and we referred you there.

"We are happy to announce that Software MacKiev is acquiring the Family Tree Maker software line as publisher for both Mac and Windows versions. Read the entire announcement on the Ancestry blog." This was stated on <http://www.familytreemaker.com>. Click on the two-word phrase "Ancestry blog" and it becomes the link to the announcement. Or, you can go to: <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2016/02/02/good-news-for-users-of-family-tree-maker> to read the entire announcement.

### RootsMagic Update

Software MacKiev, the new publisher of Family Tree Maker, has made an agreement with RootsMagic, a leading genealogy desktop software publisher, to connect Ancestry with the RootsMagic software by the end of 2016. With this new relationship, RootsMagic can serve as your desktop family tree software, while having access to Ancestry hints, Ancestry searches, and the ability to save your tree on Ancestry. For more information, see <http://www.rootsmagic.com/Ancestry/default.aspx>.

### Upcoming Family Renuion

The Harlow Family reunion for descendants of Sergeant William Harlow (1624/5-1691) will be held 27-28 August 2016 in Plymouth, MA. Events are planned for the weekend at the Beal House and Harlow Old Fort House. For more information, visit the family website at <http://www.harlow-family.com>.

### About the Cover

Think Spring! The photo on the cover is the Spring snow-melt running over Wadsworth Falls located in Middlefield, CT, our Spotlight Town in this issue (see page 18).

Source: Google Images



# CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS 48<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL MEETING

21 MAY 2016

Connecticut Historical Society  
One Elizabeth Street  
Hartford, CT 06105

**11:00 a.m. REGISTRATION**

Enjoy camaraderie with your fellow genealogists.

**11:30 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING**

President's Welcome & Annual Report  
Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting by the Secretary  
Treasurer's Annual Report  
Election of Officers

**NOON BUFFET LUNCHEON**

**1:00 p.m. PROGRAM**

Welcome by CHS Executive Director Jody Blankenship  
Presentation by Chief Curator Ilene Frank:  
"Connecting You To History: The Connecticut Historical Society"

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**CSG 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Annual Meeting - 21 May 2016**

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## Introduction to Genealogy with Edwin W. Strickland II

**- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -**

Summer Saturday Classes beginning July 9, 2016  
from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

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

**Cost:** \$20 per session

### **Pre-registration Deadline: July 1, 2016**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> - 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 16<sup>th</sup> - Session 2:** Vital Records; Bible Records; Church Records;  
Cemetery Records

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Session 3:** Census Records; City Directories; Newspapers

**July 30<sup>th</sup> - Session 4:** Internet Resources and Genealogy Software.

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## Review of Ancestry Academy

*by Shannon Green, CSG# 20454*

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Ancestry Academy:  
<https://www.ancestry.com/academy>

The new *Ancestry Academy* offers sleek, self-paced, information-packed courses taught by highly skilled specialists.

Ancestry Academy launched in April 2015 as “a new educational website that offers exclusive, high-quality video courses taught by genealogy and family history experts.”<sup>1</sup> These courses are similar to webinars in that they are about 30-60 minutes long and have a singular focus. They currently have a collection of 39 courses divided into the following categories:

- ~ *Ancestry Products* (13 courses)
- ~ *Records* (13 courses)
- ~ *Methodology & Skills* (8 courses)
- ~ *Localities & Ethnic Research* (5 courses)

The *Ancestry Products* courses as well as a few others are free. If you want access to the rest of their collection, monthly subscriptions are \$11.99 and automatically renew. However, there is an option to disable the automatic renewal.

Some courses are basic, but others go into a level of detail appropriate for more seasoned genealogists. Judy Russell offers a probate course where she meticulously explains the process and the records created when

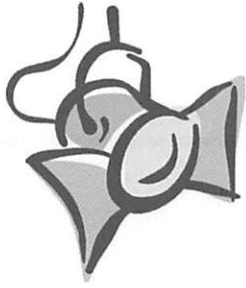
someone dies. Rick Sayre delves into the homestead records and his case studies demonstrate the different types of records that are available for residents in one area.

The courses are well organized and broken down into several small segments. Each segment is further broken down into an introduction, the body of the presentation, and a conclusion. The division into small segments enables you to easily step away from the computer and return to the course without losing your place. At the end of the course, you have the option to take a mastery test to ensure you understood the concepts. The length of the course depends on the topic.

Resources are available for each course; these are similar to a handout for a webinar or presentation. You need to look for these and download them, as they are very informative. Although speakers highlight the available resources on the Ancestry product suite, they also provide resource suggestions and links outside of the Ancestry product line.

The professionally edited videos are visually engaging. Unlike a live presentation or webinar, there are no stumbles or off-the-cuff comments. Everything is well scripted. The slides all utilize the same simple, professional template and the multiple camera angles really make the video appealing. Unlike with a live speaker, there is no opportunity for questions.

The topics are currently limited, but Ancestry Academy will add new courses monthly. Learn about new record groups, research ethnicities and methodologies using this excellent venue.



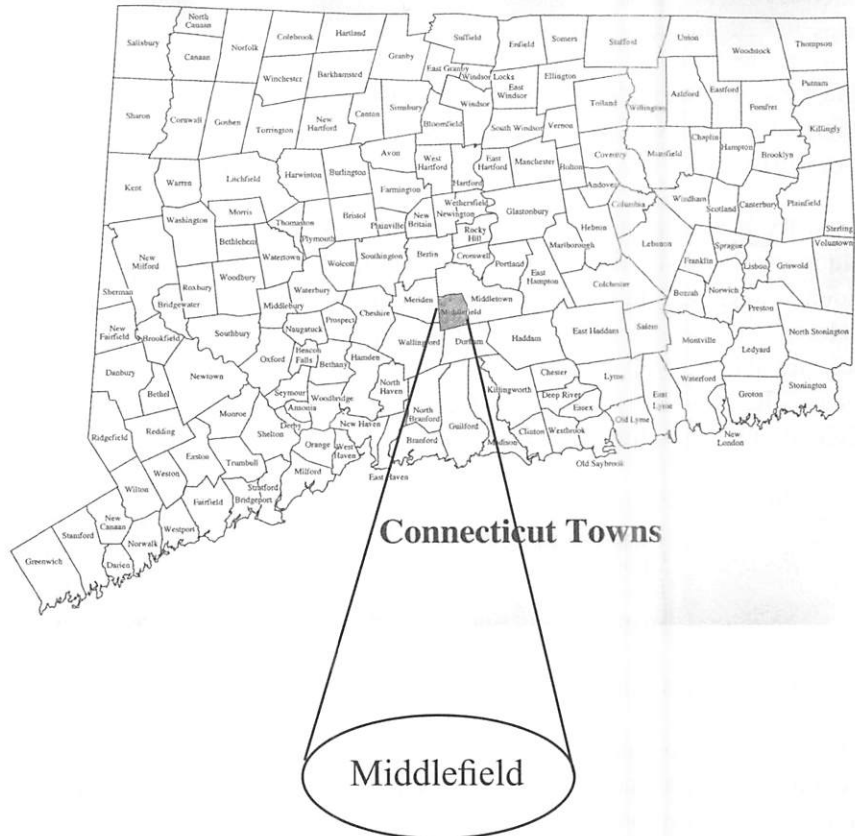
# Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities



## Spotlight on Middlefield

by Bryna O'Sullivan,  
CSG # 20006

With an official foundation date of 1866, Middlefield would appear to be one of Connecticut's "newer" towns. However, this small farming community began life as part of Middletown almost a century earlier. Farmers who found the trip to Middletown too long petitioned for and received their own parish in 1743. That Congregational parish was followed by a Methodist one. The two churches have been united since 1921.



An active farming community throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth century, Middlefield saw an influx of immigrants in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. In a response to this new Catholic population, the mission church of St. Colman was opened in 1890.



Today, Middlefield is a suburban community. It is best known for Lyman Orchards, an orchard and golf course complex.

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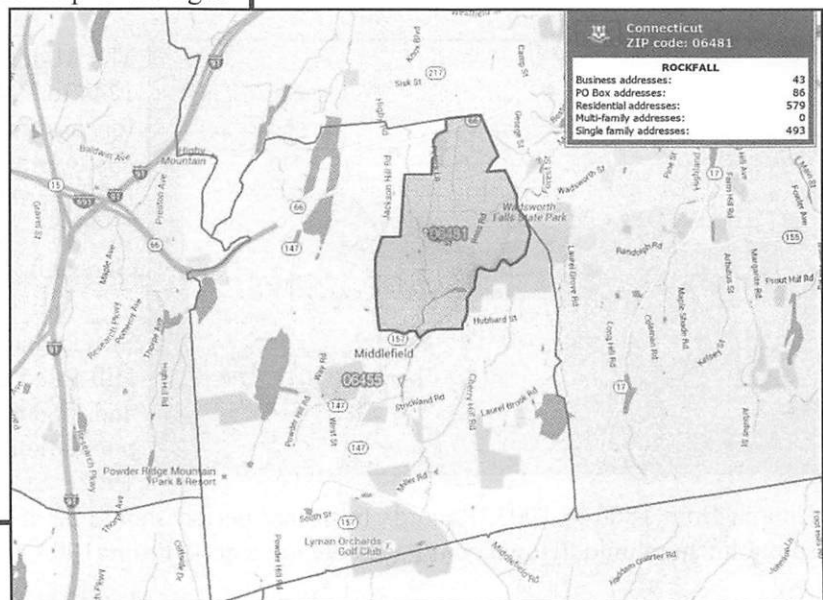
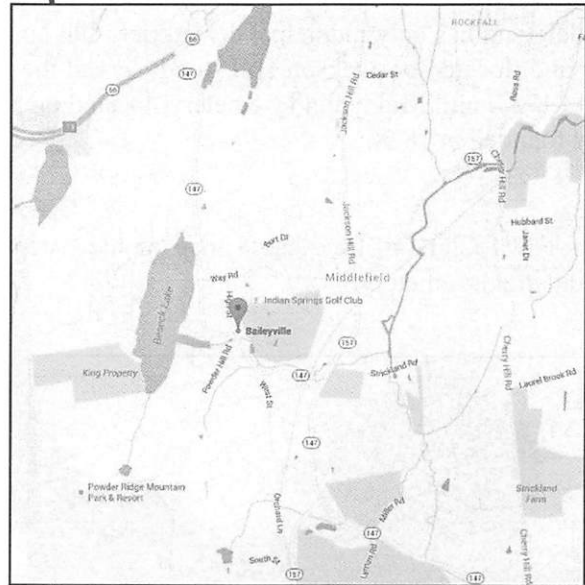
As with other towns we have seen, Middlefield is made up of smaller communities.

**Beseck Lake** is a body of water that is less than a mile long and about a quarter mile wide on the western side of Middlefield. The lake was formed around 1848 when a group of local entrepreneurs, forming the Middlefield Reservoir Company, dammed the Beseck River and converted Wild Cat Swamp in the Beseck Lake to provide power for saw, grist and cider mills in the area. An interesting fact, according to the Town Times Community Guide, is that the dam was built with local sandstones. "When the builders discovered that the stones contained dinosaur footprints, they laid the stones out in such a way that it looked as though the dinosaurs were traversing the dam." The dam was rebuilt in 1938 and the footprints disappeared. The dam has been rebuilt twice and raised by five feet each time. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection owns the lake and dam today. The Beseck Lake community is ideal for vacations, weekend retreats and country homes.

**Baileyville** is another Middlefield community. Though pictured on the map, shown above, no information could be found concerning it. Baileyville Road runs the length of Connecticut State Route 147 after the junction of Connecticut State Route 157 and Connecticut State Route 66.

**Powder Hill** is probably best known today as "Powder Ridge" ski area which opened in 1959. The name was changed to Powder Ridge in 1970. Powder Hill Road and the Powder Ridge Mountain are also on the map to the right shown just slightly to the south and west of Baileyville.

**Rockfall** is located in the northeastern portion of Middlefield. Part of Wadsworth Falls State Park falls within its bounds. The map to the right shows the portion of Middlefield that is Rockfall. The section of land is populated enough to rate its own zip code. Data & Demographics as of July 1, 2015 list Rockfall as having 1,524 residents. Again, not much information could be found.



**Cemeteries:**

Middlefield has only municipal cemeteries. Old North Burying Ground, located on Jackson Hill Road, served the community from 1737 until Middlefield Cemetery, located on Main Street, was founded in 1828.

The Town Clerk's office has a map of the recent burials in Middlefield Cemetery.



**Old North Burying Ground (above)**



**~ Middlefield Cemetery above  
~ Obelisk marker in Middlefield  
Cemetery right**



**Churches:**

Middlefield Federated Church (<http://www.mfct.com/home.shtml>) - [see below], located on Main Street, has served Middlefield's Methodist and Congregational populations since 1921. As the congregation resulted from a merger of the town's Methodist (founded about 1790) and Congregational (founded about 1743) churches, records should date back to the 1700s.

The Middlefield Congregational Church records from 1744 to 1940 have been microfilmed and are available for use in the Connecticut State Library's (CSL), History and Genealogy reading room or through LDS Family History Centers according to Richard C. Roberts, former head of the CSL History and Genealogy Unit.



St. Colman Church, located on the corner of Cherry Hill Road and Hubbard Street, was dedicated in 1886 and opened in 1890 to serve a growing Catholic population. It has operated on its present site since 1962. St. Colman was a mission of St. John's Church from 1886 to 1903. Records from that period should be at St. John Church, Middletown (<http://www.saintjohnchurchmiddletown.com/Pages/default.aspx>). From 1903 to 1960, the church was a mission of St.

Francis, Middletown. Period records are held there (<http://www.saintfrancisofassisi.com/>). After 1960, the church held its own records, becoming an independent parish in 1965. Records from 1960 on are held in the yoked parish office at the Church of Notre Dame, Durham (<http://www.churchofnotredame.org>).

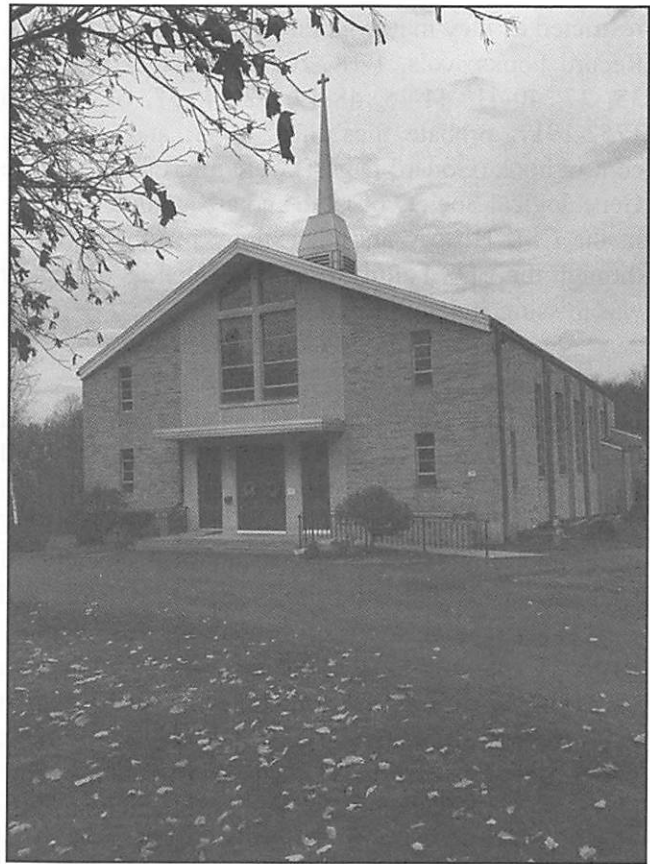
Victory Christian Church (<http://www.vcconline.org/>), located on Meriden Road, is the community's most recent addition.

**Historical Society:**

Middlefield Historical Society, housed in the Community Center at 405 Main Street, has an extensive local history collection. The collection includes a transcription of the headstone epigraphs for Old North Cemetery, many of which are no longer readable. The Historical Society is accessible only by appointment. While it does have a phone number, it is often best to contact board members directly. Connect with them by contacting the Coe Library or the Town Clerk's Office.

**Library:**

Middlefield's Levi E. Coe Library (<http://www.leviecoe.com>), located on Main Street, has a small local history collection focused on general histories of the area.



**St. Colman Church**

**Newspapers:**

*The People's Press Online* paper, according to its website, [www.peoplespressnews.com](http://www.peoplespressnews.com), "is a newspaper serving Wallingford, Meriden and all of Central Connecticut. We are all about YOU - share your news, events, photos and more. Visit The People's Press Main Site at [www.peoplespressnews.com](http://www.peoplespressnews.com) to read the paper in image form or pdf form, Local Links and submit stories and photos."

*The Town Times* according to [www.towntimes.com](http://www.towntimes.com) is a "Weekly community newspaper servicing Durham, Middlefield and Rockfall with local news, photos, and events."



**Probate:**

Middlefield has been part of the Middletown Probate District since June 1966. According to Richard Roberts, the Probate Court Record Books and probate files from 1933 to the present are at the Middletown Probate Court, Court Street, Middletown. Earlier probate files are in the State Archives at the CSL but files from 1921-1932 are

restricted as they may contain confidential documents. Record books, vols. 1-18, 20, 22, 24-25, 28, 32-33, 35, 37, 40-41, 44-46, 48-49, 52-54, 57, 61, 64, 66 1752-1917; probate files, 1752-1932; and inventory control book (Godard Digest) were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and are available for use in the CSL History and Genealogy reading room or through the LDS Family History Centers. Volume 29 was missing and not filmed.

### Town Clerk:

Land and vital records recorded since 1866 are held by the Town Clerk in the Town Offices, Jackson Hill Road. The Middlefield land records from 1866-1933 and a general index to land records from 1866 to 1947 were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and are available for use in the CSL History and Genealogy reading room or through the LDS Family History Centers. Prior records are held in Middletown City Hall, Dekoven Drive, Middletown. Middletown land records from 1654-1909 and a general index from 1654 to 1855 have been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and are available for use in the CSL History and Genealogy reading room or through the LDS Family History Centers.

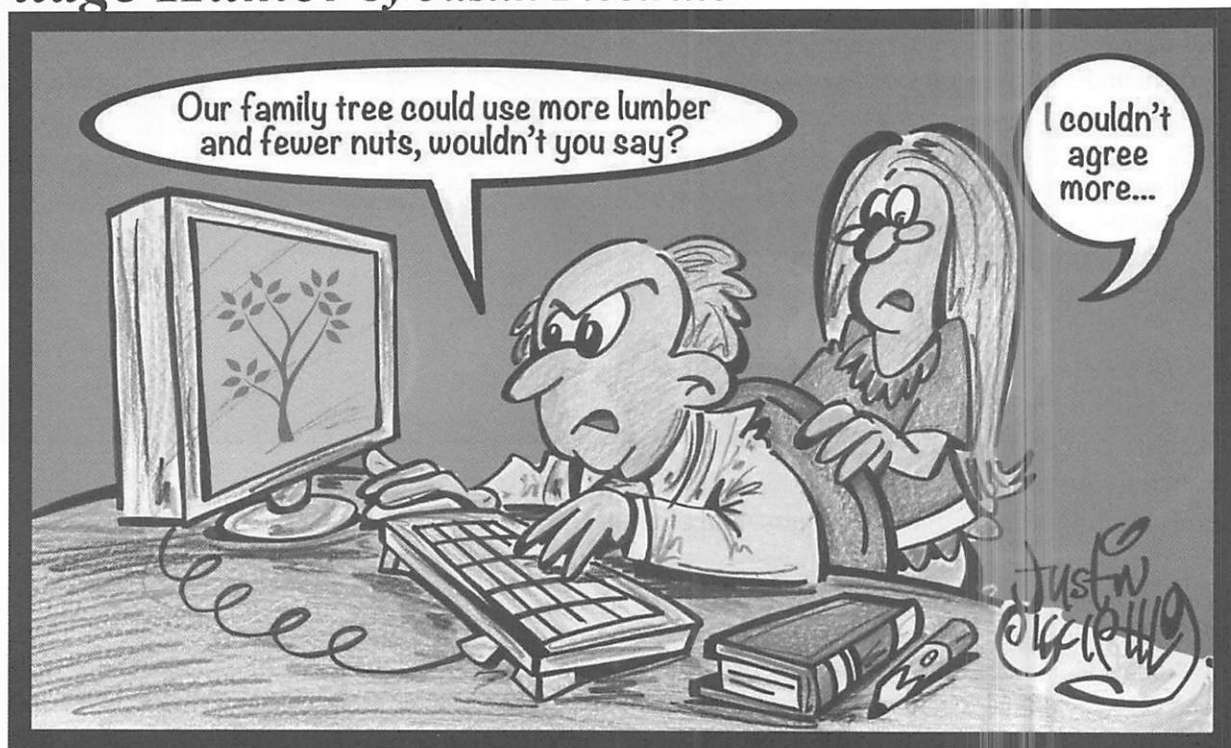
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***The Descendants of Elder William Brewster, Mayflower Families, Part 1, Generations 1-4, Volume 24* by Barbara Lambert Merrick and edited by Scott Andrew Bartley. Published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, P.O. Box 3297, Plymouth, MA 02360, 2014. 6 ¼ x 9 ¼, hardcover, ISBN 0-930270-38-1, 446 pages plus 8 addition pages, not numbered, entitled "Notes." Order directly from the publisher at Attn: Judith H. Swan, Director Silver Books Project, 1600 Dutch Ridge Road SE, New Lexington, OH, 43764-9076 or by calling 508-746-3297. Email orders accepted at: [onepilgrim1620@gmail.com](mailto:onepilgrim1620@gmail.com). Cost is \$60 plus S&H.**

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***The Descendants of Governor Thomas Welles of Connecticut and His Wife Alice Tomes, Volume 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Volume 2, Part A, Volume 2, Part B*, by Barbara Jean Mathews with the assistance of Nancy Pexa. Published by the Welles Family Association, Attn: Marty Partridge, 117 Longvue, Wethersfield, CT 06103, 2015. 6 ½ x 9 ½, hardcover; Vol. 1: ISBN 978-1-312-8749-4, 659 pages; Vol. 2, Part A: ISBN 978-1-312-89008-4, 598 pages; Vol. 2, Part B: ISBN 978-1-312-89029-9, 1293 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the address above or email [martypart@juno.com](mailto:martypart@juno.com). Orders may also be placed with the author at: Barbara Mathews, P.O. Box 399, Lexington, MA 02420-0004, email at: [bmathewz@gmail.com](mailto:bmathewz@gmail.com). Cost is \$144 list price (or \$115.20 discounted pricecheck when ordering) plus S&H.**

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***Historic Woodbridge, An Historic and Architectural Resource Survey, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.*, edited by Sheila McCreven. Published by Essex Printing, Centerbrook, CT and the Town of Woodbridge, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, 2015. 8 ½ x 11, softcover. Order directly from Stephanie Ciarlegio, Town Clerk and Second Edition Project Director, at the above address or call 203-389-3424 or email [sciarlegio@woodbridgect.org](mailto:sciarlegio@woodbridgect.org). Cost is \$45 plus S&H.**

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***Soldier, Engraver, Forger: Richard Brunton's Life on the Fringe in America's New Republic*** by Deborah Child. Published by Puritan Capital, Hollis, NH through the efforts of the New England Historical Genealogical Society (NEHGS), Boston, MA, 2015. 6 x 9, softcover, LCCN 2015936107, 136 pages. Order directly from NEHGS at <http://shop.americanancestors.org/products> (to find on the site, type the title right on the words that say "Bookstore Search" near the shopping cart icon. Then click the

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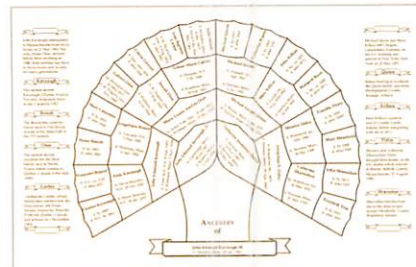
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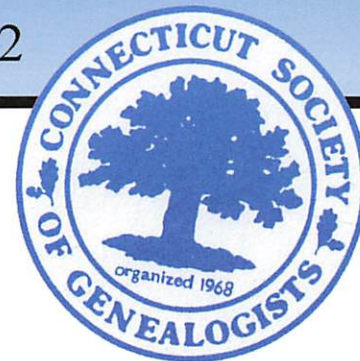
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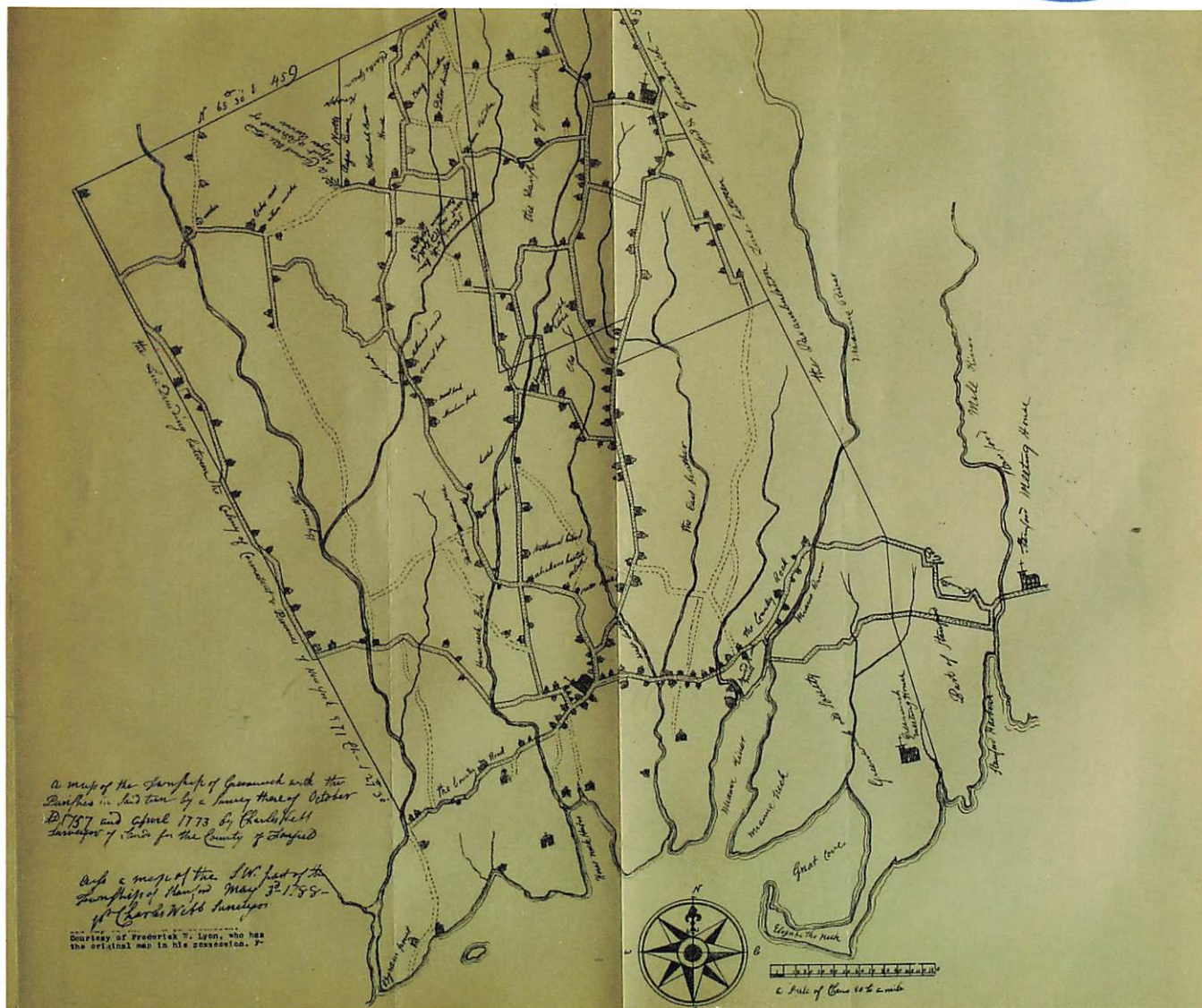
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Gregory Thompson is a professional genealogist specializing in Mayflower and Lineage Society membership. He is currently the State Registrar for the Sons of the American Revolution. The Historian for the Elder William Brewster Society, the Deputy Governor General and Archivist for the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants and also serves on the technology and membership committees for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Currently the Archivist and Senior research specialist at the Old Saybrook Historical Society. Greg is a member of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council and belongs to many Historical and Genealogical Societies around the country including the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. where he once served on the Board of Governors as Treasurer.

*See the Calendar of Events on page 13 or visit the CSG website for more information.*

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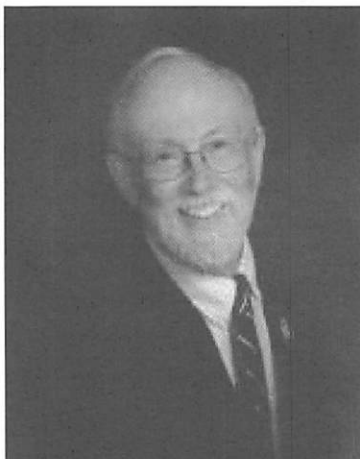
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## President's Message



Although this is the "Summer" issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News*, it is being prepared in early April in order for it to be distributed in time to bring you updates on some exciting programs, the first of which is coming up very soon.

For its Annual Meeting and 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 21, CSG returns to the

Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford, the site of its founding meeting back in 1968. Founded in 1825, from its inception the Connecticut Historical Society has collected manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and objects relating to the history of Connecticut. Housed initially over a store at 124 Main Street in Hartford and later in a room at the Wadsworth Atheneum, since the early 1950s CHS has been at 1 Elizabeth Street, the former home of industrialist Curtis Veeder, in Hartford's West End. Permanent exhibits include "Making Connecticut," about the history of Connecticut, and "Inn & Tavern Signs," the largest such collection in the country. There are also galleries for temporary exhibitions, including "Clocks: Objects of Art, Keepers of Time," which runs through June 11.

The Society's Waterman Research Center provides access to books (including printed genealogies, local histories, and Connecticut city directories), church records, cemetery inscriptions as well as historical documents, photographs, maps, and more. The manuscripts collections include the papers of such well known Connecticut genealogists as Lucius B. Barbour, Homer Worthington Brainard, Julius Gay, and Donald Lines Jacobus.

Both the Museum and the Research Center are open Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 5:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

We hope you'll plan to attend our May 21 meeting at this outstanding venue. Check-in and a time for visiting begins at 11:00 a.m., with our annual business meeting starting at 11:30. Following a noon buffet luncheon catered by Bart's Catering of Windsor, consisting of breaded chicken (no breading available if requested when you make your registration), macaroni salad and tossed salad, water, coffee and tea, and dessert, we will be formally welcomed by the

Connecticut Historical Society's Executive Director Jody Blankenship at 1:00 p.m., followed by a presentation by CHS's new Chief Curator Ilene Frank. Beginning around 2 p.m., we'll be treated to a tour of the Research Center and Museum. A reminder that the cost is \$30, and pre-registration by Friday, 13 May 2016 is required. CHS is easy to reach in Hartford's West End and provides ample, free parking. To register for the May 21 meeting, see the program announcement on page 15.

This July we are again offering genealogy classes led by Edwin W. Strickland II. For more information, see page 16.

For our Annual Family History Seminar in October, we're trying something a bit different. Rather than having four different speakers, we've invited Dick Eastman, publisher of the popular *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, to join us for the entire day at the Four Points Sheridan, Meriden. Dick will be giving four presentations: "The Organized Genealogist," "Using World Cat to Find Genealogy Books," "Privacy Concerns for Genealogists to Consider," and "Genealogy Searches on Google." This will be a unique opportunity to hear Dick Eastman share his vision of the future to improve our picture of the past. Registration information is on the inside back cover. The day will also include the 2016 Literary Awards presentations, which this year have been moved from the May Annual Meeting to the October Seminar.

As always, we encourage feedback from you, our members. Please let us know what speakers and types of programs are of special interest to **you** so that we, your governing Board, can consider your ideas as we plan for the year ahead. - **Richard C. Roberts, President**

## Editorial

In this issue we remember, Thomas F. Howard, a very dear friend and Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. supporter, who passed away in February of this year. Tom, you will be missed. Thank you Diane LeMay for writing the memorial article.

Thank you to Richard C. Roberts for keeping us informed with yet another resource at the Connecticut State Library and to Shannon Green for the Spotlight on Greenwich. Thank you to Justin Piccirillo for your Heritage Humor and Sources of Information.

If anyone has helpful information on a genealogical resource or would like to write a Spotlight on a Connecticut Town article, please contact the CSG publications editor, Stephanie Hyland at the CSG Office for more information.

- **Stephanie Hyland, Editor**

## In Memoriam of Thomas F. Howard (18 Nov. 1938 – 28 Feb. 2016)

*by Diane LeMay, CSG # 7571*

We lost a dear member of our genealogy family on Sunday, February 28. We, the members of the CSG Board of Governors, join everyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting Tom in sending sincere sympathy to his wife Virginia and his family.

Thomas F. Howard, a Connecticut native, was born in Hartford to the late Timothy and Mary Jane (Devlin) Howard. He lived in East Granby for nearly 40 years and was very active in many groups and committees, especially the Jaycees, the Land Trust and in the Historical Society, serving twice as its President. He and Virginia assisted in the restoration of an historical East Granby cemetery.

A member of CSG since 1978, Tom loved history and genealogy so much that he became a professional genealogist and formed a business with Virginia called Search Skeletons and Heirs. Tom enjoyed speaking about genealogy, especially about Irish Genealogy and techniques for solving difficult “brick wall” problems. Because he had been a teacher of history at Suffield High School for many years, Tom knew just how to capture his audience. I heard him lecture about ledger books from colonial days, building the story in such a way that made the businessmen and farmers who authored the ledgers come alive.

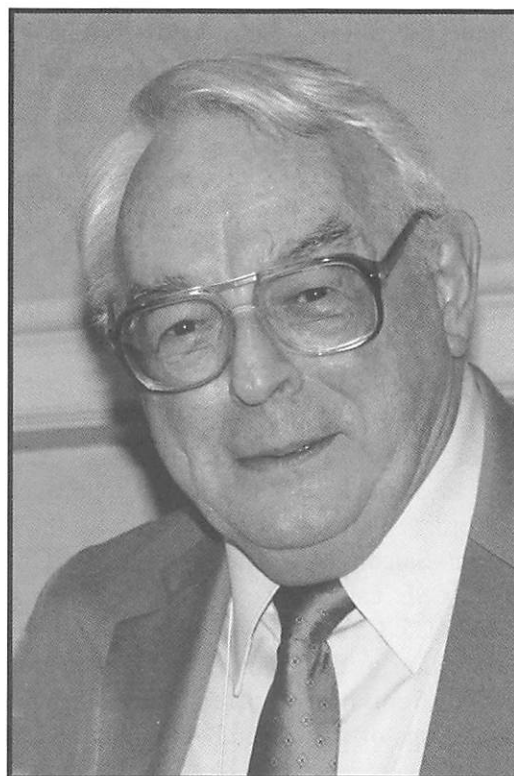
Tom gave much to everyone in the genealogy community. He was seldom too busy to lend a hand. He took part in genealogy road shows for the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council. He served on the CSG Board from 2004-2008 and was Vice President for the 2007-2008 year. He was active on the Government Relations Committee and worked when the need arose to ensure access, the loss of which is always a threat to the genealogical community, to vital records. Tom had performed countless hours of outstanding volunteer services to the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc., serving multiple terms on its Executive Board as President and as Co-Chair for the 2007 NERGC Conference in Hartford. He was

recognized with the NERGC Donna Holt Siemiakoski Volunteer Award in 2009.

In recent years Tom spoke at the Simsbury Free Library. The staff of SFL found him to be an “engaging speaker, eager to share his vast knowledge of genealogy research and history.” He spoke on “Personal Papers, Account Books and Diaries,” “Mysteries of the Smallpox Cemetery in East Granby, CT,” and “Irish Genealogy.” These three wonderful lectures were recorded and may be viewed at [http://simsburytv.org/tag/free\\_library](http://simsburytv.org/tag/free_library).

Tom will be remembered throughout New England’s genealogy community for all that he did to educate us, to inspire us to stay actively involved in historical and genealogical societies and to strive to keep open access to records on all levels.

Memorial donations may be made to the East Granby Public Library, East Granby Land Trust, or the East Granby Historical Society.



## Revolutionary War Sources at the Connecticut State Library

by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680

Perhaps you're trying to confirm the military service of a Revolutionary War ancestor. Or perhaps you're trying to discover whether your ancestor provided some sort of non-military service on behalf of the Patriot cause. You might even be trying to track down a Loyalist ancestor. You've already checked some of the standard published sources:

*Lists and Returns of Connecticut Men in the Revolution, 1775-1783*, Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, Volume 12. Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 1909 [CSL call number History Reference F 91 .C7 v. 12]. This title is also available digitally on Google books and as a database on Ancestry.com as *Connecticut Revolutionary War Military Lists, 1775-83* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999.

Mullen, Jolene Roberts. *Connecticut Town Meeting Records During the American Revolution*. Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2011 [CSL call number History Reference E 263 .C5 M55 2011]. Two volumes: Vol. 1, Ashford-Milford; Vol. 2., New Fairfield-Woodstock. Both volumes may be purchased on Amazon.com.

*Non-military Service in the Revolutionary War from Extracts of Connecticut Town Council Meetings, 1774-1784*. 2 vols. Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution, 1965 [CSL call number History Reference E 263 .C5 1965].

*Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the I, War of the Revolution, II, War of 1812, III, Mexican War*. Originally published Hartford: Adjutant-General's Office, 1889. Reprint Salem, MA: Higginson Book Co., 1996 [CSL call number History Reference E 263 .C5 C5 1996]. As described in the introduction to the volume, this compilation derived from many sources, including the proceedings of the General Assembly and of

the Governor and Council; the *Connecticut Archives* and *Trumbull Papers* (see below); State Comptrollers' accounts; orderly books kept by Connecticut officers during the war; and miscellaneous letters, diaries, and other Revolutionary era materials held by the State Library, the Connecticut Historical Society, and other libraries and societies. However, the individual rosters, payrolls, etc. within the volume do not have citations to those original sources. There is an index in the back of the volume and a slip index in the Archives/Secured Collections Research Area within the History and Genealogy Reading Room. *Record of Service* is available online through Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/index.php>) and the HathiTrust Digital Library (<https://www.hathitrust.org/>) at no cost. The Revolutionary War portion of this set is also available online at Ancestry.com as *Connecticut Men in the Revolutionary War* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2003.

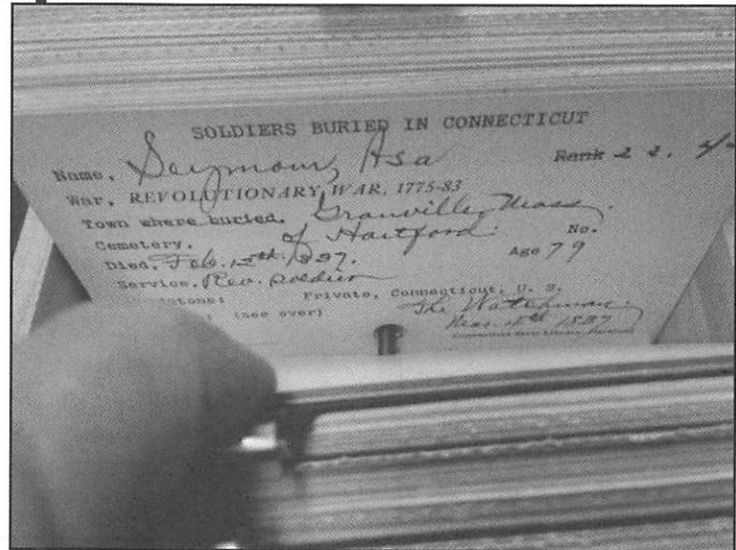
*Rolls and Lists of Connecticut Men in the Revolution, 1775-1783*, Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, Volume 8. Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 1901 [CSL call number History Reference F 91 .C7 v. 8]. Transcripts of documents, citing original sources. Includes index. A reprint edition is available from Heritage Books.

You may have even checked the *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900* (NARA microfilm publication M804, online at Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest, or Fold 3. Where else might you look? The Connecticut State Library holds a "treasure trove" of lesser-known materials relating to the role of Connecticut and its residents in the Revolutionary War. Some of those treasures are described below, but this listing is not exhaustive so be sure to also consult the Library's catalog and research guides for additional materials.



**MATERIALS WITHIN THE HISTORY AND GENEALOGY READING ROOM*****The Veterans Deaths and Burials Index.***

Located in the History and Genealogy Index Corridor, this index includes information on deceased veterans who served from Connecticut in colonial times through the Vietnam era. Although not complete, it does include the names of many who served in the Revolutionary War. The cards may provide all or some of the following information: veteran's name, war in which he or she served, date of death, place of death, town and cemetery where buried, age, branch of service, and, in some cases, the name of the military unit. Cards are arranged into three groups: **Connecticut Veterans' Deaths**, arranged alphabetically by the soldier's name; **Connecticut Veterans' Burials**, arranged alphabetically by town; **Veterans**, listed chronologically by war, and then alphabetically by veteran's name.



***The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut and the Public Records of the State of Connecticut. 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 and were microfilmed as part of *Records of the States of the United States*. The films are housed in microfilm cabinets in the State Library's History and Genealogy Reading Room with the call number F 91 .C865. Between 1850 and 1890 they were published in 15 volumes as *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, available in the History and Genealogy Reading Room. The volumes are also available on the Web as Colonial Connecticut Records, <http://www.colonialct.uconn.edu/>.

To search the full text 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](http://www.HeritageBooks.com).

***The Public Records of the State of Connecticut.***

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 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 F 91 .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*. The most recent volume to be published is Volume 21, covering 1821-1822. 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.

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Seymour, Anna, Norwalk	petition, 1779	-----	XV:265d
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"	"	"	XIX:76c, 78b
"	Asa, priv.	allowed depreciation of wages, 1780	-----
"	"	"	Conn. line, 1781-82 -----
"	"	"	XXX:3p
"	"	"	Hartford, bounty before 1780 -----
"	"	"	XXX:19b, 85c
"	"	(A) " receipt for wages, June 1781	----- XXV:23b
"	Ashbel,	account of clothing for army, 1778	----- XXXV:209b
"	"	priv. Wethersfield, Lexington alarm, 1775	----- IIB:14b
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"	"	Wethersfield, service, 1776	----- XXXI:16a, 17, 18a
"	Charles,	account	----- XII:229
"	"	"	for carting, 1781
"	"	"	of cattle & provisions for army, 1780-81
"	"	"	XXXV:86b, 160
"	"	Hartford, blanket sold army, 1778	----- XII:213
"	"	ens. Hartford minute men, 1775	----- I:287, 288
"	Daal (?) (A)	Norwalk, indorsement of petition, 1785	----- XXVIII:245b

The volumes covering the Revolutionary War period are:

- The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, Vol. 15, May 1775-June 1776
- The Public Records of the State of Connecticut, Vol. 1, October 1776-February 1778
- The Public Records of the State of Connecticut, Vol. 2, May 1778-April 1880
- The Public Records of the State of Connecticut, Vol. 3, January 1782-December 1782

All four of these volumes are also available online through the HathiTrust Digital Library as well as on Google Books. They include appointment of officers to militia units, acceptance of accounts, memorials by citizens who lost property during the war, etc. Entries of special interest 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).

***Index to Compiled Service Records of Revolutionary War Soldiers Who Served with the American Army in Connecticut Military Organizations.*** National Archives Microfilm Publication M920. 25 rolls. Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Service, 1976. The

***The "Connecticut Archives."***

The *Connecticut Archives* is the title given to the records of the General Assembly from the beginning of the Connecticut Colony up to about 1820. The records are grouped into broad topics and series. For more information about this collection, see *Connecticut Genealogy News* Volume 8, Number 1 (Spring 2015). The series pertaining to Revolutionary War military records include:

Militia, Series II, 1747-1786  
Militia, Series III, 1728-1820

Revolutionary War, Series I, 1763-1789  
Revolutionary War, Series II, 1756-1856  
Revolutionary War, Series III, 1765-1820

These series have been described by Mel Smith, one of the History and Genealogy Unit's librarians, as the "mother lode of Revolutionary Connecticut documentation with pages and pages of primary source material outlining our ancestors' roles in the Revolutionary War." They include military data and petitions concerning a variety of matters. There are pay and muster rolls; payment receipts; officer elections and appointments; quartermaster reports; civilian materiel contributions to the war effort; records of unit actions

and troop movements; financial accounts; and papers relating to the Stamp and Sugar Acts; the expedition to Ticonderoga; the Lexington Alarm; the burning of Fairfield, Danbury, New Haven, and Norwich; and the state's troops and defenses. Among the records, there are many references to individual soldiers, for example:

Seymour, Asa, Connecticut line, 1781-82  
Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War, Series I, vol. 30, doc. 7w

Seymour, Ebenezer, Hartford minute man, 1775  
Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War, Series I, vol. 1, doc. 287

However, not all of the records relate directly to the military service of patriot ancestors. There are also records relating to those who provided services and supplies for the Patriot cause as well as records relating to Loyalists. For example:

Seymour, Charles, account for carting, 1781  
Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War, Series I, vol. 35, doc. 191

Seymour, Charles, account of cattle & provisions for army, 1780-81  
Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War, Series I, vol. 35, docs. 86b, 190

set to petitioner for use & she now asks that the title to this third may rest with her 2 children. Copy of distribution. Granted May 1786.  
Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War, Series I, vol. 29, docs. 254b-256

There are also documents relating to the service of African Americans in the war, for example:

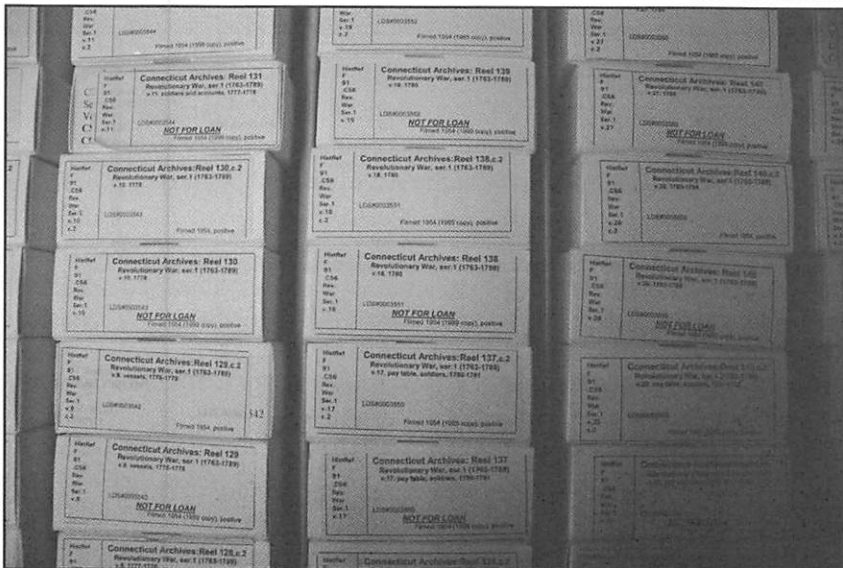
Brister, negro, owned by Joshua Austin, New Haven, certificate from Austin & John Sherman, showing Brister's service for 6 years & fitness for freedom, 1784.  
Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War, Series I, vol. 37, doc. 240

Buck, Daniel, Wethersfield, administration on estate of Caesar Black, alias Caesar Fidler, & former master. Petition showing negro's death in service in army & after settlement of estate a balance of £9-13-5. He asks that same may be settled on two children acknowledged by Caesar although there is no legal of marriage of parents. Granted October 1784.

Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War, Series I, vol. 37, docs. 242-244

The Militia and Revolutionary War series were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and are available for use in the State Library's History and

Genealogy Reading Room, through interlibrary loan, and through local LDS Family History Centers. Bound indexes in the History and Genealogy Reading Room cover each broad topic, for example, Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War, Series I. The index entries include names, places, and subjects and include every individual's name that appears anywhere within any document and provide references to volume numbers, document numbers, and page numbers. You may also view the index volumes from home. Links from <http://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/hg/ctarchives> give you the option to view, download, or print the index



Jones, Rebecca, wife of John Jones & late widow of John Smith. Petition showing Smith went to L. I. & estate was confiscated. One third was

volumes. Note that depending on your computer and internet service provider, it may take a while to download the files. The documents themselves are not available

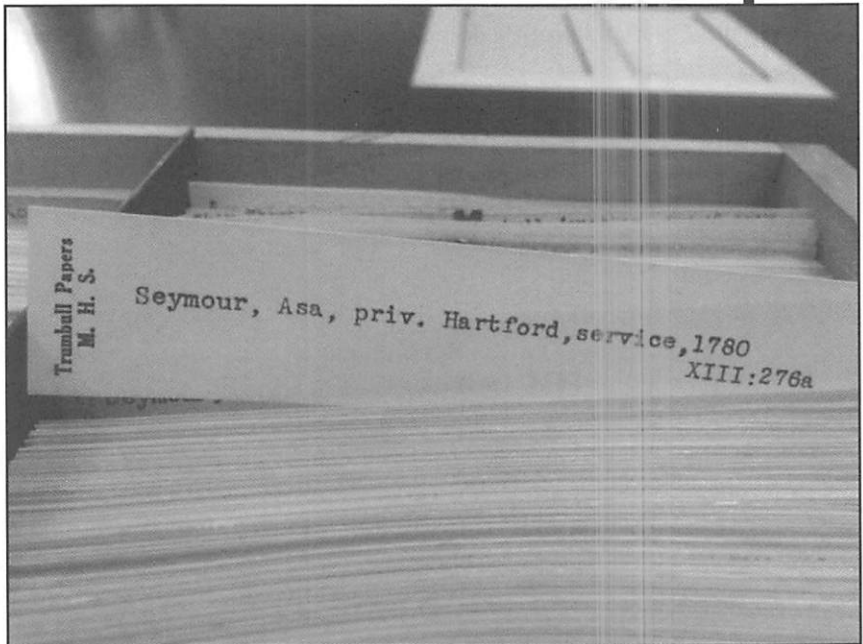
online, and there are no bound indexes to Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War, Series II but there is a slip index located in the Archives and Secured Collections Research Area.

### **MATERIALS IN THE STATE ARCHIVES**

The following items from the State Archives must be used within the Archives and Secured Collections Research Area within the History and Genealogy Reading Room. For information on access, see <http://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/hg/using-archival-records> and/or contact the History and Genealogy Unit, (860) 757-6581.

#### ***The Jonathan Trumbull Papers.***

Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. (12 October 1710-17 August 1785) was not only the only colonial governor to support the Patriot cause but the only governor to retain his position during the war, serving as the last governor of the Colony of Connecticut and the first governor of the State of Connecticut. His mercantile office in Lebanon became the "War Office," serving as a meeting place for Connecticut's Council of Safety (an advisory council which assisted the Governor in military matters) as well as for patriots such as George Washington, Henry Knox, Israel Putnam, the Comte de Rochambeau and the Marquis de Lafayette. In addition, through Jonathan Trumbull's efforts, Connecticut supplied almost 60 percent of the supplies -- food, clothing, and munitions -- for the Continental Army, all planned and organized at the War Office.



The "Trumbull Papers," colonial and early state papers, ca. 1631-1784, were collected by Governor Trumbull at the direction of the General Assembly. They arranged into 30 volumes; volume 19 burned in 1825. An alphabetical slip index (by subject and surname) is in the Archives and Secured Collection Research Area.

#### ***State Archives Record Group 001:009, Records of the Governor and Council of Safety, 1775-1783.***

These are the records of a standing committee that largely met at Gov. Jonathan Trumbull's "War Office" in Lebanon. 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 F 91 .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.

#### ***State Archives Record Group 007, Records of the Office of the State Treasurer.***

During the seventeenth and much of the eighteenth century, the treasurer's primary duties were collecting fines and levying taxes. However, soon after the Battle of Lexington, the General Assembly authorized a Committee of the Pay-Table to print £50,000 in bills of credit and deliver them to the treasurer. The treasurer then paid out these bills at the direction of the Assembly. In December 1776, John

Commissioner of the Connecticut Loan Office, a response to a recommendation by the United States Congress that each state establish such an office. Treasurer's records for the time of the American Revolution include accounts, certificates, daybooks, receipt books, receipt stubs, cash and account books, ledgers, and correspondence.

### ***State Archives Record Group 008, Records of the Office of the State Comptroller.***

The office of Comptroller was established in May 1786 "for the better methodizing and regulating the Public Accounts and for effecting a speedy Settlement of all outstanding Debts due to this State." Among the Comptroller's records covering the period of the Revolutionary War are:

RG 008:002, Pay Table Accounts, 1775-1778. These records, created by the Committee of the Pay Table, relate to payments for supplies and services. They include certificates and accounts, 1776-1782, pertaining to the manufacture and transportation of saltpeter for gunpowder; vouchers for payment for the manufacture of salt; vouchers for expenses relating to the repair, maintenance and operation of Newgate Prison in what is now East Granby (which in addition to serving as a common prison also housed some Tories during the Revolution); daybooks, ledgers, and other records relating to the operation of the Salisbury Furnace (which produced some 80% of the cannon in the colonies) and other papers. See in particular:

RG 008:010, Audited vouchers, 1758-1830.

Includes orders to pay for supplies, 1777-1782 and soldiers' pay, 1776-1784. Arranged chronologically by date of audit.

RG 008:011, Soldier notes, 1780-1796. Notes issued by the state in payment for military service. Groups include:

- Redeemed notes, 1780-1782
- Receipted orders to pay for the balance of the soldier's account, 1782-1788
- Receipts for pay received for service 1782, 1784-1789

- Abstracts and accounts of notes redeemed and final payments made, 1782-1796

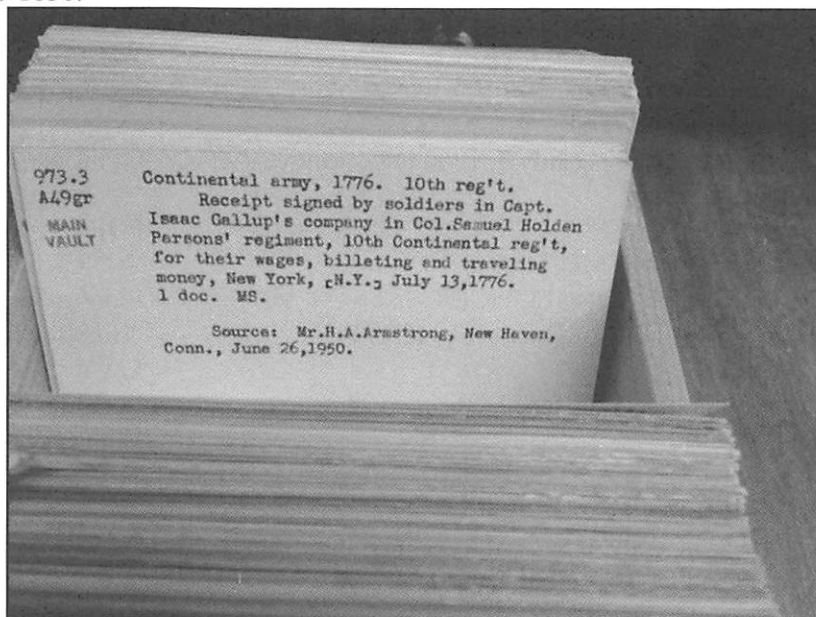
RG 008:12, Town accounts from for supplies for soldiers' families, 1778-1784. Receipted bills from town selectmen for furnishing supplies to the families of soldiers. Arranged chronologically and by town.

RG008:021, Papers pertaining to confiscated estates, 1779-1788. Records pertaining to the disposal of seized property of Loyalists.

RG008:024, Shipbuilding and naval records, 1775-1784. Records relating to the purchase, construction, outfitting, and operation of vessels owned or operated in the service of the State.

### ***Classified Manuscripts.***

The State Archives' Classified Manuscripts Collection includes rolls and lists, letters, diaries, journals, registers and other items relating to the American Revolution. Because most manuscript items are not yet included in the Library's online catalog, one must use the Manuscripts and Archives card catalog in the History and Genealogy Reading Room. Subject headings to look under include: Commissions (military); Continental Army; Diaries; Pensions, military; Soldiers, Connecticut; U.S. Army, Continental; U.S. History -- Revolution.



## Epitaphs I Have Copied From Stones In Our Connecticut Cemeteries Charles R. Hale

*submitted by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680*

As a general rule, the Charles R. Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions at the Connecticut State Library provides basic information taken from headstones but does not include epitaphs. However, Charles R. Hale, compiler of the Collection, did take a personal interest in epitaphs and included some of his favorites at the end of the last volume of the Hale Collection. Here are some selected examples:

### BRIDGE CEMETERY

BERLIN, CONNECTICUT

Porter, Mindwell Griswold, wife of Samuel,  
born May 22, 1763,

Died June 28 -----

“Let worms devour my wasting flesh  
And crumble all my bones to dust  
My God shall raise my frame anew”

### SILVER STREET CEMETERY

COVENTRY, CONNECTICUT

This monument is erected in memory  
of Captain Joseph Talcott

Who was casually drowned in the proud waters of  
Scungamug

River on the 10th day of June in ye 62nd year of his  
age.”

### SMALL POX CEMETERY

EAST GRANBY CONNECTICUT

Holcomb, Deacon Joshua died of smallpox  
April 16, 1784, in the 161st year of his age.

### ELLINGTON CEMETERY

ELLINGTON, CONNECTICUT

In memory of Lt. Ebenezer Belknap who died  
suddenly by

A fall from his horse July 3, 1760 in ye 26th year of  
his age

### ELLINGTON CEMETERY

ELLINGTON, CONNECTICUT

Here lies the body of Doctor Ebenezer Pinney who  
died of

A consumption August 6, 1786, aged 24

### WEST CEMETERY

LITCHFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Here lies the body of Mrs. Mary, wife of Dr. John Buell  
Esq. She died November 4, 1768, age 90

“Having had 13 children, 101 grandchildren, 274  
great grand Children, 22 great great grandchildren,  
total of 410 of which 336 survived her.”

### ST. ANDREW’S CEMETERY

NORTH BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Abraham Holcomb died February 14, 1869, age 88

“He was the eldest and most respectable of the  
Holcomb family.”

### ST. JOHN’S CEMETERY

NORTH GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT

Sarah, widow of Benjamin Rossiter, age 100

“Remember my friends that nothing is needful.”

### STAFFORD CEMETERY

STAFFORD, CONNECTICUT

Mr. Benjamin Rockwell died July 18, 1803

“He was killed almost instantaneously in East Hartford on  
A journey to Hartford by one of his wagon wheels  
running  
Over his body.”

### WILLINGTON HILL CEMETERY

WILLINGTON, CONNECTICUT

Mr. Joseph Parsons died January 12, 1776 in ye 74th  
year

Of his age and hath been ye husband of 2 wives.

### FOREST VIEW CEMETERY

WINCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

Pinney, Augusta B., born 1845, died 1922

“Bury me not when I am dead  
Lay me not down in dusty bed  
I could not bear the life down there  
With earthworms creeping through my hair.”

# CEMETERY WORD SEARCH

This is the time of year when many of us decorate the graves of loved ones, particularly those who died in military service. Can you find the words listed below? They may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.

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**HEADSTONE**

**HERITAGE**

**HISTORY**

**MEMORIAL**

**MEMORY**

**RELICT**

**ROOTS**

**SOLDIER**

**WALL**

# SOURCES of Information

Richard Clarke Roberts, *CSG President*

Richard Clarke Roberts is the former Unit Head of the Connecticut State Library's History and Genealogy Unit. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and holds master's degrees from the University of Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island. He has served on the board of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists and was vice-president from 2013-2015. He is a member of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council, the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and the Association for Gravestone Studies.



Q.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?**

I became interested in genealogy through both of my grandmothers. On the Roberts side, we attended Roberts reunions every year on the Sunday closest to August 8, the birthday of my great-great grandmother Nancy Hoyt (Bean) Roberts. My grandmother on my mother's side was a member of the Connecticut Historical Society and spent years working on the Bishop and Clarke families of New Hampshire and Maine and the Broughton family of Connecticut and New York.

Q.

**WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?**

As the retired History and Genealogy Unit Head of the Connecticut State Library and with many Connecticut ancestors, there can be only one (biased) answer.

Q.

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

It's not all in print -- and it's not all online. Once you've worked out preliminary family relationships by talking with other family members, consulting books and journals, and checking out online family trees and census records, move on to vital records (births, marriages and deaths) and church records. Then take the next step. Research institutions such as the Connecticut State Library and the Connecticut Historical Society hold many archival collections and manuscripts including Bible, probate, military, land, tax, and court records that can not only help confirm what you've already found, but can add additional "flesh to the bones" of your ancestors.

Q.

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

My biggest "brickwall" has been trying to establish the correct parentage of Lois (Phelps) Viets, wife of Captain John Viets of Simsbury (now East Granby), Connecticut. Several fathers have been suggested: Samuel Phelps (1630-1753), Josiah Phelps (1667-1757) or Nathaniel Phelps (1690-1774). In spite of reviewing the literature and investigating many primary sources, I have yet to come up with a satisfactory solution.

**SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.**

**PATIENCE.**





## Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

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**SAVE THE DATES** ~ All CSG Events are open to the public, and many are free of charge. These opportunities not only provide helpful knowledge and insights into various aspects of genealogy, but the 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.csgetc.org](http://www.csgetc.org). Members are reminded to invite their friends and watch this space and/or the CSG website for updated information.

**16-17 April** - Join us in Massachusetts this weekend for the Massachusetts Genealogical Council Seminar.

See flyer on the inside back cover or go to [program@massgencouncil.org](mailto:program@massgencouncil.org) for speakers, topics, location and registration fees. Questions should be directed to the Massachusetts Genealogical Council.

**21 May - CSG 48th Annual Meeting and "Connecting You To History: The Connecticut Historical Society"**

**Location:** Connecticut Historical Society,  
One Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105

**Time:** 11 a.m. Registration  
11:30 a.m. Welcome, Business Meeting  
Noon: Luncheon buffet  
1 p.m. Welcome by the Connecticut Historical Society Executive Director Jody Blankenship and presentation by Chief Curator Ilene Frank  
2 p.m. Tour of CHS Research Center & Museum

**Cost:** \$30

Pre-registration by Friday, 13 May 2016, is required so we can plan appropriately.

**9 July [ & three additional Saturdays ] - Introduction to Genealogy Summer Classes - Instructor:** Edwin W. Strickland II  
From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the CSG Library, 175 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT.

The CSG Library will be open from 11 a.m. to Noon for researching.

See page 16 for more information.

**17 September** - "Want to Join the DAR? SAR? Mayflower Society? Early Jamestown Settlers? Patriotic Society Membership requirements: how to apply, benefits, problems you may run into.

**Speaker:** Gregory Thompson

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

**Cost:** FREE but please pre-register by 3 p.m. on 16 September so we may plan appropriately.

**15 October** - Annual Family History Seminar  
Join us in welcoming Dick Eastman of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter ([www.blog.eogn.com](http://www.blog.eogn.com)) as the speaker for this year's seminar. He will speak on 4 different topics.

**Topics:** TBA - Watch upcoming issues and the CSG website for updates.

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

**Time:** Registration begins at 8 a.m., speaker begins at 9 a.m.

**Presentation of the 2016 Literary Awards will be in the lunchtime hour.**

**Cost:** \$55 if paid by 30 September 2016, \$60 thereafter. Pre-registration required - PLEASE NO WALK-INS. Deadline to pre-register is Friday, October 7, 2016 unless seats fill up beforehand. Watch the CSG website for updates.

## News

### 2016 Literary Awards Contest

Just a reminder that the 28th Annual Literary Awards and "Tell Your Family Story" Essay Contest are open to receive entries. Entries are due in our office by Friday, July 15, 2016. Rules and Entry forms may be found at [www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org) and click on the Literary Awards tab. You may also contact the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 or email at [csginc@csginc.org](mailto:csginc@csginc.org) and request them to be mailed to you. The contest is open to the public. You do not have to be CSG member or live in Connecticut to enter.

### CSG Membership Renewal

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership for 2016-2017. Reminder notices will be mailed out in June.

If you are interested in joining CSG, visit the CSG website at [www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org) or contact the CSG Office for more details at 860-569-0002 or email at [csginc@csginc.org](mailto:csginc@csginc.org).

### FGS Conference Announcement

The annual Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held 31 August - 3 September 2016 in Springfield, Illinois. Go to <http://fgsconference.org> for more information.

### Upcoming Family Reunion

The Harlow Family reunion for descendants of Sergeant William Harlow (1624/5-1691) will be held 27-28 August 2016 in Plymouth, MA. Events are planned for the weekend at the Beal House and Harlow Old Fort House. For more information, visit the family website at <http://www.harlow-family.com>.

**The following was received from the officers of the Lowrey Family Reunion Association and we were asked to publish it:**

#### **Dissolution of the Thomas and Mary Lowrey Family Reunion**

The Descendants of Thomas and Mary Lowrey who immigrated to the colonies and settled in Plainville, Connecticut had met in reunion for over 100 years. By 2016 the group had been non-functional for over 10 years. The undersigned persons worked to the settlement and dissolution of the group. The \$2,343 in the treasury was divided equally between the Connecticut Historical Society and the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. Papers that were in the possession of Steven Lowrey and Janet Atkins have been deposited in the Connecticut State Library Archives. They will be added to previously donated papers. These items, when catalogued, will be listed under the Lowrey Family in the Archives section on the state library

webpage: [ctstatelibrary.org](http://ctstatelibrary.org). If you have items relative to the family you may contact the Connecticut State Archives office located in the Connecticut State Library building, 231 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106, regarding adding them to the current collection. In particular, there are very few of the family reunion pictures which were taken each year in this collection. This would be a wonderful place to protect them. If you are able to identify individuals, that would be helpful, also, the location and year.

This decision was made after a great deal of deliberation and with a great deal of regret. We can be very proud of the heritage of the Lowrey Family and family members' impact in the many communities in which they call home throughout the United States, and most likely the world. We would appreciate that those who read this notice would please let members of their family know of the demise of this group. This notice will be sent to the Connecticut Historical Society, the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The Plainville Library, Burlington Library and the Bristol Library will also be contacted. If you are actively researching the family, it would be helpful if you could post this information on internet bulletin boards, etc. as you do your work.

*To every thing there is a purpose under the heaven...*

*-King James Version of the Holy Bible*

Steven Lowrey, President;  
Janet Gaylord Atkins, Treasurer;  
Susan Taylor, Member in Good Standing

April 2016

**CSG did indeed receive the gift from the Lowrey Family Reunion Association and wishes to thank them for their generosity. It will be used for the library as requested.**

#### **About the Cover**

The cover is an old map of the Town of Greenwich, Connecticut from the Spotlight on Greenwich article, page 17 of this issue.

Spencer P. Mead, *Ye historie of ye town of Greenwich county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, with genealogical notes* (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1911), 86, ([https://archive.org/stream/yehistorieofyeto00mead\\_0#page/n121/mode/2up](https://archive.org/stream/yehistorieofyeto00mead_0#page/n121/mode/2up)), marked Image 2.

**CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS  
48<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
AND ANNUAL MEETING**

**21 MAY 2016**

**Connecticut Historical Society  
One Elizabeth Street  
Hartford, CT 06105**

**11:00 a.m. REGISTRATION**

Enjoy camaraderie with your fellow genealogists.

**11:30 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING**

President's Welcome & Annual Report  
Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting by the Secretary  
Treasurer's Annual Report  
Election of Officers

**NOON BUFFET LUNCHEON**

**1:00 p.m. PROGRAM**

Welcome by CHS Executive Director Jody Blankenship  
Presentation by Chief Curator Ilene Frank:  
"Connecting You To History: The Connecticut Historical Society"

**2:00 p.m.** Free Conducted Tours of the CHS Resource Center and CHS Museum.

**~ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - COST: \$30 PER PERSON ~**

**CSG 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Annual Meeting - 21 May 2016**

**Registration Form - Cost: \$30 per person**

Please make checks payable to and mail to: CSG, Inc., P.O. Box 435, Glastonbury, CT 06033  
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# The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

*presents*

## Introduction to Genealogy with Edwin W. Strickland II

**- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -**

Summer Saturday Classes beginning July 9, 2016  
from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

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

**Cost:** \$20 per session

### **Pre-registration Deadline: July 1, 2016**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> - 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 16<sup>th</sup> - Session 2:** Vital Records; Bible Records; Church Records;  
Cemetery Records

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Session 3:** Census Records; City Directories; Newspapers

**July 30<sup>th</sup> - Session 4:** Internet Resources and Genealogy Software.

To register, contact the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 or at [csginc@csginc.org](mailto:csginc@csginc.org)

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# Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities

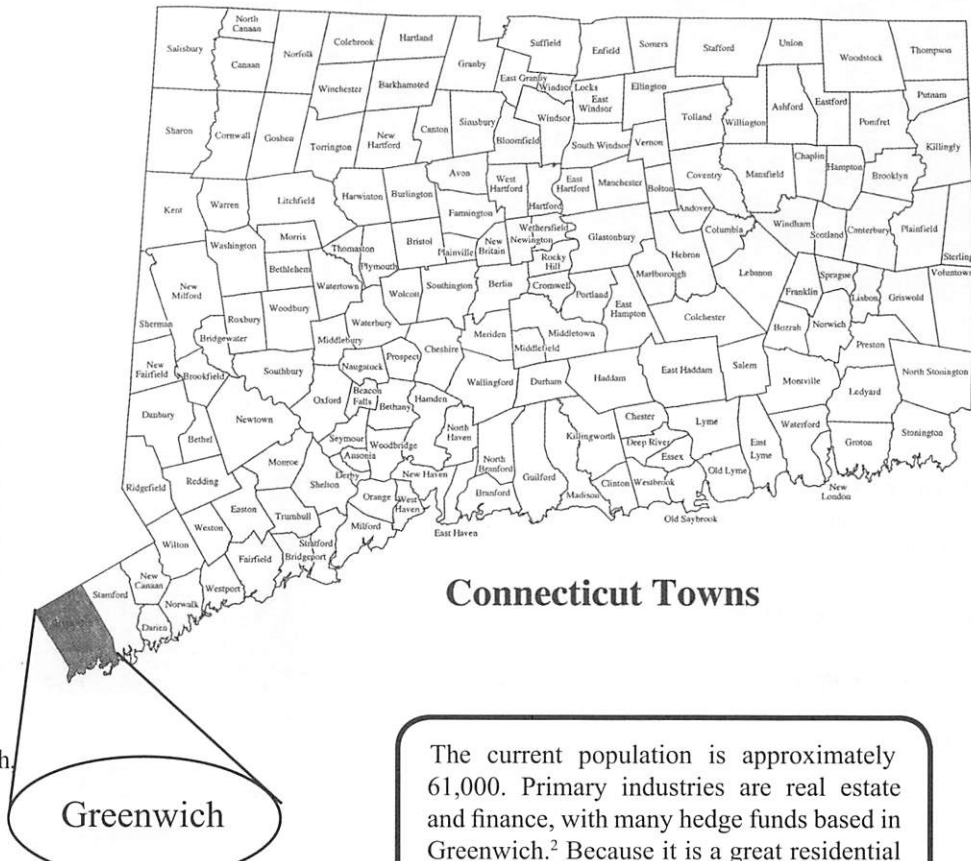


## Spotlight on Greenwich

by Shannon Green,  
CSG # 20454

### Greenwich Today

Greenwich is part of Fairfield County. It is the westernmost town in Connecticut and is surrounded by New York's Westchester County on the North and West; Stamford, Connecticut to the East; and the Long Island Sound to the South. Greenwich covers more than 47.8 square miles of land.<sup>1</sup> It is comprised of different neighborhoods or sections such as Cos Cob, Old Greenwich, Riverside, Byram, Glenville, Belle Haven, Central Greenwich, Mid Country and Back Country.



### Connecticut Towns

The current population is approximately 61,000. Primary industries are real estate and finance, with many hedge funds based in Greenwich.<sup>2</sup> Because it is a great residential town and only about a 50-minute train ride into New York City, many people live in Greenwich and commute daily to New York.

### History and Population Growth

The establishment of the Town of Greenwich was a convoluted process that took decades to complete. Settlers acting on behalf of the New Haven Colony purchased a portion of the land that is now the Town of Greenwich from Native Americans in 1640.<sup>3</sup> However, the Dutch of New Amsterdam disputed the New Haven Colony's claim to this land. Daniel Patrick, one of the original settlers

who purchased the land from the natives in 1640, swore allegiance to the Dutch and became Patroon of the Manor of Greenwich and subject to Dutch rule.<sup>4</sup> The power of the Dutch decreased as a result of various skirmishes and treaties. By 1650, the land reverted back to the New Haven Colony.<sup>5</sup> Today, people know this part of town as Old Greenwich.

In 1664, the New Haven Colony merged with the Connecticut Colony.<sup>6</sup> One year later, in 1665, the Connecticut Colony incorporated Greenwich as a separate town from Stamford, Connecticut.<sup>7</sup>

Representatives of the town purchased land called Horseneck from local tribes in 1686.<sup>8</sup> As people settled the Horseneck property, a division grew between the inhabitants of the original settlement and the inhabitants of Horseneck. Eventually, in 1705 this division resulted in



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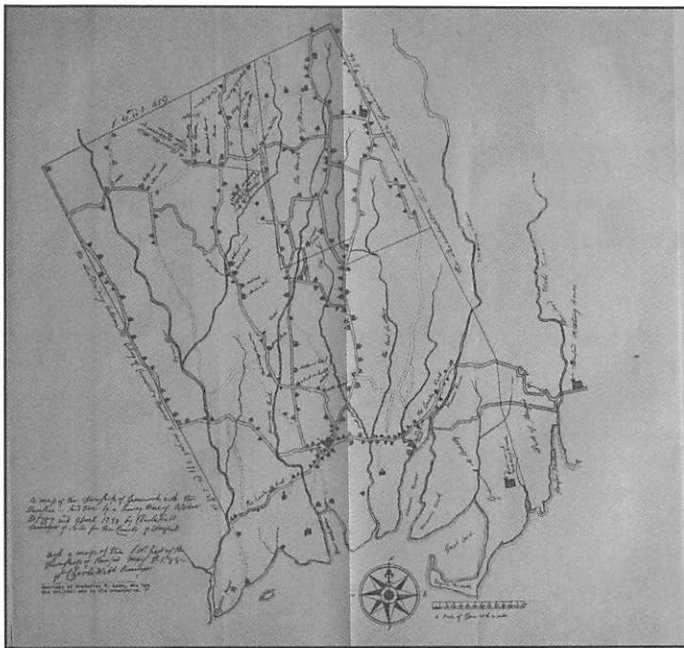


Image 2

the establishment of a second church in Horseneck, today known as the Second Congregationalist Church.<sup>9</sup> The section of town formerly called Horseneck is now known as Central Greenwich.

The Connecticut Colony required town proprietors to establish a meetinghouse and support a Congregationalist church. In 1669, the first minister for Greenwich was Rev. Eliphalet Jones. Prior to this, the residents of Greenwich would attend and support the church in Stamford.<sup>10</sup> Yet it was not until May 1697, in recognition that the town proprietors complied with these requirements, that the Connecticut Colony officially granted the patent for Greenwich.<sup>11</sup>

After various territorial clashes, skirmishes with the Native Americans, boundary disputes, and subsequent land acquisitions, the Town of Greenwich established its current boundaries by 1730.<sup>12</sup>

As early as 1756, the population was more than 2,000. By 1800, the town's population had grown to more than 3,000 residents.<sup>13</sup> According to the U.S. census, the population was about 5,000 in 1850; 12,000 in 1900; and more than 38,000 in 1940.<sup>14</sup> By 2010, the population reached 60,000.<sup>15</sup>

### Historic Sites

There are more than thirty listings in the National Register of Historic Places located in Greenwich. This article lists a few: Putnam Cottage, Bush-Holly Historic Site and the Greenwich Avenue Historical District.

The local Putnam Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution maintains Putnam Cottage, also known as Knapp's Tavern. It is located on property purchased by Thomas Knapp. "Timothy's son, Captain Israel Knapp, inherited the house in 1729 and converted it into a tavern in 1754. It was such when, in 1776, General George Washington stopped for lunch with his troops, and on February 26, 1779, when General Israel Putnam made his famous ride down Put's Hill."<sup>16</sup> This cottage is beautifully preserved, there are occasional reenactments on property, and tours are available.

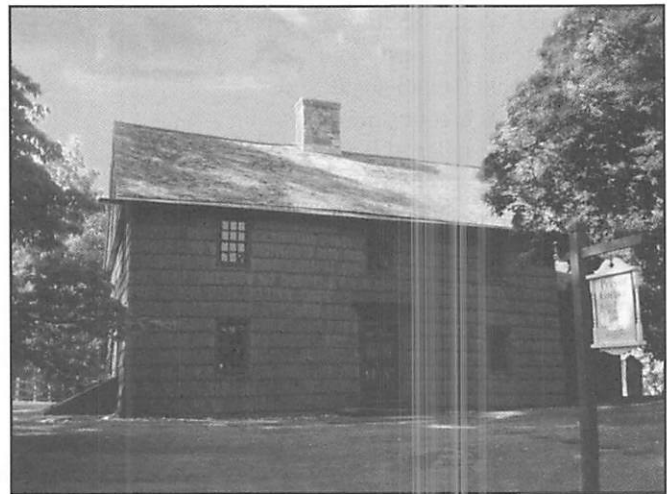


Image 3



Image 4

The Bush-Holly Historic Site is also the location of the Greenwich Historical Society. The Bush-Holly house was initially constructed about 1730 and was renovated by succeeding owners. David Bush, one of the owners of the house in the eighteenth century, made significant improvements. Subsequently, the house became a boarding house that catered to artists and writers. The Greenwich Historical Society has restored the home and it is open to the public for docent-led tours.<sup>17</sup>

The Greenwich Avenue Historical District is approximately six blocks and located between Putnam Avenue and Railroad Avenue. This is the “downtown” part of Greenwich and locals refer to it simply as “The Avenue.” The street is full of shops, restaurants and businesses. The town developed this area primarily after the Civil War when New Yorkers purchased Greenwich farms and converted them into grand country estates.<sup>18</sup>

### General Israel Putnam

General Israel Putnam is Greenwich’s most renowned historical figure. He was born in Massachusetts and had an illustrious military career prior to the American Revolution. However, it was his daring escape from the British on February 26, 1779 during the American Revolution, which cemented his name in Greenwich’s history. As the British troops arrived in Greenwich, the Continental army was severely outnumbered. Putnam fled down “Put’s Hill” towards Stamford to secure reinforcements. His chosen route was so dangerous the British would not follow him. His escape was a success as reinforcements came to Greenwich by nightfall and the British retreated.<sup>19</sup>

Today the name Putnam is all over town on roads and businesses, including Putnam Avenue, the local name for the Boston Post Road.



Image 5



Image 6

### Vital Records

Vital records fall under the purview of the Town Clerk’s office, which is located at Greenwich Town Hall. They have original town records from 1640–present, including births, marriages, and deaths. Records are in excellent condition and they have properly restored even the earliest records. Card file indexes are available at Town Hall.

Vital records can be divided into three categories:

- Records 1640–1848: The town would record a birth, marriage or death as a part of the town meeting minutes. Most people did not record births, marriages and deaths. The Barbour Collection covers this time period.

- Records 1849–1906: There are registers each subdivided into births, marriages and deaths.
- Records 1906–present day: These are birth certificates, marriage licenses/certificates and death certificates in bound volumes by year.

### Probate Records

Fairfield was the Court of Probate for all of Fairfield County – including Greenwich – from 1666 to 1728. Records for Greenwich decedents are still there. Greenwich was subsequently a part of the Stamford Probate District from 1728–1853. Records for that time period are with the Stamford Probate Court. Connecticut created the Greenwich Probate District on 4 July 1853. The probate court is located at Greenwich Town Hall.

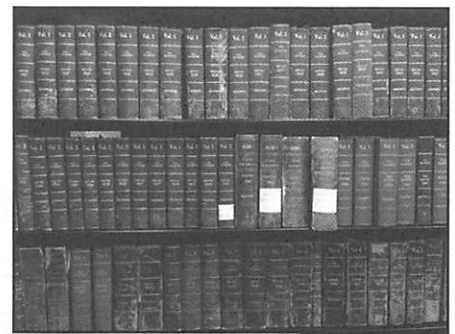
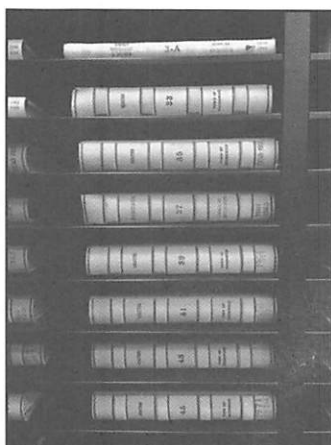


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**Image 8**

Town Hall.

Hard copy probate court record books are available at Town Hall for 1853–2009. Records from 2009 to present are available digitally at Town Hall. Microfilmed copies for 1853–1925 are available at the Connecticut State Library or through the Family History Library.

Greenwich transferred original estate papers for 1853–1900 to the Connecticut State Library where they were microfilmed and indexed as a part of the Probate Estate Card Index.

Original estate papers from 1900–current are not available at the Probate Court. The court sent these to offsite archives. Most recently, the court scanned the original estate papers and they are available digitally at Town Hall.

### Land Records

Land records fall under the purview of the Town Clerk’s office, which is located at Greenwich

Town meeting records begin in 1640 and the land records are interspersed among them. Greenwich has preserved these records and they are available for review. However, these old papers are broken, faded and incredibly fragile. The records are not in chronological order and the arrangement is unclear. They are in “Common Place” volumes 1, 2 and 3, which cover the time period 1640–1797.

A more legible source is a volume titled “Early Records, 1640–1754.” According to the inside cover, in 1857, the town authorized the Town Clerk to copy the “Common Place” records from 1671–1754. This book is that copy. Although it is a derivative source, it is a viable alternative to the originals due to their deteriorated state.

Grantor/Grantee indexes are available in hard copy in the Land Records Vault at Town Hall. Grantor/Grantee indexes for 1954 to current are available on the computers in the vestibule outside of the vault.

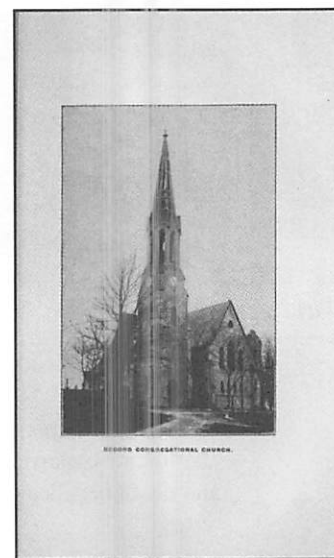
For the period 1640–1890, land records are located in the more secure Vital Statistics Vault across the hall from the Land Records Vault. For the period 1890 to present, Greenwich has printed the original land record books into “compact books,” which are located in the Land Records Vault.

### Church Records

Original church records are located with the individual churches in town. However, not all churches are open to researchers. *Ancestry.com* offers a database of, “Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630–1920.” For Greenwich, this database only includes records from Old Greenwich First Congregational Church.

The following church records were microfilmed and are available through the Family History Library and the Connecticut State Library:

Church	Dates
Baptist Church of Christ at King Street	1773–1880
First Cong. Church at Old Greenwich	1785–1936
Christ Church (Episcopal)	1833–1947
Emanuel Church at Glenville	1847–1916
Calvary Church at Round Hill	1861–1926
Stanwich Congregational Church	1796–1835



**Image 9**



## Newspapers

Several newspapers covered Greenwich people, places and events over the years. The Greenwich Public Library has a large collection of microfilmed local newspapers. They also have a card file index to obituaries and marriage notices covering 1877–1982.

GenealogyBank, a subscription-based newspaper website, includes recent Greenwich newspapers. GenealogyBank offers the following papers and periods.

- Greenwich Daily Voice (2010–current)
- Greenwich Citizen (2002–current)
- Greenwich Time (2005–current)
- Greenwich Post (2003–current)

The Connecticut State Library has a digitized newspaper collection called “Newspapers of Connecticut,” but at this time, no Greenwich newspapers are available.

## Military Records

The Vital Statistics Vault at Town Hall holds a collection called, “Military Discharges.” These sixteen volumes include an alphabetical index at the beginning followed by typed copies of discharge records with genealogical details such as name, age and occupation at enlistment, physical description, and place of birth. Dates covered are 1919–1958.

Aside from the collection listed above, there is no Greenwich-specific military source. However, it is helpful to know when you search for Greenwich men in the *Ancestry.com* database, “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” that the database lists their residence as Fairfield County – not Greenwich. Therefore, putting in the search parameter of “Residence” equals “Greenwich” will not provide any results.

## Spencer Percival Mead (1863-1935)

Spencer Percival Mead was an avid historian and genealogist who created several abstracts of Greenwich records. Some of these typescripts are at the Greenwich Library, Vital Statistics Vault, *Internet Archive* (<http://archive.org>) and microfilmed through the Family History Library. They are:

- *Abstract of Births, Marriages and Deaths, of the Town of Greenwich, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut: from the Earliest Town and Land Records to June 1847.* This covers the same time period as the Barbour Collection, but is an alternate index.
- *Abstract of Probate Records at Fairfield, Count of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut.* This includes Greenwich probates before the beginning of the Greenwich Probate District in 1853.
- *Abstract of Records and Tombstones of the Town of Greenwich, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut.* Mr. Mead abstracted these tombstones 1910-1913, which is about twenty years before Charles Hale undertook his collection of tombstone inscriptions.
- *Unmarked Graves: Burials by Jonas Mead and Isaacs L. Mead from Feb. 1867–Jan. 6, 1898.* These are burials that otherwise would not have been recorded.
- *Abstract of Church Records of the Town of Greenwich, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, to 1850.* This includes memberships, baptisms, marriages, and burials for the following churches: First Congregational Church, Second Congregational Church, Stanwich Congregational Church, North Greenwich Congregational Church, Christ Episcopal Church, King Street Baptist Church, Round Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, and Stanwich Methodist Episcopal Church.

### Greenwich Public Library

There are four public library locations in town: Cos Cob, Byram, Perrot Memorial Library and the Main Library on Putnam Avenue. The Main Library has an extensive local history and genealogy collection including town histories, genealogical periodicals, published family histories, genealogical reference books and historical maps.

The cornerstone of their local history collection is the Greenwich Library Oral History Project. This includes typed transcripts of interviews with more than 850 local individuals as well as a collection of books based on these oral histories about the people and the town of Greenwich.

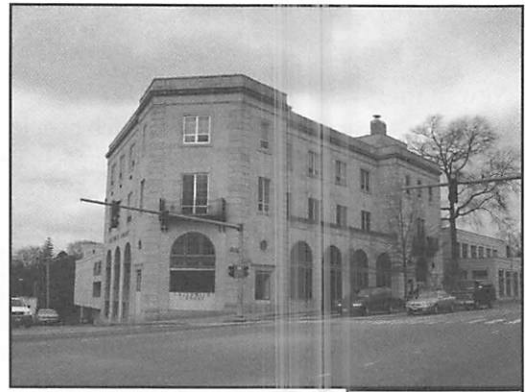


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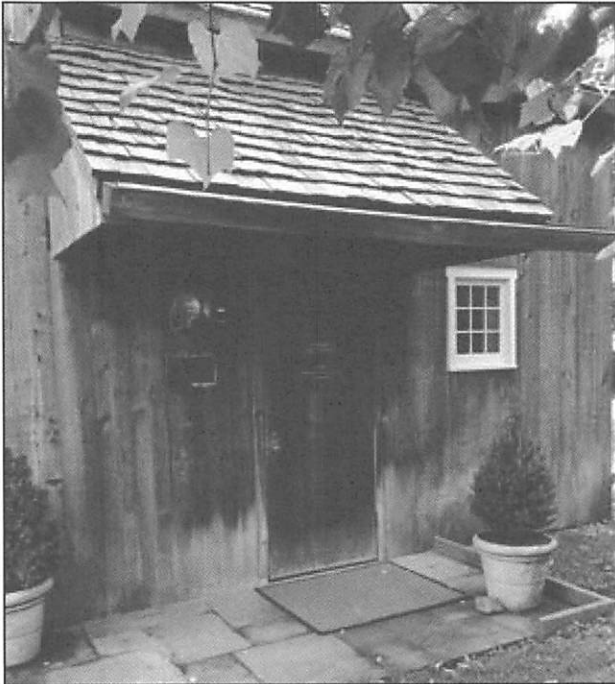


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### Greenwich Historical Society

The Greenwich Historical Society was established in 1931 with the mission to collect and preserve items relating to Greenwich's long history. It is located at the same site as the Bush-Holley Historic House. According to their website, "The Library & Archives consist of over 1,300 linear feet of personal papers and manuscripts, organizational records and photographic materials; printed works such as histories, genealogies, catalogs, maps and atlases and audio and videotape, pertaining to all aspects of Greenwich history, Bush-Holley Historic Site and the Cos Cob art colony."<sup>20</sup>

Researchers should note the current hours for research are limited to Wednesdays, 10am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm. Appointments are not required. The staff is helpful, and the Historical Society offers research for a fee.

### For more information

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Greenwich, Connecticut 06830  
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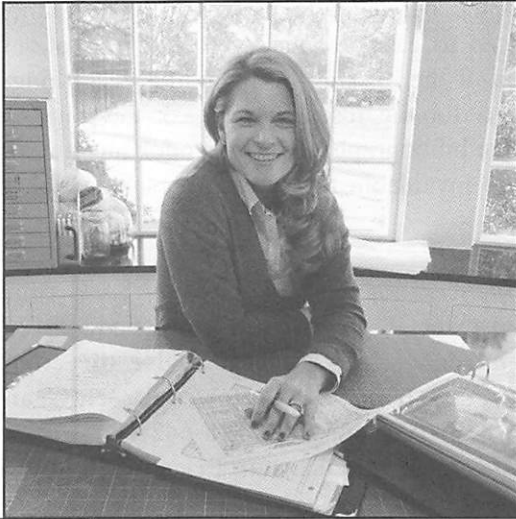
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## About the Author



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## **Book Reviews**

by Russell DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

***The Great Migration Directory, Immigrants to New England, 1620-1640, A Concise Compendium* by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, published by New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116-3007, 2015. 6 x 9, hardcover, ISBN 978-0-88082-327-2, 423 pages. To order online go to [www.shopamericanancestors.org](http://www.shopamericanancestors.org) or by phone at 888-296-3447 or by writing NEHGS, Sales Dept., 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116. Price is \$64.95 plus S&H.**

The author of this book has completed another volume in his series of Early American Genealogical Resources. This latest publication by NEHGS, is a series of works documenting the Great Migration and is a complete survey of all individuals known to have come to New England during the Great Migration period. For researchers engaged in work of the earlier periods of this country's development, it is an essential source in locating those elusive early relatives. The table of contents is interestingly divided into sections, A to Z, according to alphabetical page and name. A hefty introduction, complete with maps and source listings, provides the reader that necessary guidance through its packed pages. I was particularly interested in the section at the rear of the book designated to ships and their names. Once again we need to congratulate the author and his focus upon a plethora of details. This is a book which I would highly recommend for any genealogist's library.

***The Ultimate Search Book* by Lori Carangelo, published by Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Rd # 260, Baltimore, MD 21211, 2015. 8 ½ by 11, softcover, ISBN 978-0-8063-5279-4, 85 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the address above or go online at [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com). Price is \$19.95 plus S&H.**

This updated book by the author will assist the researcher in finding adopted children, missing relatives or run-away children. She eases the way for those searchers who become overwhelmed with endless documents that crop up in their searching process. This how-to guide would be a valuable tool for any genealogist attempting to locate that elusive connection. An exhaustively detailed table of contents starts the researcher on his/her journey with hope for success.

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The book was entered in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Awards Contest, sponsored by the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. This material has a massive listing of the Spencers of Granville, New York, beginning with a detailed presentation from the very early days in England of the Spencers up to their more current generations. If a researcher is interested in the Spencer history, this book is a huge collection of material that would assist in completing any family tree. This document would be a valuable resource to place on any researcher's shelf. Using any book can present multiple challenges for a researcher. To ease us along the way, the author of this material has provided us with many early guidelines and explanations of material that she will present. Beginning with that ever so important table of contents and ending with an inspiring bibliography and name index, the author has provided us with those essentials. This material is a well done, huge source of necessary genealogical information.

*Bulls Bridge: The Story of a Dreamer, a Family Farmer, a Camera and Building of a Power Plant* by Erica Dakin Voolich, published by Lulu.com, 2012. 8 ½ x 11, hardcover, 125 pages. A family Christmas gift of 2012. Order directly from the author at Erica Dakin Voolich, 244 Summer Street, Somerville, MA 02144-2245 or call 617-666-0666 or email at voolich@gmail.com. Price is \$22.54 plus S&H.

The book was entered in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Awards Contest, sponsored by the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. The author's impetus for writing this book began with the discovery of old pictures and negatives in her grandmother's desk. This book is a compilation of pictures and short stories about the Dakin family and its contributions to Connecticut. Any person living in or interested in the Gaylordsville section of

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*by Justin Piccirillo*



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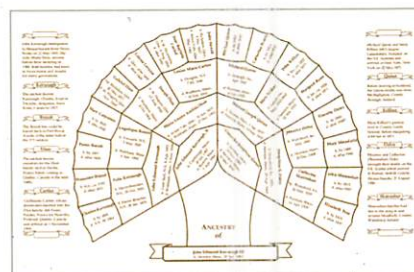
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## Editorial

I can't imagine where the year has gone. It is already half done and we are publishing our Fall 2016 issue. Thank you to all who have worked so tirelessly to contribute to this one. Thank you also to CSG Members, Janine Barber for sharing with us her fantastic find in FamilySearch.com and we hope that it will benefit others as much as it has her; and William Sterling for sharing a little bit of his own family tree with us.

The editor and staff of *Connecticut Genealogy News* will miss Richard G. Tomlinson, its founder, but will try to continue to make this publication live up to his ideals and standards and wish him all the best in Texas. We know that we can consult with him as needed if we have to.

We are proud to be able to present five "Sources of Information" in this issue and have used this format to introduce our new board members who are all named in the "President's Message to the right. The editor and staff of *Connecticut Genealogy News* has worked closely with Janet Horton Wallace and Russell DeGrafft within the Publications Committee for several years already but we also welcome the expertise and insights of each new board member.

Be sure to check out our "Calendar of Events" and the "CSG News." CSG has some exciting programs coming up but nothing spoils a good program like lack of attendance. Be sure to register today. Most CSG programs are free, and all of them are open to the public.

Please note in the "News," the The Windsor Historical Society presentation sessions of "From Memory to Memoir: Writing Your Life Story." If you take advantage of these writing class sessions, please consider writing an essay for the next "Tell Your Family Story" Essay contest sponsored by CSG. The contest will open in

March 2017 or consider submitting your finished work (subject to CSG guidelines) to be published in either this magazine or *The Connecticut Nutmegger* journal. Both publications are always looking for good articles.

Thank you to Russell DeGrafft for writing the Spotlight on Mystic for this issue and to Diane LeMay for the book review.

Many, many thanks go out to CSG President, Dick Roberts, the interim chair of the Publications Committee. He has wealth of knowledge which is greatly appreciated, especially when he can pull a idea out of his hat in a moment's notice, and it is well-researched and well-written in the next moment.

In this issue Dick Roberts has written a brief article about a resource recently acquired by he Providence Public Library. "The James N. Arnold Collection." Many may not be aware, but James Arnold was the transcriptionist for the *Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records*. He also transcribed many records for the State of Rhode Island. This should prove to be an invaluable resource for genealogy researchers.

There are no queries in this issue - CSG members may submit up to three queries per issue (or more if space allows). If you have run into a problem or are looking for more information on one of your ancestors, consider sending it in to be published as a query. *Connecticut Genealogy News* has a readership of about 3,000 people, and that does not include the subscribing libraries. Maybe someone has an answer for you. Queries must be submitted in "query format" but we can help with this (contact the CSG for more information). They may be mailed in to CSG, Inc., P.O. Box 435, Glastonbury, CT 06033 or you can email them to [www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org).

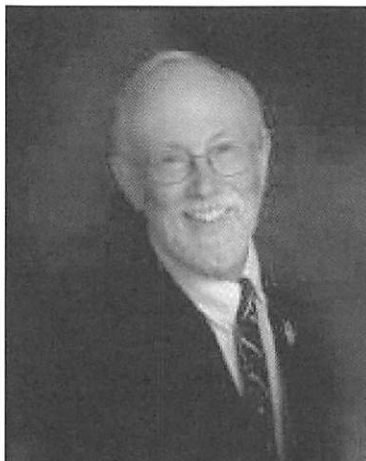
We hope you enjoy the issue!

## About the Cover

Just an ordinary sheet cake made and decorated in a local supermarket, but it represents so much more. Highlights of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting are included in the President's Message to the right. The cake wishes CSG Charter and Life Member, Richard G. Tomlinson best wishes on the next chapter of his life with his move to Texas.

But, he is not gone especially since he was proclaimed Governor Emeritus. He was heard stating that he planned to open the Texas chapter of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. We hope he gets to do that. We wish him all the luck in the world and best wishes to him and his wife Judy in their new home. We're sure we'll see Dick for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in May of 2018.

## President's Message



CSG's Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 21 at the Connecticut Historical Society was a great success, with nearly 50 members and friends in attendance.

During the business meeting, Sara S. Champion of Ridgefield, Connecticut and Dave Robison of Chicopee, Massachusetts, were elected as new members of the Board and for

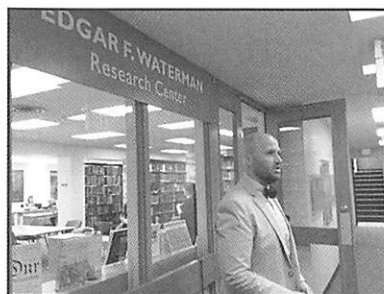
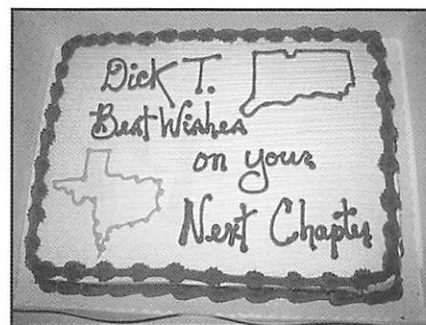
two-year terms. Also elected were Janet H. Wallace of Wethersfield, Connecticut, returning to the Board, also for a two-year term, after several years of "leave." Linda Carlson of Manchester, Connecticut and Russell DeGrafft of Old Lyme, Connecticut were elected for one-year terms. Please see "Sources of Information" for each of the above beginning on page 8. This year Edwin W. Strickland II (New Britain) will be serving as our Vice President. Other returning officers and board members are John Bedard (Lenox, Massachusetts), Diane LeMay (Assistant Treasurer, East Windsor), Peg Limbacher (Treasurer, North Haven), Noreen Manzella (West Haven), Donald A. Naples (New Britain), Olivia C. Patch (Tolland), Lisa M. Vasas (Milford), Carol Whitmer (Marlborough), Merris E. Williams (Hebron). You can find out more about each of us at [http://www.csginc.org/csg\\_current\\_board\\_of\\_governors.php](http://www.csginc.org/csg_current_board_of_governors.php).

During the meeting Janet Wallace reminded attendees that although it seems hard to believe, CSG will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018 (see page 14). Although a straw poll was taken at the Annual Meeting to gauge support for forming a "Friends Club" to help with initial funding for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the Board has subsequently determined that a start-up fund is not needed.

A highlight of the morning activities was the presentation of a Proclamation to Richard G. ("Dick") Tomlinson recognizing his many years of service to the Board and to CSG (see the full Proclamation on page 4).



Dick was also recognized through the sheet cake served following the buffet luncheon which featured outlines of Connecticut and Texas, his new home. We also recognized, with many thanks for their service, outgoing Board members Brian Cofrancesco and Justin D. Piccirillo.



In the afternoon, Jody Blankenship, Executive Director of the Connecticut Historical Society, welcomed those in attendance and introduced Ilene Frank, who presented the moving story of

her family's heritage and of the life journey that led her to her current position of Chief Curator of the Historical Society.

Then, attendees were divided into two groups with Jody and Ilene leading tours through the CHS Research Center, Museum, and even into non-public storage areas where we were able to view extensive collections of furniture, clocks, costumes -- and even a special nineteenth century "coffin", a cooler



designed to hold ice to help preserve bodies while they were being displayed in the family parlor prior to burial in a regular coffin. It even had a glass window through which the face of the deceased could be viewed.

Looking ahead, don't forget to register right away for our Annual Family History Seminar on Saturday, October 15. This year, rather than having four different speakers, Dick Eastman, publisher of the popular *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, will be giving four presentations: "The Organized Genealogist," "Using World Cat to Find Genealogy Books," "Privacy Concerns for Genealogists to Consider," and "Genealogy Searches on Google" -- see descriptions of these presentations on page 15. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this nationally-known speaker right here in Connecticut. The day will also include the 2016 Literary Awards presentations. Deadline to register is October 7. Registration information is on the inside back cover.

# Proclamation

*Adopted by the Board of Governors of the  
Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.*

*May 21, 2016*

*Honoring Richard G. Tomlinson, CSG #55L*

*Whereas, Dick Tomlinson, a Charter Member, has been the face of CSG since joining in 1968, serving as an officer (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer) and on the Board of Governors, is retiring on April 30, 2016 after 48 years of service to CSG, and*

*Whereas, Dick was instrumental in obtaining the office facilities and library, and*

*Whereas, Dick had the foresight to create both the Literary Award Contest in 1987 and the Connecticut Genealogy News in 2008, and*

*Whereas, Dick has earned the admiration and respect of members and non-members, as well as colleagues outside of CSG for his generosity, leadership, collegiality, enthusiasm, and professionalism in furthering CSG's goals and objectives.*

*Be it resolved that the Officers and the Board of Governors place on the record their sincere appreciation for the many years of dedicated service and commitment of Richard G. Tomlinson during his tenure at CSG, and*

*Be it further resolved that the Board of Governors names **Richard G. Tomlinson, Governor Emeritus** of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.*

*Furthermore be it resolved that the Board of Governors extends to Dick Tomlinson and his family blessings for good health and best wishes for his move to Texas.*

*President, Richard Roberts*

*Secretary, Noreen Manzella*

*Treasurer, Margaret "Peg" Limbacher*

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## Nathaniel Sterling, a Wilton Revolutionary War Patriot: A Story with a Not-So-Happy Ending

by William Sterling, CSG # 13429

The existence of Nathaniel Sterling, a Revolutionary War soldier, was first brought to my attention in 2009 while reading *Wilton Connecticut, Three Centuries of People, Places, and Progress*, by Robert H. Russell, 2007 edition. Nathaniel's name first appears on page 129 and then again on page 517 (Appendix I). Russell writes that Nathaniel was wounded at the Battle of Monmouth (New Jersey) and died within the month. The Battle occurred toward the end of June 1778.

I had worked on my genealogy for 45 years and had never run across this information, so I was completely surprised. I checked my copy of the *Sterling Genealogy*, by A.M. Sterling, Grafton Press, 1909, and found many entries for a Nathaniel Sterling, only two of which were in the Wilton area: The first was the son of William Sterling (#23, my fifth great grandfather). This Nathaniel was born September 20, 1725 and died in his 21<sup>st</sup> year, making the year of death 1746, thirty years before the start of the Revolution. The second Nathaniel was the son of William Sterling (#139, my third great grandfather), who was born April 1, 1780, shortly before the Revolution ended. So neither of these Nathaniels could be the one of interest. All of the other Nathaniels in the genealogy were born in time frames and places out of the realm of possibility. Apparently, A.M. Sterling somehow missed the subject of this writing in his work of 1909.

The Russell source is *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution*. Indeed, Nathaniel's name appears there. I found that it also appears in Teller's *The History of Ridgefield, Conn. (1878)*, page 48, and Rockwell's *The History of Ridgefield Connecticut (1927)*, pages 139 & 191. In both of these books, Nathaniel appears on Captain Gamaliel Northrup's muster list of 1776. In Rockwell, Nathaniel is listed as being from Norwalk (at that time, Wilton parish was a part of Norwalk). I found confirmation of this in *Lists and Returns of Connecticut Men in the Revolution*, page 109. According to the *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution*, Nathaniel later enlisted in Chandler's 8<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Regiment, Comstock's Company, on March 4, 1777

for the duration of the War, and died July 4, 1778 (p. 237).

I obtained over 30 pay records for Nathaniel Starling (Sterling), on-line from Footnote (now Fold3). Of interest are the written statements on these pay records from May through September 1, 1778, indicating he was "Sick at Yellow Springs", followed simply by, "Dead Sep' 7<sup>th</sup>." Another document copied from the Rolls of Col. John Chandler's Regiment indicates Nathaniel died July 4, 1778, confirming the above date. Of interest is that he was paid continuously until September. It was only then that word of his death was apparently received by Comstock's company, and that all the pay issued since his death had to be returned to the paymaster general's office.

Since I now live in Virginia, I went to the Library of Virginia in Richmond and was able to locate Revolutionary War microfilms of original documents that show Nathaniel Sterling having enlisted in Captain Gamaliel Northrup's Company in July of 1776. These documents are probably where Teller and Rockwell obtained their information. One of the documents has the heading, "*Muster Roll of the Company now raised for the Defense of the United Colonies by Capt. Gamaliel Northrup Jr. of Ridgefield in the County of Fairfield in Col. G.S. Silliman's Regiment taken by me the subscriber being Duly Authorized for that Purpose July.*" As indicated on the muster roll, Nathaniel was 18 years of age at this time. This implies he was born in 1758, not 1750 as shown in Russell's book.

So, I know that Nathaniel was about 20 years old when he died (1758-1778), but I still don't know who his parents were. Bob Russell checked the Wilton Congregational Church record book and suggested that Nathaniel could have been born in 1755 based on the fact that there is a torn (and lost) part of the page for this year and that this is where his name probably appeared. That is a possibility, but this theory did not satisfy me. I then decided to delve further. (The fact that Nathaniel's name was not in the Congregational Church record is most likely why A.M. Sterling missed him. I also found no evidence that any Sterling was a member of

the Norwalk Episcopal Church, at least during this timeframe.)

I emailed Diana McCain at the Connecticut Historical Society regarding my dilemma. She indicated their research did not turn up anything supporting the possibility that Nathaniel was the 8<sup>th</sup> child of Samuel Sterling. I also checked the Fairfield County probate records (in Fairfield) and even with the help of staff, was unable to find any indication that any estate of Nathaniel's was ever probated. This is likely because he died so young and had no descendants nor much time to accumulate any wealth.

In 1758, the year of Nathaniel's birth, Samuel (#48) and his brother William (#46, my fourth great grandfather) were the remaining patriarchs of the Wilton Sterlings. It is possible that one of them was Nathaniel's father. An interesting comment in the Sterling Genealogy is that William's only child, "as far as known", was William (#139), born July 9, 1755. One wonders why this statement would have been made.

According to church records, Samuel had a daughter, Elenora (no birth year), who was baptized on February 2, 1758, the same year that Nathaniel was born. To get a proper birth timeframe for Elenora, I needed to know how old she was when she was baptized. Was she an infant (not likely two children were born in the same year) or a young adult? What was Church doctrine during this time period regarding baptism? Some churches felt that baptism had no meaning unless one was old enough to understand its meaning (Baptists). Others believed otherwise. But having read some on-line doctrinal history of the Congregational Church and consulting with a local pastor, it appears that during this time period the Congregational Church baptized children as infants. If so, then it is very *unlikely* that Nathaniel was born the same year as his (possible) sister Elenora, if he were the son of Samuel. It is most likely he was the son of William (#46) because there would have been more time after the birth of William (#139) in 1755 to the time when Nathaniel was born in 1758. But this would contradict the comment in the Genealogy mentioned above.

I contacted Roger Thorne at the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society, to ask if any death records exist there (this is in the area where the Yellow Springs Hospital was/is [it is now a museum], and where Nathaniel apparently died). This is Roger's response:

*Mr. Sterling,*

*Records on casualty status were generally poor to non-existent. Typhus was a scourge during the Encampment, and because of its contagion, afflicted soldiers were moved out of camp ASAP to save the others. Yellow Springs Army Hospital was opened in the spring of 1778, and remained open after the army departed in June of that year. However, many of the patients that originally were sent to Yellow Springs were then passed on to other hospitals or hospices farther north or west, and records are generally sketchy on who went where. Also, mass burials were the rule of the day because of the magnitude of the scourge, with little or no official record-keeping.*

I then emailed Sandra Momyer of Historic Yellow Springs, attaching copies of Nathaniel's war record. This was to inform her that Nathaniel was at the hospital at some point in time during the early summer of 1778 and that he evidently died there. Her response was that my information is now the only information they have on anyone who was at the hospital and she thanked me for providing it. In addition to confirming what Roger Thorne stated, she further indicated their records state that soldiers were buried on the hillside surrounding the hospital. Yet, although they have had several archeological tests done, no burial sites have been found. She had no further information for me.

I also received an email from the librarian at the CT State Library on December 7, 2012, after writing to her for information. Her return message follows:

*07 Dec 2012*

*Dear Mr. Sterling:*

*I have checked the following sources and, unfortunately, have not found a Nathaniel or Nathan Sterling/Starling that fits your person:*

*Hale Collection of Tombstone Inscriptions (It would be a memorial stone only.)*

*Hale Collection of Newspaper Death Notices*

*Barbour Collection of CT Town Records*

*Early American Newspapers (covers all colonies, esp. 1704 on.)*

*It turns out that there was no newspaper in Norwalk in 1788, nor in a nearby city, nor one in Fairfield*

County that covered Norwalk. The nearest newspaper was the Connecticut Journal in New Haven. That is on microfilm here and may be borrowed on interlibrary loan, through your local library. Please contact your local librarian for full details on interlibrary loan.

Again, for a professional researcher who would be able to look at our sources here, please contact the Connecticut Professional Genealogists' Society at [www.ctprogen.com](http://www.ctprogen.com)

Again, I hope this is of help. Good luck in your search!  
Sincerely,  
Bonnie Linck, Librarian II  
CT State Library

I took her advice and had my local library order the aforementioned microfilm for the appropriate time period and there was no mention of war casualties, as might have been expected.

### Conclusion

Most likely, Nathaniel is the son of William Sterling #46 and brother of William Sterling #139. He went to war as a young man and never returned, being lost to the ages somewhere in the New Jersey or Pennsylvania

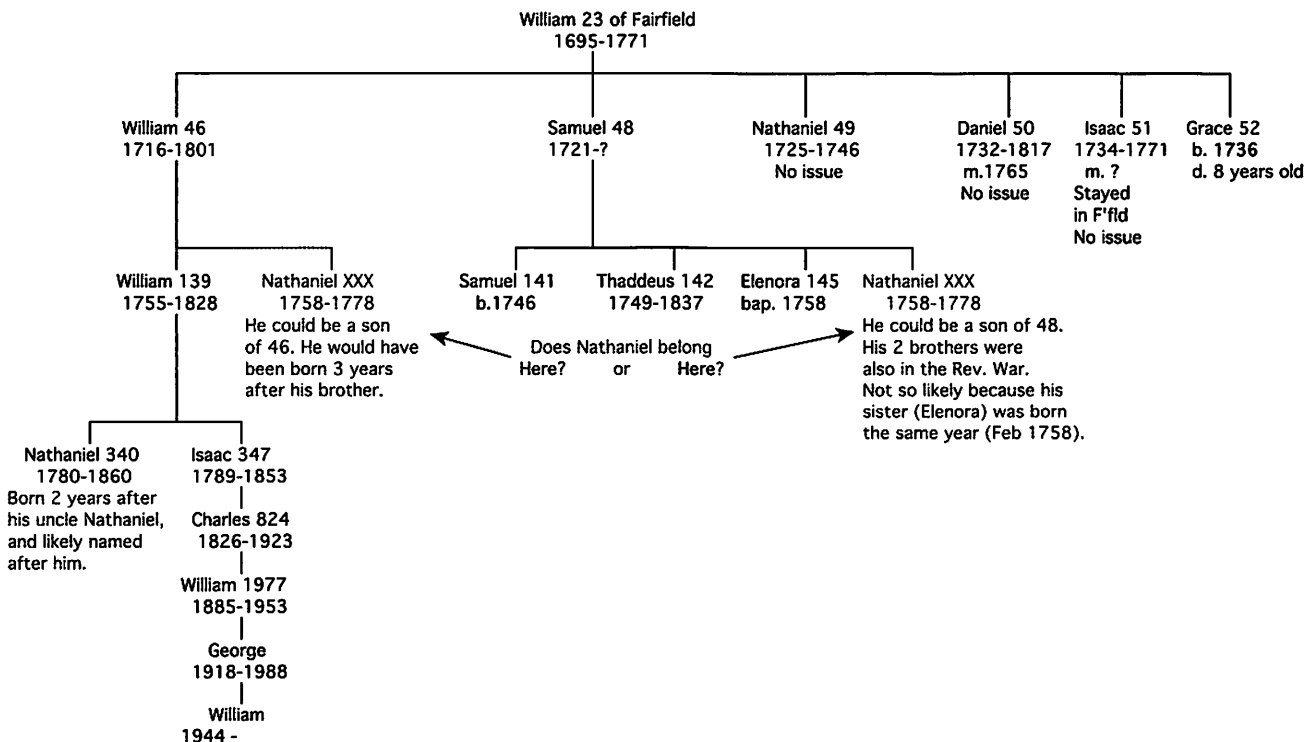
area. Because he had no children, his memory has been all but forgotten. Why there is no record of his birth remains a mystery. There is also no tombstone/cenotaph for him in the area, save for the War Monument on Ridgefield's Main Street, on which he is named, which is dedicated in part to all the men who served in Northrup's company.

I suspect that William #139, out of respect for his brother Nathaniel, who died at Yellow Springs during the War, named his first-born child two years later, Nathaniel (#340), after him.

For the time being, my Nathaniel Sterling quest has been suspended. Hopefully, I'll continue one day, if-and-when another crack in the "brick wall" appears.

The chart below lays out the possibilities of where Nathaniel lies in the family tree.

Revolutionary War Nathaniel Sterling XXX possibilities.  
Numbers after names are Sterling Genealogy reference numbers



# SOURCES of Information

Janet Horton Wallace, CSG Board of Governors

Jumping on the Bicentennial bandwagon in 1976, Janet started with Dave Stoddard's genealogy classes at UConn branch in West Hartford. Immediately bitten by the 'bug', Janet joined CSG, and quickly expanded from personal genealogy to full participation in clubs, seminars, and conferences, as attendees and finally on Board and/or Chair as opportunities arose. During earlier Board service, Janet sat as President of CSG. She is a member of Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council (CPGC) holding a Board position since 2001. She is Historian/Archivist at South Congregational Church in Hartford. Janet also chaired the *QueryColumn* at New England Regional Genealogical Conferences (NERGC) from 1995 through 2015. Married 60 years, Janet and husband Bruce live in Wethersfield. Son Brian is Director of the Sagendorf Art Gallery, Keene, New Hampshire, and daughter Sandra Amoroso is an elementary teacher in Rocky Hill. Other interests include personal travel with husband Bruce (especially Scotland and Bermuda), tailoring, and rubber-stamp card making, along with weekly volunteering at Kindergarten at Myrtle Stevens School in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.



Q.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?**

While visiting my grandparents Goodrich around 1968, they came across (tag sale) a printed genealogy that took my family (Goodrich and some collaterals) back to 1600s Wethersfield. The book, however, had no source citations, so I had to learn how to research, and cite. Joined CSG in 1976 as a member of Dave Stoddard's genealogy class at UConn West Hartford. As with so many, the interest has become an obsession.

Q.

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

Cite your sources! (with location of source in your hand-notes). You never know when even you will have to return to the original, for an updated look, or even to correct your own transcription errors! Also, check, and re-check.

Q.

**WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?**

Connecticut State Library, "H & G Room" (History & Genealogy): most of my ancestors 'reside' there! I'm fully Connecticut, and they have it all.

Q.

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

My third great-grandfather, Levi<sup>6</sup> Goodrich (*John<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) [c. 1782 - 1859] called 'of Rocky Hill' in 1813. "Found" data, but cannot prove him. Solved? No; a work in progress.

**SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.**

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*Linda Carlson, CSG Board of Governors*

Linda was born and raised in New York City until age five when she moved to Long Island. She is a descendant of Jewish immigrants. She moved to Connecticut in the 1970s to attend the University of Hartford and never left. Linda is a high school special education teacher with a Master's in Educational Technology from the University of Connecticut and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in School Administration from American International College. She is a member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut, Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council and recording secretary for the Bichon Frise Club of Southern New England.



Q.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?**

I began my genealogical research at the age of 15 (over 40 years ago, but who is counting). One day my social studies teacher gave an assignment to interview an immigrant. I immediately thought of my Hungarian grandfather William, and realized I didn't know much about his life. He had passed away a month before. I had to choose another relative to interview, but I started gathering information about the family that I didn't want to lose. My family began to see me as the family genealogist and have been eager to share information to this day.

Q.

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

The most important lesson that I have learned is to cite my sources. It is annoying to look at information that I found back in my 20s and not know who gave it to me. This sometimes makes it difficult to establish the reliability of the information. I have also learned that people remember more than they think they do. People often tell me that they don't remember, but, our conversation triggers memories that may become an important lead.

Q.

**WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?**

My favorite archive has been the Hartford, CT Town Clerk's office at City Hall. While researching my husband's family I discovered an obelisk at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, CT. It listed sixteen previously unknown family members from the 1800s, in Hartford. The people in Hartford were very welcoming and let me do the research I needed to find birth and death records for all of the people I needed. I have since done more research there and have enjoyed working in their office.

Q.

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

My biggest brickwall has been due to my ethnic heritage. I am Jewish and have done some research on those lines, but the countries that my family came from, present day Lithuania and Ukraine, are difficult. I was able to go back to 1825 on the Hungarian/Ukrainian line through the 1848 Census of the Jews in Hungary from LDS, and for Jewish research, that isn't bad. I was able to get the copy of the original document on microfilm. I have been able to find original names through naturalization documents and ship passenger records which is wonderful for families to learn, but most of the records are still unavailable. I know that various organizations are working to make more materials accessible, and I hope that someday I will be able to learn more.

**SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.**

LOVE.

# SOURCES of Information

*Sarah Stewart Champion, CSG Board of Governors*

Sara Stewart Champion has worked as a corporate attorney and previously as a Russian linguist for the Department of Defense and the Social Security Administration. She is Regent and Registrar, Drum Hill Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Wilton, CT; a Member of the Council of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Class of 2018; a member of the New England Society in the City of New York and served on its Board of Directors 2009-2012; and a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and serves on the Board of Assistants of the New York State Society (Secretary 2010-2014) and on the 2020 Committee of the Connecticut State Society.



Q.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?**

About 25 years ago. I was alone in New York City and began to wonder I came from. I spent a lot of time at the Family History Center across the street from Lincoln Center where I received a lot of encouragement and advice.

Q.

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

One needs to find proof for family “histories.”

Q.

**WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?**

Ancestry.com because it satisfies my occasional need for instant genealogical gratification.

Q.

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

Finding a Mayflower ancestor. I found a family history for the family of a great-great-great-grandmother at the Mayflower Society library in Plymouth. I now know that I am descended from four Mayflower passengers.

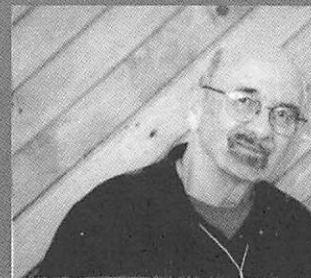
**SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.**

**SORRY MY VOCABULARY DOES NOT CONTAIN SUCH A WORD.**

# SOURCES of Information

*Russell DeGrafft, CSG Board of Governors*

Russ began his professional career as an elementary school teacher and thirty-three years later retired as a Reading/Language Arts Coordinator for the State of Connecticut and an Adjunct Professor for the Connecticut college system and from there has spent the rest of his free time writing narratives and researching his family history. His undergraduate work was completed in Vermont before he moved on to the former Rhode Island College of Education and then to the University of Connecticut, University of Hartford and finally back once again to UCONN. He has experienced the effects of several organizations, serving on their boards and committees, such as the Descendants of Textile Workers of America, East Lyme Puppetry Project, Inc. which assists students in their development of literary skills, Various Community Historical Societies, Lyme/Old Lyme Senior Center, where he taught genealogical courses for beginners. He is also a member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., serving on the Board of Governors, the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc., Rhode Island Genealogical Society and New England Historical Genealogical Society.



Q.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?**

My interest in genealogy began about thirty years ago when a cousin from Maryland contacted me regarding a family legend. During this time I talked with my father and his "band of sisters" and I was hooked on a hobby that would totally control my life for years.

Q.

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

The most important lesson any genealogist must learn over the years is patience, organization and flexibility. What we thought we were sure of is not always so. I always assumed Maryland was my sole place of origin but have since discovered the significance of RI, MA, PA, VT, CA, as well as many of those unassuming mid-continental states.

Q.

**WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?**

I have worked with many archives over the years, from Vermont to Maryland, so to choose a favorite would be impossible. However my exposure to Ancestry.com and New England Historical Genealogical Society have provided me with massive amounts of materials.

Q.

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

My biggest brickwall has always been my European connections and how to locate places and sites for accurate and concrete information. Several trips to European countries have not answered many of my family questions. What a journey this has been!

**SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.**

**PATIENCE**

# SOURCES of Information

*David Robison, CSG Board of Governors*

Dave Robison, owner of Old Bones Genealogy of New England, is a professional genealogist from Western Massachusetts. A frequent lecturer, he offers a variety of presentations and workshops both live and virtual throughout New England and the US. He was a speaker at the 2015 New England Regional Genealogical Consortium (NERGC) conference in Providence, Rhode Island and serves as a Tri-Chair for the 2017 NERGC conference being held in Springfield, Massachusetts. Dave is also scheduled to speak at NERGC in 2017. He holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University and the ProGen Program. Dave is an active member of several local, regional and national genealogical societies. He volunteers at genealogy research clinics at the Chicopee Library and the Western Mass Genealogical Society (WMGS). Dave is a member of NEHGS, CNYGS, the President of the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society, recently elected to the CGS Board of Governors and was President of NEAPG in 2015.



Q.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?**

In 1969, I received a letter from someone who turned out to be a paternal second cousin. In it, he described a descendants report, typewritten, that began with a great-grandfather who was born in 1854. "Wow," was my reaction, "1854!!" The list ended with my sister and me. I was so impressed, I put it away for 25 years. My origins had always been a big mystery having been raised by parents whose mantra was "What you don't know won't hurt you." I learned bits and pieces over the years which really amounted to next to nothing. But in 1998, Family Tree Maker software on a shelf at Circuit City caught my eye and I was off to the races! I still have the letter and use it in some of my beginner classes.

Q.

**WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ARCHIVE AND WHY?**

I should be partial to the Berkshire Athenaeum or perhaps the Lyman & Merrie Museum of Springfield History and Archives since I volunteer there every week. However, the Connecticut State Archives in Hartford ranks first in my mind with the others mentioned running a close second and third. The collections, the extent of the records and other factors are critical, of course. But the crowning touch is a friendly, knowledgeable staff who are very willing to assist and make you feel welcome.

Q.

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

Talk to the elders in your family as soon as you can. Plan, schedule, record and be grateful. And do this TODAY!!

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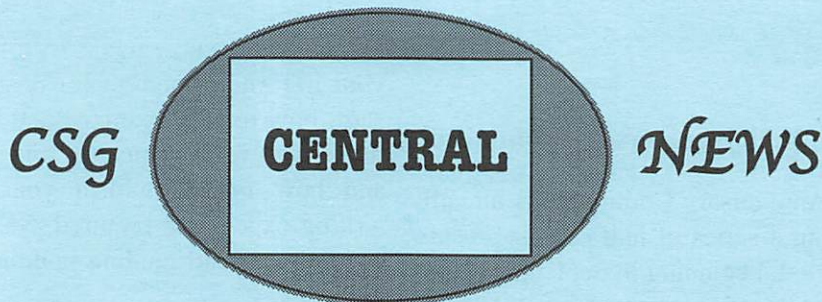
**WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST BRICKWALL AND HOW DID YOU OVERCOME IT?**

On my paternal side, my biggest brick wall is what spawned my personal genealogical mantra: "Speeling duzn't cownt." My Grand Aunt Sarah, who I never knew existed until I began research my paternal side, had mountains of research she had done over the last 3 decades of her life...without the use of a computer! She opened my eyes to at least 7 different ways in which my paternal ancestors spelled "Robison." She allowed me to copy anything I wanted which turned out to be just about all of it. The good news is that she willed her collections to the Conecuh (Alabama) Historical Society which is currently in the process of digitizing her work.

**SUM UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN ONE WORD.**

PILGRIMS





## Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

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

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

**15 October** - Annual Family History Seminar

*You don't want to miss this one ---*

***Dick Eastman is coming to Connecticut!!!***

*A Day With Dick Eastman* - Join us in welcoming Dick Eastman of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter ([www.blog.eogn.com](http://www.blog.eogn.com)) as the speaker for this year's seminar.

**Topics:** "The Organized Genealogist"  
 "Using WorldCat to Find Genealogy Books"  
 "Privacy Concerns for Genealogists to Consider"  
 "Genealogy Searches on Google"

**See page 15 for more detailed descriptions of each presentation.**

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

**Time:** Registration begins at 8 a.m., speaker begins at 9 a.m.

**Cost:** \$55 if postmarked by 30 September 2016 or \$60 thereafter. See the inside back cover for the CSG website at [www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org) for the registration form (copies welcome).

**19 November** - "Cemeteries, the Final Resting Place of a Community" and "Tombstones - Endangered and How to Salvage Them." For more details see the flyer on page 16. **Speakers:** Diana McCain, genealogical & historical consulting partner in *Come Home to Connecticut*, and Ruth Shapleigh Brown, director of the *Connecticut Gravestone Network*.

**Place:** CSG Library, 175 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT 06118.

**Time:** 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** FREE, but please pre-register by Friday, 18 November 2016 so we may plan appropriately.

**2017**

**In case of inclement weather, please look for cancellations at [WFSB.com](http://WFSB.com) under Closings & Delays.**

**18 February** - "Getting the Most out of Genealogical Conferences"

With the 14th New England Regional Genealogical Conference coming up in April, this is the perfect opportunity for open discussion and sharing on how to get the most out of a genealogical conference.

**Facilitated by:** Janet Horton Wallace and Olivia Patch

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

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

**Cost:** FREE

18 March - SAVE THE DATE - Program TBD

***There will be no CSG program on 15 April.*** Instead, please join us at the 14th New England Regional Genealogical Conference hosted by the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) from **26-29 April** in Springfield, MA. For more information on NERGC, please see page 23 of this issue and go to [www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org) or visit [www.facebook.com/NERGC](http://www.facebook.com/NERGC).

# News

## CSG Announces Fiftieth Anniversary Committee

Your CSG Fiftieth Anniversary Committee is already hard at work planning a series of half-century events over an extended period, beginning in September 2017 and culminating on the third Saturday of May, 2018 with special half-century festivities. The group comprises Janet Horton Wallace, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chair; Richard Roberts, President; Peg Limbacher, Treasurer; Diane McDermott LeMay, Assistant Treasurer; Richard Tomlinson, Governor Emeritus; Olivia Patch, Programs Chair; Linda Simard, CSG Assistant Office Manager (retired); and Office Manager Stephanie Hyland.

Special topics and honored guests will round out the Programs, with special relativity to our first five decades,. Dates will be published early, that all members can make their plans to attend. We will continue our genealogical learning process, and sprinkle lots of remembrances and fun into the mix.

Should any members have ideas for inclusion in the overall programs or locations for *Celebration*, please be in touch with Janet Wallace at Snowdon40@aol.com (citing CSG50 in the subject line, please). Please watch this publication for regularly posted details.

Meanwhile, we have the current program year to take part in and enjoy. Please see our Programs Calendar listings for the latest postings. Mark your calendar, and do plan to be a regular attendee. The camaraderie is second to none.

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### FindMyPast.com

The discount code for CSG members to subscribe to FindMyPast.com listed on the CSG website appears to be working again. Members have been able to access it; however, attempts to verify this with FindMyPast.com have gone unanswered.

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### The Windsor Historical Society presents From Memory to Memoir: Writing Your Life Story

**October 11 to November 15 (six Tuesday sessions), 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**  
Remember your parents' and grandparents' stories of

growing up? Turn memories of significant events in your life into a memoir for posterity. Learn where to start, how to get organized and keep going until your finish. Get tips on pictures and documents to include and how to self-publish your story. No previous writing experience required. Susan Omilian has been encouraging and guiding budding memoir writers for many years.

- October 11: Why You Want to Write Your Life Story and Quieting Your Inner Critic
- October 18: Mining a Childhood Memory for the Jewels, Working with Memories
- October 25: Focusing on Defining Moments
- November 1: Deciding Theme and Structure for your for your Life Story
- November 8: Using Pictures, Documents and the Rest
- November 15: Editing your Memoir, Preparing it for Publication, Tips on Self-Publishing

\$75 for six session course. Class size is limited.

Contact: call 860-688-3813 or email: info@windsorhistoricalsociety.org.

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### Godfrey Memorial Library Cemetery Transcription Project

The Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, Connecticut is looking for people who are serious about devoting time to help them build their database of Connecticut Cemeteries and their inscriptions.

Needed are photographers who can go to the cemeteries to photograph the stones and gather the transcriptions. Also needed are people who can work with Excel files to enter all the transcription information into the database.

If you live outside of Connecticut and would like to try this in your own state, please feel free to the Godfrey Memorial Library about how to proceed. They will be happy to work with you.

Volunteers are welcome any time and for any number of available hours. All training will be provided by the Library staff or other volunteers.

If you are interested being a volunteer please call the Library at (860) 346-4375.

**The Connecticut Society of Genealogists**  
**Annual Family History Seminar**  
*A Day with Dick Eastman*

Saturday - 15 October 2016

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Four Points Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450**

Join us for a full day with Dick Eastman of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*. Dick will be giving four informative presentations:

**“The Organized Genealogist”** - A look at various methods of organizing record keeping by use of digital techniques. The talk will focus on converting paper-based record keeping to all digital records, making plenty of backups (to be stored in different locations), and preserving the digital records for many more years than is possible with paper. Also discussed will be methods of digitally preserving printed books and magazines for long-term storage and making sure that information in those publications can be easily searched and retrieved.

**“Using WorldCat to Find Genealogy Books”** - WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. WorldCat libraries are dedicated to providing access to their resources on the Web, where most people start their search for information. WorldCat.org lets you search the collections of libraries in your community and thousands more around the world. WorldCat grows every day thanks to the efforts of librarians and other information professionals.

**“Privacy Concerns for Genealogists to Consider”** - In this high tech world where a citizen's right to privacy seems to be eroding almost daily, a genealogist needs to consider the information he or she contributes to help others as well as understand where and how that information might be used. Concerns to be covered include the advantages and risks of providing public information about living people, concerns for the right to privacy of your relatives, allowing others to make changes and corrections to your information, and also the risks of publicly sharing DNA information. Will all this information be available only to you, your heirs, and your relatives? Or will the information you supply also be used by insurance companies, identity thieves, or government agencies that spy on the nation's citizens? Today's news reports seem to be full of paranoia about privacy. This presentation will attempt to separate the facts from the fallacies.

**“Genealogy Searches on Google”** - Extracting the most genealogy information possible from everyone's favorite search engine.

**Please note that there no printed “handouts” of Dick Eastman's presentations will be distributed. However, those attending the Seminar will be able to download, save, and print out the PowerPoint slides; those bringing their own tablet computers or laptops to the Seminar can even follow the slides on their own portable devices while Dick is giving the talks (there is no need to have PowerPoint installed as the slides can be viewed directly in a Web browser on any Macintosh, Windows, Apple handheld, and Android handheld, and even on Linux computers). When ready, the “handouts” may be found at: <http://www.eogn.com/handouts/meriden> (the words “handouts” and “meriden” must be in lower case).**

For questions, or to register for the Seminar, see the form on the inside back cover. You may also call the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 with a MasterCard, VISA or Discover. A flyer with a registration may also be downloaded from our website at [www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org) and mailed in.

**The Connecticut Society of  
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*presents*

**“Cemeteries-The Final Resting Place of a Community”  
with Diana Ross McCain**

*also presenting*

**“Tombstones - Endangered and How to  
Salvage Them”**

**with Ruth Shapleigh Brown**

Tombstones, epitaphs and cemetery records are rich sources of information for genealogists and local historians. This presentation illustrates what monuments to the dead and the words on them reveal about a person, a family and a community; and what clues they provide for further research. Also to be addressed are the conditions and circumstances surrounding old burial grounds and questions about cleaning family stones.

*~ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~*

**November 19, 2016  
at 1:30 to 3 p.m.**

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

**Cost:** FREE    **Pre-registration Deadline:** November 18, 2016 by 3 p.m.

**To register, contact the CSG Office at 860-569-0002  
or at [csginc@csginc.org](mailto:csginc@csginc.org)**

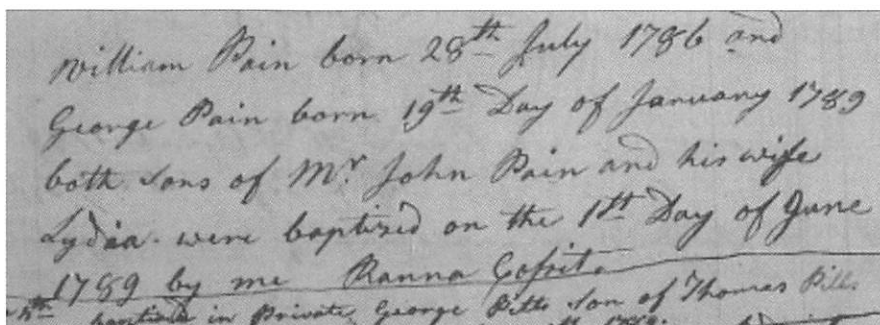
## A Connecticut Colonist in Canada: Parish Records Found at FamilySearch.com

submitted by Janine Barber, CSG # 20572

Reverend Ranna Cossitt of Granby, Connecticut kept parish records for his military chapel in Sydney, Nova Scotia.<sup>[1]</sup> His story will be written in a future article, but the paragraphs following show how to find his handwritten text. It's a hidden treasure for Revolutionary War genealogists, those seeking Loyalists who left their homes. Reverend Cossitt's penmanship shows more flourishes for the marriage of notables; it notes whether a baptism was "a private ceremony" and, in one case, explains the suicide of a young woman.

Use these steps to find this journal. Here's a passage showing my ancestors, John Paine and Lydia (Tisdale) Paine, as they baptize two sons.<sup>[2]</sup>

1. Open Family Search. This is a free site but requires a login id and password.
2. Open "Search" and select "Record" from the pop-up screen.
3. Move your cursor to "Research by Location." Click on the map of Canada. The pop up screen shows ten locations; choose "Nova Scotia."



4. Scroll down to "Nova Scotia Image Only Historical Records" and select "Nova Scotia Church Records 1720-2001."
5. Click on "View Images in this Collection" and select "Cape Breton."
6. "City or Town" is your next selection – choose "Sydney."
7. Under "Denominations and Parish", select "Church of England in Canada St. George."
8. Choose "Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, 1785-1824." You will view page "1 of 145."

Type in "11" to view the record of John and Lydia (Tisdale) Paine's baptism of sons William (28 July 1786) and George (19 January 1789). Select Page 18 to view the marriage of my ancestor James Gould to Sophia Paine; James had stood with his father at the Battle of Saratoga<sup>[3]</sup>, and it is believed that his wife Sophia is a descendant of John Howland of the Mayflower.<sup>[4]</sup> James Gould's descendant Frank Gould moved to Connecticut and founded the Silver Lane Pickle Company in East Hartford, Connecticut.<sup>[5]</sup>

These steps need to be followed. Look through and you will find some familiar names from the Revolutionary war. Note: the actual citation leads you to a different location where you cannot view these records.

### Endnotes

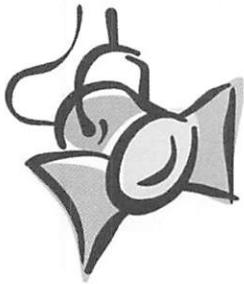
<sup>1</sup> Mason Wade *Odyssey of a Loyalist Rector* (Montpelier, Vt: Vermont Historical Society, Spring, 1980), 48:2, 97; Wade notes that Ranna Cossitt used fifteen spellings of his name.

<sup>2</sup> *Nova Scotia Church Records, 1720 – 2001, Cape Breton, Sydney, Church of England in Canada St. George, Baptisms, Marriages, and Births, 1785 – 1824*, <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-8BCKQVN?i=10&wc=M6PF3W5%3A219773301%2C19773302%2C219773303%2C219784901%3Fcc%3D1925428&cc=1925428>, Image 11 of 45.

<sup>3</sup> Pension records for James Gould Jr., were purchased from National Archives of Washington, D.C., and are in the author's possession.

<sup>4</sup> Rosa D. Tisdale, *Meet the Tisdales: Descendants of John Tisdale of Taunton, Mass., 1634-1980* (Baltimore, Md.: Gateway Press, 1981), 190.

<sup>5</sup> Family records from Hesper Gould's Letters; in author's possession.



# Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities

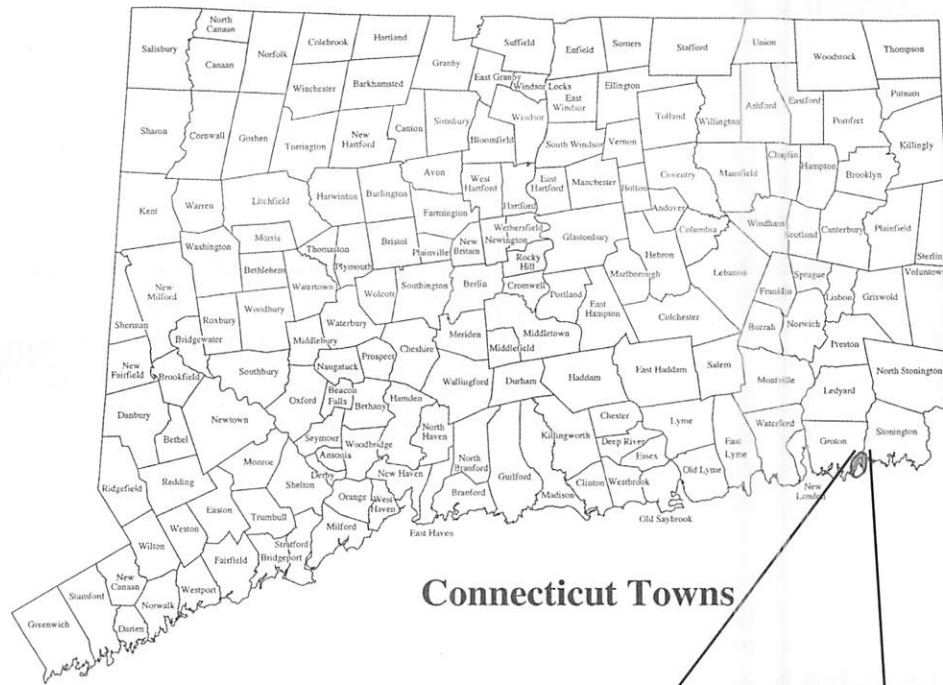


## Spotlight on the Village of Mystic

by Russell DeGrafft,  
CSG # 19174

### Historical Mystic and Mystic of Today

According to Wikipedia, Mystic is a village in New London County that has no independent government because it is not a legally recognized municipality in the state of Connecticut. Mystic is located within the towns of Groton (west of the Mystic River) and Stonington (east of the Mystic River). *Connecticut Genealogy News* will do “Spotlight” articles on both Groton and Stonington in future issues, however, the wealth of information that is of value to researchers found in this little village warrants a stand-alone feature article of its own.



Connecticut Towns

Mystic



Historically speaking, before the 17<sup>th</sup> century the Pequot people had established an empire across southeastern Connecticut. They built their first village overlooking the western bank of the Mystic River, called the Siccanemos. The only written records describe this village as existing in the year 1637. By this time the Pequots were in control of a considerable amount of territory, extending toward the Pawcatuck River in the east and the Connecticut River to the west, providing them with full access to the waters. They also had supreme rule over some of the more strategically located terrain. The Pequots were settled just distant enough to be secure from any danger posed by the Iroquois.

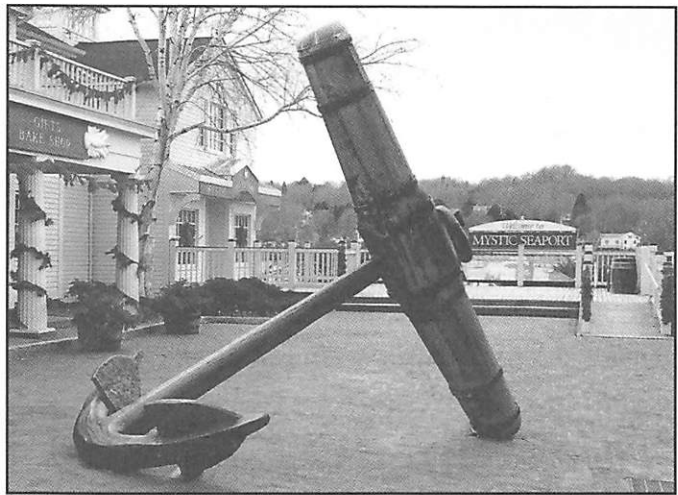
As stated above, Mystic was a leading seaport of the area and the story of Mystic’s nautical connection is told at Mystic Seaport, the nation’s largest nautical museum, which has preserved a number of sailing ships and seaport buildings. The village is located on the Mystic River, which flows into Long Island Sound, providing access to the sea. The Mystic River Bridge crosses the river in the center of the village,

According to the Mystic River Historical Society, the name Mystic is derived from the Pequot term “missi-tuk” which describes a large river whose waters are driven into waves by tides or winds.

**Things to Do, Places to See!!**

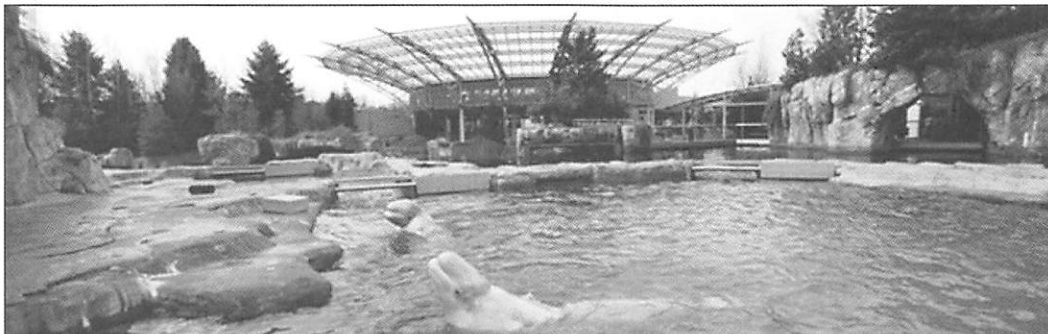
The Mystic area is a major drawing card for a significant amount of tourism. Beginning a fun-filled tour in downtown Mystic, the many small shops, a quaint drawbridge, and the unique flag pole in the center of the village attracts thousands of tourists seeking those cooling summer breezes off the Atlantic Ocean. Local sailing cruises are made possible for tourists on the traditional sailing ship *Argia*. Short day cruises and longer evening cruises are possible on the 1908 steamer *Sabino* departing Mystic Seaport on a regular schedule. Quaint shops line both side of Main Street and offer a multitude of goods: from ice cream to nautical souvenirs.

The **Mystic Seaport**, founded in 1929, is a treasure trove of restored nautical history and culture. An entire day can be spent exploring the many restored shops and the museum gift shop. It is the home of the *Charles W. Morgan*, the last wooden whale ship in the world. With a working shipyard on site, it is also the temporary home of many well-known vessels seeking repair.



For the children it’s a museum solely for their enjoyment. If you wish to get out on the water, visitors have access to the historic Mystic River during the warmer months of the year. Are you hungry yet after all of the walking and exploring? There are several restaurants on site, which offer water front dining. There are also cafe and bake shops for those in more of a hurry.

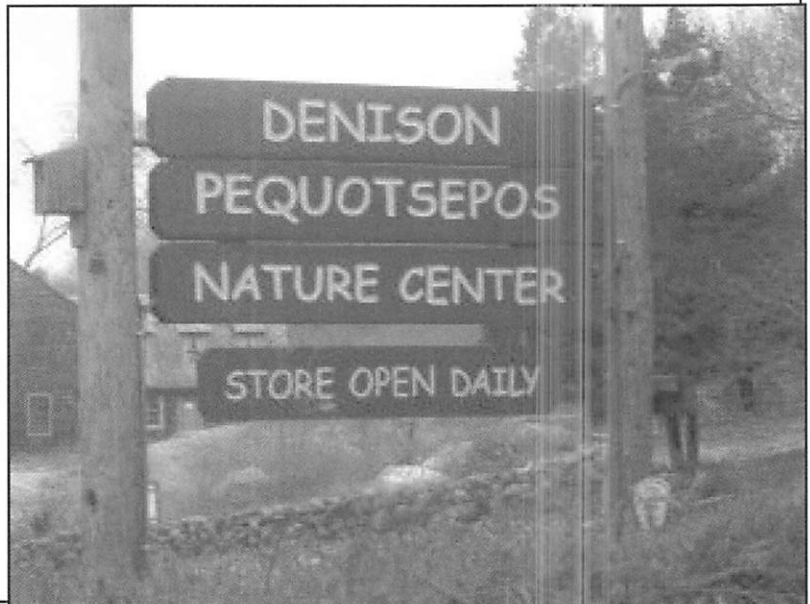
**The Mystic Aquarium**, located at 55 Coogan Boulevard, is a short hop down the road and an exciting spot for any curious person to explore. During most months of the year it is a desired tourist stop and has an excellent hands-on exhibit for Marine life observation. The Aquarium is known for its research department, concern for marine life rehabilitation, and its famous Beluga whales. Even Robert Ballard, the underwater explorer of *Titanic* fame, has found these facilities a place of intellectual stimulation.





The shops at **Old Mystic Village** will satisfy the spending needs of any astute tourist. Located in the same complex as the Aquarium and several excellent restaurants, the sixty plus stores display unique and long sought-after purchases. Don't miss the duck pond in the village, especially the geese Lulu and Lucy.

Feet tired and are you ready for some quiet and relaxing time? **The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center** is another short hop in your journey. Originally established in 1946, it offers up thanks to the Denison Family who maintained a homestead across the street from the sanctuary. For over 70 years the Center has provided visitors of the greater Mystic community the opportunity to experience nature first hand; whether it be on the ten miles of trails owned by the **Denison Homestead** and Avalonia Land Conservancy, in their natural history museum, the Nature Store, or as part of their many programs. This anniversary will be one of change, with exciting work in the planning stages. Will you be part of it? Anne Denison Gates, creator of the Denison Homestead, requested that the Denison Family be honored in the upcoming years. As a founding member of the Mystic Garden Club and bird lover, she would be thrilled to



hear of how many have learned a love of nature from her land. The Denison Homestead is another "must see" as one wends his/her way around this beautiful village. It is located just across the street from the Nature Center and contains many old and still usable artifacts from its past.



## Plan your Genealogical Research!!

**It is always wise to call ahead to ensure the hours of operation and staffing.**

As a long time researcher, I find the Mystic area a warren of record confusion. I would begin any research at the **Groton Public Library**, where you will find an enthusiastic staff most willing to start you on your way. This library contains many records that you may be seeking or may have them online. Many computers are available for their guests. You may need to sign up to use them. The Library had many Ancestry.Com programs permanently installed on their drives and will be delighted to help you in your attempt to locate that hidden ancestor. An active genealogy group meets on a regular basis, and its coordinator is a long time enthusiast. Looking for land records, church records, military records, old newspapers or town reports. This is a good place to start. Now you are on your way!!

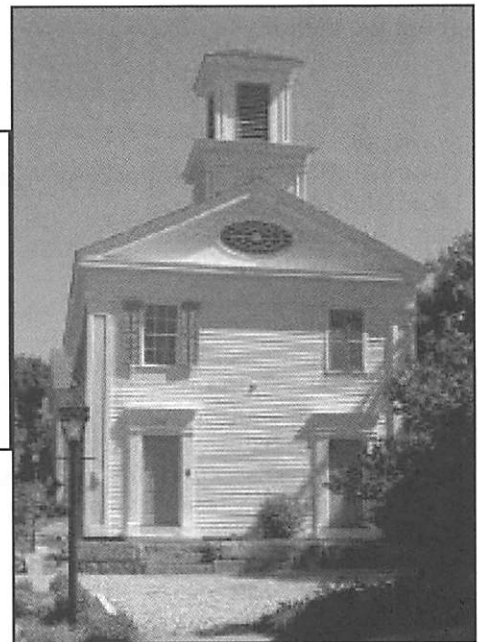


**Groton Public Library  
Located at:  
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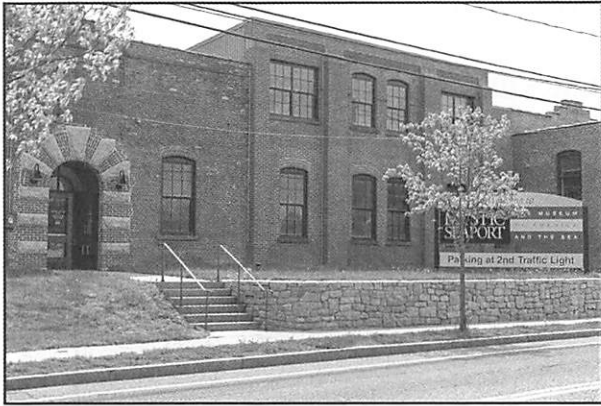
**The Mystic River Historical Society** is located in Mystic, Connecticut centering around the famous Mystic Bridge which has connected the towns of Groton and Stonington for almost 200 years. This large organization, housed in the Portersville Academy, has been in existence since 1973 and was organized to promote the historical traditions of greater Mystic.



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Society (NEHGS) in Boston. A frequent lecturer and writer, her area of focus is African American and Slave Ancestral research. Ms. Berry is an avid Detroit sports fan and loves to watch the Lions, Tigers and Red Wings from her home in Santa Monica.



**F. Warren Bittner, CG<sup>SM</sup>**, is a genealogical researcher and lecturer, with thirty years of research experience. He holds a Master of Science degree in history from Utah State University, and a Bachelors of Science degree in Business from Brigham Young University. His master's thesis looked at the social factors affecting illegitimacy in nineteenth-century Bavaria. He is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, and in 1989-1990 he studied Chinese at a graduate level at the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies in Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. He is the owner of Ancestors Lost and Found, a small genealogical research firm. For six years he was the German Collection Manager for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, where he coordinated contracts to microfilm and index records at 102 archives in seven countries and where he planned the German book acquisitions and internet publications. Before that he worked for four years in the

extraction unit of the Family History Library, where he was coordinator of third-party indexing projects and where he developed and trained volunteers in Spanish indexing projects. He has also worked as a Reference Consultant at the Family History Library on both the U.S. and International reference counters. He has done research in more than fifty German archives and in more than forty U.S. archives and record repositories. In 2010 he was assistant director of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and he is a former member of the board of directors for Utah Genealogical Association. He made several appearances on the PBS television series, *Ancestors 2*. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the National Genealogical Society, Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, and the Palatines to America, Colorado Chapter, and the Sacrament German Society. he is married to Nancy Ruth Christensen and is the father of three children.

**Thomas MacEntee** is a genealogy professional based in the United States who is also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, online community builder and more. Thomas was laid off after a 25-year career in the information technology field, so he started his own genealogy-related business called High Definition Genealogy. He also created an online community of over 3,000 family history bloggers known as GeneaBloggers. His most recent endeavor, Hack Genealogy, is an attempt to “re-purpose today’s technology for tomorrow’s genealogy.” Thomas describes himself as a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics who has finally figured out what he does best: teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration. Thomas is a big believer in success, and that we all succeed when we help each other find success.



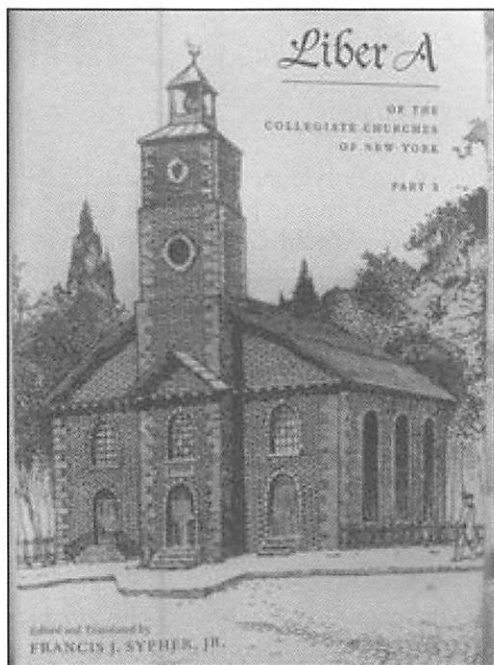
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## Book Review

by Diane McDermott LeMay, CSG # 7571



*Liber A of the Collegiate Churches of New York, Part 2, Baptisms 1639 to 1697, Members 1649 to 1701, Marriages 1639 to 1701*, edited and translated by Francis J. Sypher, Jr., Published by William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2140 Oak Industrial Dr., Grand Rapids, MI, 2015., 6 1/2 X 9 1/4, hardcover, ISBN 978-0-8028-7341-5, 912 pages. Contact the publisher for information on ordering at the above address or [www.eerdmans.com](http://www.eerdmans.com). Cost is \$75.00.

For anyone interested in colonial America, and especially those researching Dutch ancestors in 17<sup>th</sup> century New York, here is an abundance of information. This significant volume contains full entries of baptisms with names of parents, children, and witnesses; rolls of church members and marriages. Its predecessor Part 1 contains texts of official documents of the church. Sypher's in-depth informative Introduction gives a very interesting historical picture of New Amsterdam and its early settlers extracted from the documentation of this influential church. He gives clear detailed explanations of the traditional baptism, naming patterns, and marriage intentions. To

help the researcher understand and navigate through these records of the Reformed Dutch Church, Sypher includes a very extensive index of over 120 pages in this valuable reference, a Glossary of Dutch terms translated to English, and a page of abbreviations. Page numbers given in the index are those of the original manuscript and are indicated in brackets in the margins. Francis J. Sypher, Jr. achieved an extraordinary task.

## Heritage Humor by Justin Piccirillo



## James N. Arnold Collection Acquired by the Providence Public Library

*submitted by Richard C. Roberts, CSG # 8680*

The following announcement was taken from the Providence Public Library Web page:

The Providence Public Library (PPL) and the Knight Memorial Library of the Providence Community Libraries (PCL) have announced the PPL's acquisition of the archive and research materials of Rhode Island historian and genealogist James N. Arnold. The James N. Arnold Collection was formally acquired by PPL in November 2015 and was expected to be available to researchers by July 2016. The collection will be part of the Rhode Island Collection at Providence Public Library where it complements existing special collections materials on the history of the state.

The collection includes more than 30 linear feet of materials documenting the genealogical and local history research of James Arnold. Collection highlights include personal records such as correspondence, diaries, account books, and photographs; field notes and manuscripts, genealogical charts and research, cemetery research; and a collection of anti-Catholic tracts and writings. The collection also includes unpublished manuscripts related to the Canonchet [Narragansett] Indians and unpublished genealogical notes from Arnold's cemetery records.

James Newell Arnold (3 August 1844-18 September 1927) is best known as the compiler of two works invaluable for Rhode Island research: *The Narragansett Historical Register*, an 8-volume set on the history of southern Rhode Island, and the *Vital Records of Rhode Island*, covering the period 1636-1850 in 21 volumes. However, Connecticut researchers may not be aware that when they use the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, much of the credit should go to James Arnold. As I wrote in *Connecticut Genealogy News* Vol. 4, No. 1:

Lucius B. Barbour was appointed Connecticut's Examiner of Public Records effective July 5, 1911, the year after the present State Library and Supreme Court Building opened. The State Librarian's Annual Report for 1920-1922 notes that "realizing the necessity for preserving ... [vital] records and making their contents easily and quickly accessible, our Examiner of Public Records, Gen. Lucius B. Barbour, and his father, Gen. Lucius A. Barbour, have devoted many years and no small amount of money, in copying or having copied in their original form and spellings practically all of the Vital Records of Connecticut, prior to 1850." Best known of the transcribers they hired was James N. Arnold, who had previously published the Rhode Island vital records. As reported in a November 29, 1932 article in the *Hartford Courant*, "Mr. Arnold faithfully copied the records of each town on ordinary writing paper and placed the copies in loose leaf volumes. These manuscript copies, substantially bound but not indexed, were presented to the state library and are now in the vaults." These volumes, usually referred to today as the "Arnold Copy," remain at the State Library, in the custody of the State Archives.

At the State Library, the Arnold volumes were "carefully indexed under the personal supervision of Mr. Barbour." Information was typed onto printed forms that were then cut, producing 12 small slips or "cards" from each sheet. According to the *Courant's* report, "Each ... card gives all the data found in the original record and the town, volume and page where found." "These cards, when completed," the *Courant* reported, were arranged alphabetically for each town, and, when so arranged the entries on each were typed on fourteen by eleven inch sheets of record paper with sufficient margin for binding. Three copies of each were typed, the first to be bound in moleskin and retained at the library, the first carbon copy in canvas for Mr. Barbour and the third, on heavier paper, in moleskin for the town."

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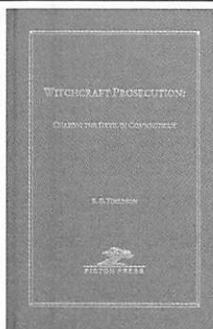
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- 8:45: Welcoming and Opening Remarks
- 9:00-10:00: "The Organized Genealogist" -- a look at organizing record keeping through use of digital techniques.
- 10:00-10:30: Break - Visit the exhibitors
- 10:30-11:30: "Using World Cat to Find Genealogy Books" -- World Cat.org lets you search the collections of libraries in your community and thousands more around the world.
- 11:30-Noon: Break - Visit the exhibitors
- Noon-1:00: Luncheon
- 1:00-1:15: Break - Visit the exhibitors (Exhibit Hall closes at 1:15 p.m.)
- 1:15-1:45: Presentation of CSG's 2016 Literary Awards
- 1:45-2:45: "Privacy Concerns for Genealogists to Consider"
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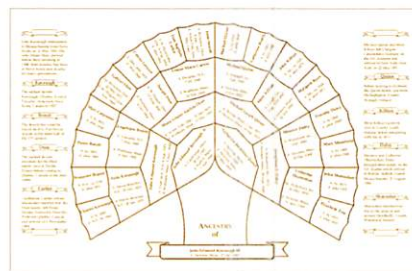
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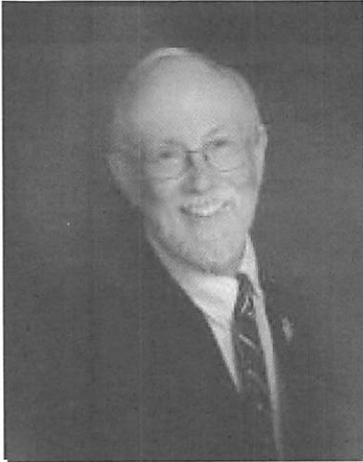
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## President's Message



This is the season of making resolutions. Here are some suggestions to consider as you make resolutions relating to the pursuit of your family heritage over the coming year:

### **Organize your genealogy records.**

Set aside some time on a regular basis to organize the important notes, photocopies, and other material you've accumulated over the years into acid free folders. (Scanning documents can help save space, but will the CDs, DVDs, and flash drives of today be readable by your descendants?) As you organize, you may even find within the material you already have clues you previously missed that may lead you to new avenues of research.

**Review your research.** What information do you already have? Where are your "brick walls"? What were the results of your previous work on an individual, a family, or a line? Take some time to plan a new research strategy.

**Clean up your genealogy database.** Identify events for which you have no source citations, and identify and merge duplicate individuals and sources. Run maintenance tools such as Reindex, Optimize/Compact Database, and Validate Database Integrity.

**Organize your photos.** Gather loose photos that may be in various places around your house and organize them into archival quality photo storage boxes or photo albums in categories that make sense to you -- years, eras, locations, families, events, etc. As you have time, remove photos from old "magnetic" albums and albums with acidic pages and organize them into new archival quality boxes or albums. Use an archival safe photo pen to identify individuals and other important information (date, location, place, etc.) on the back of each photo. Digitize special photos and share the digital files or prints made from those files with family members, making sure to also pass on the names, years, places, etc. relating to each photo. Organize your digital photos into appropriate "folders".

**Back-up your genealogy files and digital photos** to a flash drive, CD/DVD, or cloud-based service such as Dropbox on a regular basis. Some folks do multiple backups of their genealogy database -- and other files -- on the first day of each month; others at the end of each session during which they've added records information.

**Volunteer for an indexing project.** In many cases you can do the indexing from your own home. Some options may be found at <https://familysearch.org/indexing/projects>.

**Spend some time online.** Even without a personal subscription to Ancestry.com, you may find good information at free sites such as FamilySearch, Find A Grave, Internet Archive, Roots Web which you can access from home. You may even want to consider sharing information you have by uploading your photos of family headstones to Find A Grave or Billiongraves or adding a public tree to Ancestry (suppressing data for living individuals). Remember, too, that many libraries offer access to databases such as Ancestry.com, Fold3, FindMyPast and newspapers.

**Visit a genealogy library or a Family History Center.** Not everything is online. The best-known repositories for Connecticut research are the Connecticut State Library and the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford and the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, but don't overlook the New Haven Museum (formerly known as the New Haven Colony Historical Society) and the Lyman & Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History and Archives which holds a large collection of French Canadian records, the Loisselle Index, over 20,000 genealogy books, 6,000 microforms, 25,000 photos, and 1.3 million archival documents, as well as diaries, deeds, account books, land transfer documents, and photographs, some of which date back to 1636 and the founding of Springfield, Massachusetts by William Pynchon. Don't overlook smaller collections such as the Indian and Colonial Research Center in Mystic, the Simsbury Genealogical and Historical Research Library -- and CSG's library in East Hartford. There are LDS Family History Centers in Bloomfield, Goshen, Groton, Madison, Manchester, New Haven, Newtown, and Southington as well as at the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown (see [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Connecticut\\_Family\\_History\\_Centers](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Connecticut_Family_History_Centers)).

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the most out of a genealogical conference facilitated by Board Members Janet Horton Wallace and Olivia Patch, both long-time conference and program attendees. On March, 18 Nora Galvin will be presenting a program on Irish research. Both programs will be held at the CSG Library in East Hartford from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**Attend a genealogy conference.** One example is the 14th New England Regional Genealogical Conference, "Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past," coming up April 26-29 at the MassMutual Convention Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. It will feature as keynote speakers Kenyatta D. Berry of the PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow*, F. Warren Bitner, and Thomas MacEntee, a noted blogger, educator, author, social media connector, online community builder. For more information, go to [www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org).

**Submit a lineage or hereditary society application.** There are hundreds of lineage societies, ranging from better-known organizations such as the DAR, SAR, and Mayflower Society to those that are more obscure such as the Order of Descendants of Colonial Physicians and Chirurgiens, Descendants of Whaling Masters, the Order of Descendants of Pirates and Privateers, and the National Society of the Descendants of Textile Workers of America. A listing of many societies is at [http://www.hereditary.uslist\\_a.htm](http://www.hereditary.uslist_a.htm).

**Record your family's "stories."** Family history is much more than names, dates, and places. Interview your older relatives. Find out what life was like when they were young. Ask them about their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. The stories they share and which you write down are stories preserved for future generations and may even help you fill out some branches of your family tree (although some of the information may need to be verified through other sources).

**Share your genealogy findings.** Share your ancestor charts and family stories with your family and your "cousins", and ask them to share their family information and stories with you. Beyond that, consider taking an additional step. If you've prepared -- or are in the process of preparing -- a "Genealogy," "Family History," "Resource Publication," or even a family story, consider submitting an entry in our 2017 Literary Awards Contest. As an alternative, consider sharing portions of your family's story through one of CSG's publications, *Connecticut Genealogy News* (this magazine) or our journal, *The Connecticut Nutmegger*.

See Guidelines for Connecticut Genealogy News at [http://www.csginc.org/pdf/Guidelines\\_for\\_Mag\\_Authors.pdf](http://www.csginc.org/pdf/Guidelines_for_Mag_Authors.pdf) and Guidelines for Nutmegger Authors at [http://www.csginc.org/csg\\_publications\\_nutmegger.php](http://www.csginc.org/csg_publications_nutmegger.php).

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I hope you have a happy holiday season and a genealogically productive New Year!  
- Richard C. Roberts, President

## Editorial

In this issue we are featuring the 2016 Literary Award Winners. From what I understand, it was a very close race in all categories. Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to all who submitted entries. Book reviews and ordering information for each book entered may be found on page 24.

Thank you to CSG Assistant Treasurer, Diane LeMay for writing the Spotlight on Bolton. This is her fourth Spotlight article and we are extremely grateful. Having written a couple of Spotlights myself, I know how much work goes into one. If you haven't seen your town yet, and would like more information on how to write it yourself, call me at the CSG Office and I would be more than happy to assist you.

Please be sure to check out the Calendar of Events and join CSG at the many programs being offered over the upcoming months. Just a reminder, all of CSG's programs are open to the public and most are free to attend. The CSG Programs Committee is working extremely hard to line up a lot of good programs over the next year and a half leading up to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. No spoilers here though, you'll have to keep an eye on the CSG website or upcoming issues of this magazine, so stay tuned.

From all of us at *Connecticut Genealogy News*, please have a safe and happy holiday season.

- Stephanie Hyland, Editor

## ANNOUNCING THE 2016 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 will be published in its entirety in *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, Volume 49 #2 (November 2016). 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 2016 CSG Grand Prize in Genealogy

*Ingham Genealogy:  
The Descendants of Joseph Ingham (c1630-1710)  
of Saybrook, Connecticut*

by Norman W. Ingham

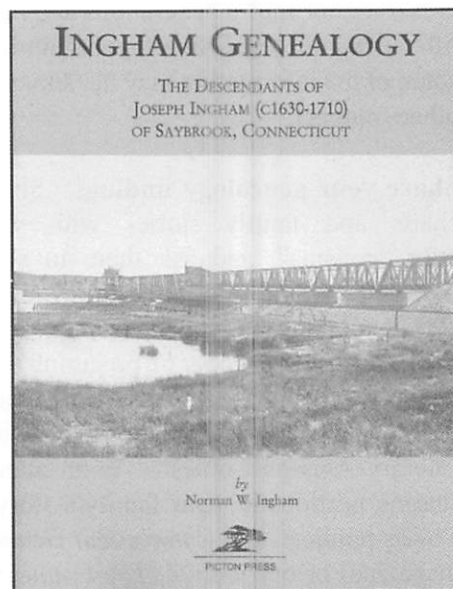
**Editor's Note:** The source for the photo and brief biography, which we have edited, came from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/gazettenet/obituary.aspx?pid=174739501> and also from the Prologue found on the first page after the Table of Contents of *Ingham Genealogy: The Descendants of Joseph Ingham (c1630-1710) of Saybrook, Connecticut*. There is no page number.

He [Norman W. Ingham] was born December 31, 1934, in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Norm graduated from Middlebury College in 1957. He was also a Fulbright Scholar and studied in Berlin. He earned a master's degree in Russian from the University of Michigan in 1959, and he received his Ph.D. in Slavic languages and literature at Harvard University in 1963. Norm studied in the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. He taught at Indiana University, Harvard University, and was a professor of Russian literature at the University of Chicago; specializing in the medieval period, and also teaching modern literature, humanities, and Russian civilization. Dr. Ingham was a certified genealogist. He was a member of several genealogical societies, including the National Genealogical Society and was a Life Member of the Connecticut Society of

Genealogists, Inc. He was a contributing member of *The American Genealogist*. Aside from the *Ingham Genealogy*, he wrote many articles on Russian Literature. He appeared in *Who's Who in America*.

Norm truly believed that education was the key to one's success. He once said about the importance of language study in education: "A person can't be considered truly educated who hasn't mastered at least one language other than his or her own native language." He was fluent in Polish, Russian, Czech, Spanish, English, French, Italian, Old Church Slavonic, and Greek.

He had an intelligent, dry sense of humor. He loved telling people that his family descended





from famous people and royalty, like Humphrey Bogart, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Glenn Close, Harry Truman, Clara Barton, and Princess Diana. He enjoyed playing poker, golf (saving the scorecards from every game), watching basketball and old movies, going to and listening to opera, collecting stamps, *National Geographic* magazine, and reading.

According to the Prologue, written by his Middlebury College roommate and friend of over 60 years, Peter Salmon of Henryville, Pennsylvania, "His [Dr. Ingham's] magnum opus as a genealogist was going to be about the Inghams (no relation to him) of Old Saybrook, Connecticut. With the support and encouragement of Bob Ingham of Saybrook, Norm undertook to write a genealogy of that family, the descendants of Joseph Ingham

(1630-1710). Unfortunately, with the work almost ready for publication, Norman suffered a stroke which makes it impossible for him to complete it as he would have liked. Knowing how important this work was to him and knowing it would be a valuable combination of his always fine writing and scrupulous scholarship, his nieces, Pat Gelinis and Judy Ingham and I did not want his efforts to be lost. Therefore, with the support of Pat and Judy, who are managing Norman's affairs, and aided by Picton Press, I have prepared the book for publication, substantially as Norm wrote it."

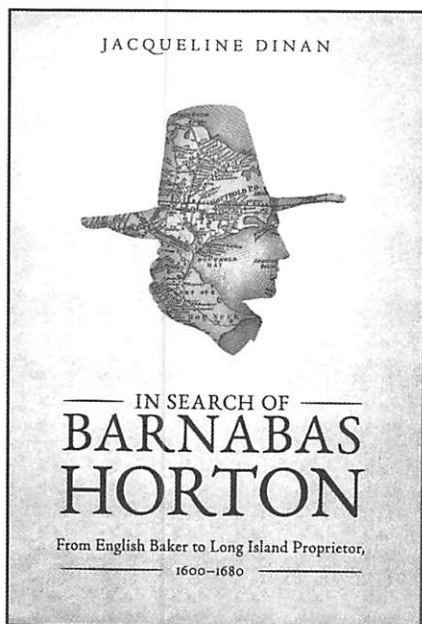
Dr. Ingham passed away on 27 April 2015 before his book was submitted to the Connecticut Society of Genealogists' 2016 Literary Awards contest. However, we are told that he did see that his book was published.



## Winner of the 2016 CSG Brainerd T. Peck Award for Family History

*In Search of Barnabas Horton:  
from English Baker to Long Island Proprietor, 1600-1680*

by Jacqueline Dinan



Jacqueline Dinan was born in Westchester County, New York, the middle child of second-generation immigrants. After earning two graduate degrees (an MA in French Literature and MBA), Jackie worked in the nonprofit sector, promoting international education (at CIEE) and community service (at the YMCA). Drawn to genealogy ten years ago, she first heard stories about Barnabas Horton from her husband, a direct descendant. Curious, she tried to substantiate those stories through internet searches, but came up empty. She began seeking out primary sources at libraries and historical societies across New York, New England, and eventually, England. Encouraged by her family's reaction to shorter historical narratives she'd written, Jackie decided to expand her findings on Barnabas into her first book. Jackie lives in Brooklyn, New York with her husband and two daughters.



## Winner of the 2016 CSG Prize for Best Genealogical Resource Publication

### *Waterbury Irish: from the Emerald Isle to the Brass City*

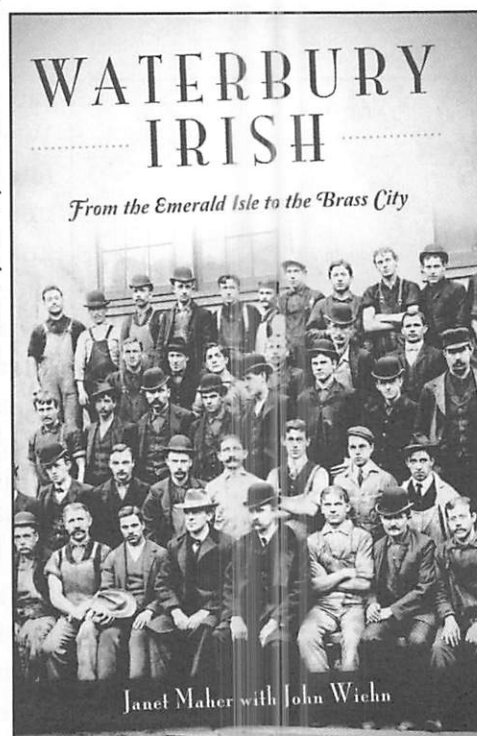
by Janet Maher with John Wiehn



Janet Maher is a native of Waterbury, Connecticut. She grew up in Bunker Hill, and after receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from Southern Connecticut State College she became the first full-time art teacher at Holy Cross High School in 1976. She created a multi-discipline two- and three-dimensional curriculum for freshmen through seniors there, which has expanded into the program that exists today with two full-time teachers. She received her M.A. and M.F.A. degrees in Studio Arts and Printmaking from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, and worked there for many years as an artist. For the past nineteen years she has taught a wide range of courses at Loyola University Maryland, where she directs the Studio Arts program.

Her interest in genealogy began quietly more than ten years ago, but like so many others, she fell completely down the rabbit hole. She was bitten by the quest to uncover details in all the lines of her family and be able to identify individuals in her family's collection of photograph albums that extended into the early nineteenth century. Her exhaustive research in archives throughout Connecticut, online, and through meeting and speaking with families associated with ancestry connected to Naugatuck's Saint Francis Cemetery expanded to such a degree that she felt impelled to share what she uncovered. Her first book: *From the Old Sod to the Naugatuck Valley: Early Irish Catholics in New Haven County, Connecticut* (Baltimore, Md.: Apprentice House, 2012) included research that applies to all the early Irish immigrants into that area of southern Connecticut and 363 original and archival photographs.

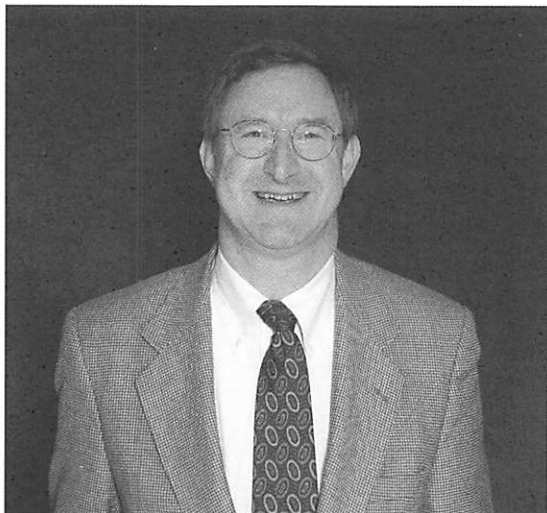
Having laid the foundation, she felt that the story was not complete until she turned her focus to her own home town. She proposed a project that was accepted by the History Press (now part of Arcadia), and produced what became *Waterbury Irish: From the Emerald Isle to the Brass City*. Continuing to read mountains of books and do primary and secondary research, she also called upon long-time friends and colleagues she had met during her years of research to share their stashed away newspaper clippings, stories and photographs, broadening the scope of the history into the press's desired format. Contributors and helpers included John Wiehn, director of Prospect Library, and many others who live or have lived in Connecticut, or in Ireland, where she has made three research trips. She was recently there one more time, her fourth as an artist is residence for one month in County Clare.



## Winner of the 2016 Literary Awards “Tell Your Family Story” Essay Contest

“Was Uncle Roger Truly ‘n.g.’”

by Andrew Searle Pang



Andrew Searle Pang is a fund raising consultant living in Lincoln, Massachusetts. He has been an active family history researcher for 37 years, including a couple of years as a professional researcher and genealogical book editor. An Air Force brat, Andrew and his sisters were the first generation in 13 not born and raised in New England, but it was always the “home base” to which they returned for family visits. The many stories he heard and the portraits, photographs, and heirlooms he saw on those visits sparked his early interest in family history.

A graduate of Haverford College, Andrew built a career in fund raising and alumni relations for independent schools and colleges before becoming a consultant assisting a wide range of non-profits with fund raising, strategic planning, and governance.

Now semi-retired, Andrew devotes his time and attention to his two pre-teen sons and to a variety of volunteer roles including board president of his sons’ preschool; trustee of Moorestown Friends School (NJ); and recording clerk of the Board of Managers of Investments for the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

### *Query*

**BAILEY** – Seek parents/origins of Joseph Bailey and wife Jemima (\_\_\_\_), m Haddam, CT 4MAR1746/7 (Haddam Land Records). Two sons born in Haddam: Joseph, 1748; Comfort, 1749. Two sons born West Hartford: Amaziah, 1752; Timothy, 1754. Four children born Tyringham, Berkshire Co., MA: Phebe, 1755; Mercy, 1757; David, 1759-1760; David, 1761. Apparently Joseph is not descended from John Bailey, a founder Haddam who later settled in Columbia County, NY, then Rensselaer County, NY.

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# Spotlight on Connecticut Towns & Cities



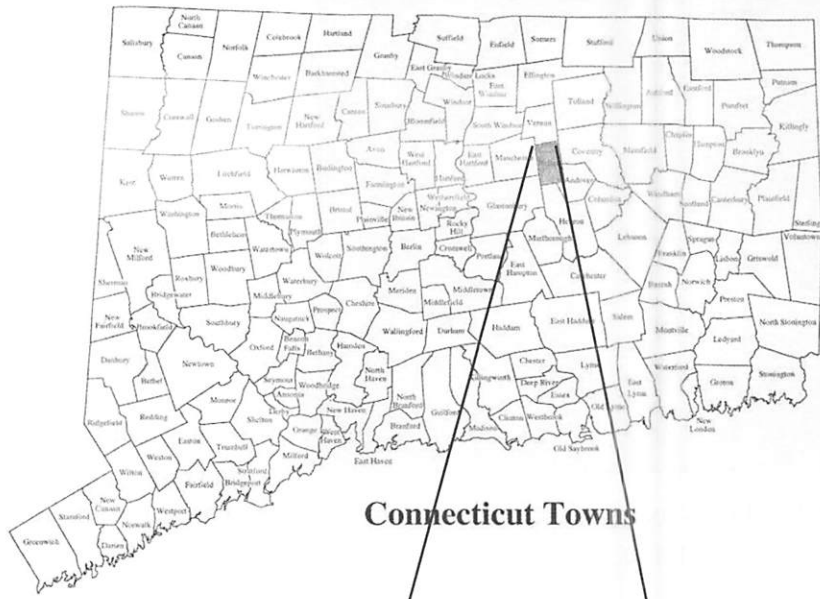
## Spotlight on Bolton

by Diane K. LeMay, CSG #7571 L

### Historical and Geographical Profile

This small rural town is 15.5 square miles in area, slightly smaller than Hartford's 18 square miles. Bolton is in central Connecticut within Tolland County, bounded by Manchester and Glastonbury on the west, Coventry on the east, Andover and Hebron on the south, and Vernon on the north. It is comprised of the villages of Birch Mountain, Bolton Notch, Quarryville, and South Bolton. The population was 4,986 at the time of the 2010 census.

There are several lakes and ponds covering 180 acres, including Tinker Pond and Bolton Lake, three town parks and two state parks. Bolton Notch State Park lies between Birch Mountain and Box Hill and is the site of several caves, including Squaw's Cave and Black Sal's Cave. Hop River State Park contains the "rail rail," part of the former one of the most important rail lines in New England. The flood from the hurricane of 1956 that washed out a bridge in Putnam closed the railroad depot at the Notch, as well as the railroad line through Bolton. It was in 1808 that the geographic area of Bolton was reduced when residents of North Bolton broke away and formed the town of Vernon.



The first land deed was recorded in 1718. At that time Bolton was part of Hartford and was called Hanover or



Hartford Mountains. The town of Harford extended over the Connecticut River covering what is presently East Hartford, Manchester, Bolton and Vernon. The neighboring towns of Glastonbury, Hebron and Coventry had already been established in 1690, 1708 and 1712 respectfully. At this time only remnants of the Podunk tribe lived in the area. Its numbers had dropped

**Bolton Heritage Farm showing Bolton scenery**

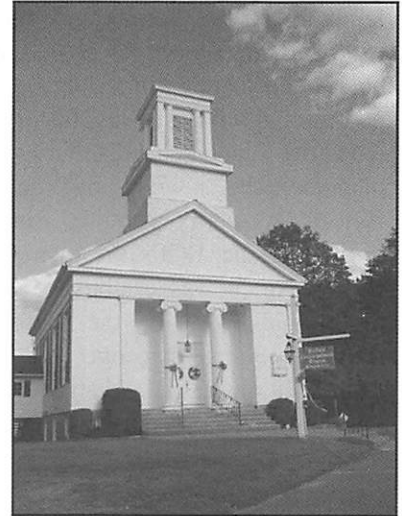


drastically mainly due to infectious diseases brought by the colonists. The tribe dropped from history completely a couple decades later.

As the town's website says, on October 9, 1720 fifteen men "submitted a petition to the general court asking for town privileges.... In 1721, at a town meeting, it was voted to construct a Meeting House, and on May 27, 1723 the call was given to the 20-year-old Reverend Jonathan Edwards, [the son of Timothy Edwards] to be the first minister. At first Reverend Edwards accepted the call, but soon afterwards was appointed a tutor at Yale College."

Thomas White took over ministry

in 1725, and performed his duties until his death in 1763. He was followed by Rev. George Colton, also a graduate of Yale, as were his two predecessors. Today's Congregational Church, built in 1848, stands near the site of the 1725 Meeting House.



The Methodist Society in Bolton was begun in 1805 with 3 members, and 28-year-old Lorenzo Dow was its first minister.

It is unsure when schools were established. Some records say 1731, others say 1732 and still another says the first permanent ones were established in 1749 in four designated areas of town.



In 1781 the French army of General Rochambeau enroute from Newport, R.I. to aid the army of Gen. Washington in Yorktown, Va. camped on what is now the Bolton Heritage Farm. Soon thereafter Bolton became a stagecoach stop between Hartford and both Boston and Providence, using those original Native American trails the settlers traveled from Massachusetts Bay Colony to Hartford in 1636. These trails were later to become Route 44 and Route 6. Sections of Route 6 and Bolton Center Road include the longest continuous segment of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail mentioned in the national register, and designated March 30, 2009 as a national historic trail.

**Bolton Heritage Farm:  
site of Gen. Rochambeau's Camp**

Taverns played an important role in towns, serving many functions as offices, banks or post offices. The Oliver White Tavern at 2 Brandy Street was restored by Len and Betty Matyia after moving there in 1982. Records indicate that Oliver White bought the land in 1741, and sold it with a house on it in 1743. In order to save the 1690 Risley home of East Hartford, the Matyias took possession, relocated it to Bolton and began a four year reconstruction project. They soon discovered it had been constructed in 1670 by William Hill who had settled in Hartford in 1636.



**Oliver White's Tavern of 1743**

A dozen more historic homes still exist in town from as early as 1718, one of which is the Shaylor home from 1724 on Hebron Road.

Its numerous farms have been passed down through many generations. The land was often divided to provide lots for family members. Farming of vegetables, fruits, berries, tobacco, cattle, Morgan horses and dairy farming played a huge part throughout the town's history. Early industries included distilleries, cigar manufacturers, a grist mill and a soap factory. A quarry contract from 1809 exists. By the 1820s the quarry at the Bolton Notch was established as early as the mid-1700s. By the 1820s it was thriving. Slate, flagstone and granite



**Shaylor Home of 1724**

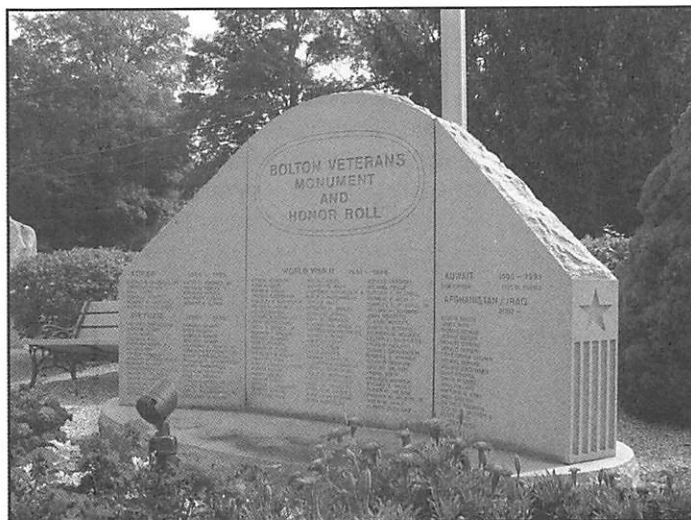
from Bolton was sold, taken by oxcart to the Connecticut River, transported and used for roads, walkways, and school blackboards from Hartford and Springfield to Philadelphia

and Washington, D.C., as Hans Depold, the founder of the historical society and recently retired town historian, wrote in his book *Bolton Historic Tales*.



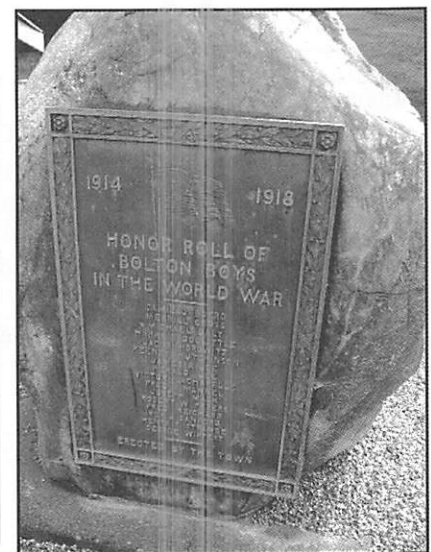
**Fish Dairy Farm**

Everything you find about Bolton reveals that it is a tight-knit community, with a long-standing volunteer fire department and Women's Auxillary, the active Women's Club, Conservation Commission, Bolton Land Trust, Family Day, and its History Day. David C. Toomey was elected Town Clerk in 1933 and served until his death in 1962. His wife and assistant Olive Hutchinson Toomey succeeded him, and served until 1972. Their grand-nephew John is the current president of the town's historical society and the organizer of the Bolton History Day.



**Bolton Veteran's Monument and Honor Roll (right)**

**Honor Roll of Bolton Boys in the World War (left)**



Bolton residents have fought in wars since the French and Indian War. Monuments honoring its military, including those who have fought and died in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq, have been placed on the town green.

### Bolton's First Settlers and Their Families

First families of this region included that of William Pitkin, Esq., Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, and the following 15 men who signed the original petition: John Clark, Charles Loomis, Samuel Bump, Daniel Dart, John Church, Thomas Marshall, Samuel Raimond, Edward Rose, Cullett Olcott, John Bissell, Stephen Bishop, Abel Shailor, Timothy Olcott, Joseph Pumory, Nathaniel Allis. Timothy Olcott, John Bissell, Francis Smith were chosen as Selectmen in December of 1721.

Deacon Jonathan Strong, son of John and Hannah (Trumbull) Strong of Windsor was born April 22, 1694, and removed to Bolton. The Strong family settled 100 acres of Bolton land in 1720 that was part of a grant by King Charles II of England after the King Phillip War. He married, had three sons and died in 1763. Levi Strong fought in the French war and died July 25, 1757. Joseph Baker, a blacksmith, settled in Bolton.

About 1730 John Taylor built his home, which burnt down about 1878. The following men served on the school committee at various times, Joseph Church, Daniel Griswold, Mathew DeWolf, and Joseph Olmsted. Some of the town's early school teachers were Daniel White, Benjamin Talcott, Jonathan Strong, Jr., Jonathan King, Seth King, Charles Kellogg, John Hutchins, Benjamin Howard, Hannah Hills, John Chapman, and Samuel Blackmer.

Numerous outstanding Connecticut citizens have called Bolton home since 1720. Charles Fletcher Sumner, M.D., born in 1817, was instrumental in creating the town's library and developing Bolton's award-winning school system. Sumner served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1864. George G. Sumner, after holding many Bolton offices, later became Mayor of Hartford, and Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut from 1883 to 1885.

Charles Lyman, born in 1843, was a teacher and Civil War hero. He graduated law school and served

various posts under Presidents Cleveland and Harrison. Gershom Bartlett was born in town and became a famous folk art stonecutter. It is believed he was the first to quarry at Bolton Notch. Among the over 700 gravestones he carved is the one for Rev. Thomas White. Jabez A. White of Bolton became Treasurer for the State of Connecticut in the 1840s.

Born in Massachusetts in 1751, the famous portrait artist Ralph Earl removed to Bolton and died there in 1801. Among his most famous portraits are those of three signers of the Declaration of Independence and the first U.S. Senator from CT Oliver Ellsworth.

### Genealogical Research in Bolton

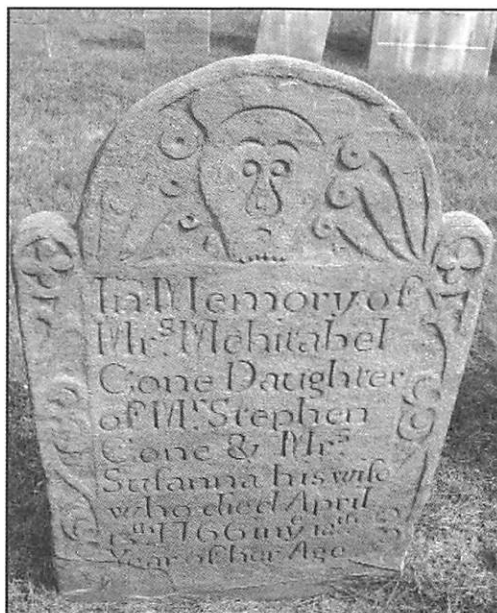
From 1881 when the Bolton Free Library was first established to 1975, it has been housed at numerous locations: E.K.

Williams General Store, home of Deacon Charles Loomis, Community

Hall, and the renovated Roman Catholic chapel. In 1975 the present Bentley Memorial Library (206 Bolton Center Road, 860-646-7349) was dedicated in memory of Elinor Hees Bentley, head librarian for 22 years. It is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Its website can be accessed from that of the Town Hall (see Sources).



**Bentley Memorial Library**



According to Findagrave.com, Tolland County has 155 cemeteries, and only two are in town, Bolton Center (44 Hebron Road, 1726-present) and Quarryville (999 Boston Turnpike/ Rte 44, 1730-present), also known as Belknap. Many stones also list parents of the deceased, and many from the 1700s are still very readable like the one pictured (left) from 1766 for Mrs. Mehitabel Cone. There are indices for burials and headstone inscriptions to November, 1934 compiled by the WPA for both of these cemeteries on the Bolton Historical Society website (see Sources). Existing in

Vernon are at least three cemeteries with graves of family members from Bolton's first 88 years of history before Vernon broke away. Mount Hope has graves from the 1800s, as well as Southwest Cemetery (Talcottville Road) also called Old Dobsonville Cemetery. East Cemetery (Bamforth Road, Vernon), also called Old Burial Ground of North Bolton, contains burials from the 1700s.

### Accessing Town Hall Records



The Town Hall is located near Route 384 at 222 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT 06043. The phone number is 860-649-8066, and hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; Tuesday from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm, Friday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. The Town Clerk is Elizabeth Waters, and Assistant Town Clerk is Cindy Chmielowiec. Birth, Marriage, Death, and Land Records are available from 1720 to the present. A certified copy of a birth, marriage or death certificate is \$20.

### Accessing Bolton Probate Records

Since January 5, 2011, when the number of Probate Courts in Connecticut was reduced from 130 to about 54, Bolton's Probate Records are at the Probate Court, 66 Center Street, Manchester, CT 06040, across from the Manchester Town Hall. The phone number is 860-647-3227, and hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. They ask that you call a couple of weeks ahead since some packets of original records may need to be retrieved from a vault in the Town Hall. Be prepared with a list of all the names and death dates. This office has Bolton Probate Index and Records from 1920 to the present in their possession. The probate index and the records from 1850 – 1920 have been relocated to the Connecticut State Library and are accessible there in the History and Genealogy Department.

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### About the Author

Diane began working in the public library during high school, got her bachelors and masters degrees in library science and made it her profession. She retired after 36 years as a high school library media specialist, including some part-time work at the Connecticut State Library and St. Joseph's College Library. She resided in East Hartford for 26 years, moving to East Windsor in 2001 where she lives with her dog Charlie. She has enjoyed researching her family genealogy since 1979 and was on the CSG Board of Governors briefly in the 1980s, then returned to the CSG Board of Governors in 2009 and is currently serving as the Assistant Treasurer. Diane has written three previous Spotlight articles for *Connecticut Genealogy News* with this one on Bolton being her fourth. "Spotlight on East Windsor," Volume 3 #4 (Winter 2010); "Spotlight on East Haddam," Volume 4 #4 (Winter 2011) and "Spotlight on South Windsor," Volume 8 #3 (Fall 2015).







## Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

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

These opportunities not only provide helpful knowledge and insights into various aspects of genealogy, but the 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](http://www.csginc.org). Members are reminded to invite their friends and watch this space and/or the CSG website for updated information.

There will be no programs for December 2015 or January 2016. The CSG Programs Committee would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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**In case of inclement weather, please look for cancellations at [WFSB.com](http://WFSB.com) under Closings & Delays.**

**18 February** - "Getting the Most Out of Genealogical Conferences"

With the 14<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Genealogical Conference coming up in April, this is the perfect opportunity for open discussion and sharing on how to get the most out of a genealogical conference.

**Facilitated by:** Janet Horton Wallace and Olivia Patch

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

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

**Cost:** FREE

**18 March** - "New Records Available Online for Researching Your Irish Ancestors" with Nora Galvin, Director of Connecticut Ancestry.

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

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

**Cost:** FREE

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

**20 May** - SAVE THE DATE - 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering and Annual Meeting.

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

**Place:** TBA

**Time:** TBA

**Cost:** TBA

Watch the CSG website at [www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org) and *Connecticut Genealogy News* updates on this event and more.

### From the 50th Anniversary Committee

In May, 2018 CSG will celebrate 50 years, and we are excited! We would like you to join us!

We're preparing a media presentation and we invite you to submit your photos from the 60s to the present, related to genealogy, history, Connecticut, or family lifestyle. We cannot accept any images/photos that are on copyright. They must have been taken by you and must be identified and dated (PDFs preferred). By submitting your photo(s), you are giving CSG ownership and granting permission to use it/them in our presentation and to otherwise further the goals of CSG. Email your images before January 31, 2018 to [demroots51@gmail.com](mailto:demroots51@gmail.com). Photos submitted after that date may not appear in the presentation. We reserve the right to reject those that do not meet the goals of this project.

### From the Treasurer

The 2016 Annual Appeal has been sent out. Your contributions are vital to CSG. To continue our "good works," I ask you to support CSG with a gift to our 2016 Annual Appeal. The Board of Governors thanks you for your generous support in the past and looks forward to your continued participation this year. Together we can make good things happen for all of our members.

### From the Literary Awards Committee

The 2016 contest is behind us and the committee is gearing up for 2017. We found that holding the awards presentation at the CSG Annual Family History Seminar in October worked quite well. The 2017 contest will open on March 15th. Literary Award Contest and "Tell Your Family Story" Essay Contest entry forms will be available in the Spring 2017 issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News* or can be obtained by calling the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 at that time.

### Other Events

#### Town of Manchester & Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council

Family History Day at the Manchester Town Hall, 41 Center Street, Manchester, on Saturday, 3 December 2016 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins welcome-residents or non-residents alike. Learn how to get information from U.S. records; which records to access, how to find them, how to access Internet information.

CSG will have a table so stop by and see us. Other organizations will be:

- The Manchester Family History Center
- Manchester Historical Society
- Manchester Public Library
- Connecticut Gravestone Network
- French-Canadian Genealogical Society of CT
- CT State Library History & Genealogy Unit & State Archives

Drop in or call to sign up with a professional genealogist for a free half hour consultation with experts who will guide you through your family tree and provide information for research and resources.

~ Call 860-647-3037 ~

Note: Cameras and other electronics/photographic devices are not allowed.

Park and enter from the back.

### Connecticut Gravestone Network

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

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

### About the Cover

*Ingham Genealogy: The Descendants of Joseph Ingham (c1630-1710) of Saybrook, Connecticut* by Dr. Norman W. Ingham was the grand prize winner of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest. See page 4 for more information on Dr. Ingham and the unique story behind how his work was published.

# The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc.

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## “Getting the Most Out of Genealogical Conferences”

With the 14<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Genealogical Conference coming up in April, this is the perfect opportunity for open discussion and sharing on how to get the most out of a genealogical conference.

**Facilitated by**  
Janet Horton Wallace and Olivia Patch  
of the CSG Board of Govenors.

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

**Date:** 18 February 2017

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

**Cost:** FREE

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**Pre-registration required so we may plan appropriately.**




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For more details or to pre-register, visit us at [www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org) or call 1-860-569-0002

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

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***“New Records Available Online for  
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***with Nora Galvin***

***Director of Connecticut Ancestry***

***Saturday ~ 18 March 2017***

***1 p.m. to 3 p.m.***

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**18 March 2017**

**Deadline to pre-register: Wednesday, 3/15/17 by 3 p.m.**

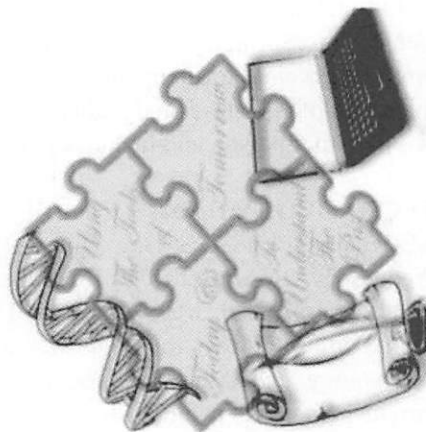
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## 14TH NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE: *USING THE TOOLS OF TODAY & TOMORROW TO UNDERSTAND THE PAST*

The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) invites you to attend its fourteenth genealogical conference — *Using The Tools Of Today & Tomorrow To Understand The Past* — 26-29 April 2017 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. NERGC 2017 will help attendees explore:

- New research pathways, methodologies, and strategies, including technology and online resources;
- Ethnic genealogy of many types;
- New approaches for navigating and utilizing record sources (such as civil, religious, cemetery, military, and newspapers);
- Social history and family heirlooms;
- New England, New York, & New Jersey repositories;
- Successful research planning and project implementation;
- General genealogical skills and techniques.



NERGC 2017 will bring together genealogists and family historians from a variety of backgrounds. Whether you are just beginning the search for your family, are already an advanced researcher, or even a professional genealogist, the conference will provide you with an ideal opportunity to advance your knowledge and research skills.

In addition to the wealth of knowledge shared by expert genealogists, there will be time to explore the exhibit hall to and make new connections at the Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show — and plenty of opportunities to meet hundreds of other attendees at the Conference who share your love for genealogy.

Registration for the “full conference” — Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — is \$120 before February 28, 2017; \$150 after March 1, 2017. Sessions start on Thursday, April 27, 2017. There will be 94 open sessions, eight workshops, three luncheons, and two dinner banquets to fill your days and evenings. The 2017 conference will also feature many new activities (most at additional cost) because NERGC has booked the entire conference center for four full days. The special pre-conference activities include:

### **BUS TOUR**

Interested to learn more about where you can do genealogical research in Western Massachusetts? A Bus Tour of significant genealogical sites in the greater Springfield area will be held Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 10am to 2pm with stops at the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Room at the Forbes Genealogical Library, Springfield Armory Museum (est. 1777 by George Washington), and Springfield Cemetery, which has burials dating to the late 1600s. You can return to any of these sites on your own for research during your time in Springfield. Cost: \$35; lunch available on your own at the Irish Cultural Center “Pub”, which will have a collection of artifacts and books on display.

### **BEGINNING DNA DAY**

NERGC’s First Beginning DNA Day will be held on Wednesday, 26 April 2017, 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Mass Mutual Center, Springfield Massachusetts. Beginning DNA Day provides the opportunity for genealogists to review topics that are focused on a DNA oriented audience and might not otherwise be included in a general conference trying to reach a broad audience. The cost is \$50.00 per person for four seminars, a lunch presentation, and a luncheon sponsored by FamilyTree DNA (FTDNA).

### **PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGY DAY**

NERGC's first Professional Genealogy Day will be held on Wednesday, 26 April 2017, 8:45 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., at the MassMutual Convention Center in Springfield Massachusetts. This provides a venue for items that are focused on the needs of a professional audience. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes lunch.

### **TECHNOLOGY DAY**

NERGC's Third Tech Day will be held on Wednesday, 26 April 2017 at the Mass Mutual Center, Springfield, Massachusetts. The 2017 event will offer two tracks – Research with Technology and Advanced Tools. Tech Day provides the opportunity for genealogists to review items that are focused on a technically oriented audience and might not otherwise be included in a general conference trying to reach a broad audience. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Lunch is not included; you are invited to join the DNA group for their lunch at additional cost.

### **SOCIETY MANAGEMENT DAY**

For the first time, we're offering a special Track geared toward society leaders, members, and those interested in making societies thrive and grow. Meet other society leaders, discuss your situations, and learn from the presenters. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Lunch is not included; you are invited to join the DNA group for their lunch at additional cost.

### **WORKSHOPS**

Workshops are always offered as part of the conference experience at NERGC. These are

2-hour sessions to a limited size audience with an opportunity for more hands-on work than the traditional 1-hour presentation. Because of the space available, we are offering a few workshops on Wednesday. While all workshops have their own admission cost, those on Wednesday **DO NOT** require conference registration to attend!

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING NERGC @ MOSH**

Join us for a fun and informative social evening at the Lyman & Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History and Archives (which the locals refer to as "MOSH"). The event will take place in the "Great Hall". Refreshments will include cheese, fruit, hors d'oeuvres, and mini dessert pastries with a cash bar. All attendees will be treated to a private tour of the museum facilities and the enormous collection stored in the archives in the lower level of the building. The Library and Archives holds a large collection of French Canadian records, the Loiselle Index, over 20,000 genealogy books, 6,000 microforms, 25,000 photos, and 1.3 million archival documents, as well as diaries, deeds, account books, land transfer documents, and photographs, some of which date back to 1636 and the founding of Springfield by William Pynchon. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

*To register or find more details about the conference, visit [www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org).*

***The Connecticut Nutmegger is looking for articles. Articles with ethnic backgrounds are okay. If you have written any please submit them. Also, if you feel that you are not a writer, but your information is good, we can help you put your information into words.***

**Request Guidelines for Nutmegger or *Connecticut Genealogy News* Authors from the CSG Office.**

**Contact The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. at 860-569-0002 or email [csginc@csginc.org](mailto:csginc@csginc.org) for more details.**

## MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS PRESENTING AT NERGC 2017



As one of the requirements as a NERGC 2017 Participating Society, the Connecticut Society of Genealogists is sponsoring **Edwin W. Strickland II**, who will be presenting "LAND RECORDS: More than Metes the Eye." Land Records document much more than property transfers. By close examination of the various types of documents recorded (case studies), one can often prove or disprove

family connections and uncover a scandal or two. Ed will cover location of land records; what documents may be found in the land records; chain of ownership from the age of exploration to the present; typical information given in the record; and the two survey systems used in the United States. This is followed by a series of case studies illustrating genealogical clues and proofs (even a scandal or two) to be found in these varied records.

Ed is self-taught genealogist with over 40 years experience. He is currently Vice President and a Past President and a Governor of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists; charter member of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, having served as President and as Genealogist for nearly 30 years; charter member of the Connecticut Professional Genealogist Council where he is a consultant for their Ancestors Road Shows and current Vice-President.

In addition to his presentation on land records, Ed will present Sessions T-111, "PALEOGRAPHY: Reading Old Handwriting" (a workshop) and T-121, "SAVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE: Preserving Family Objects".

The following members of CSG are also presenting at NERGC 2017:

**Seema Kenney** is an experienced software instructor and a professional genealogist. Her known roots are deep in New England as well as England, Germany, and Sweden. She has a certificate in Genealogical Research from BU, completed ProGen and is an active member and officer of several societies. She is Co-Chair of NERGC 2017. Session S-320, "Social History of Early Massachusetts".

**Carol Prescott McCoy, Ph.D.**, President of Find-Your-Roots.com in Brunswick, Maine, McCoy conducts research and educates people about genealogy and family history. A Director of the Maine Genealogical Society, and past-president of the Portland chapter, she concentrates on

Maine, New England, New York and West Virginia. She has a Ph.D. from Rutgers University, and B.A. from Connecticut College.

Sessions T-105, "Finding Someone Who Eluded Census Records" and F-218, "Finding Maine Ancestors: Strategies Resources and Repositories".

**Richard Clarke Roberts**, retired Unit Head of the Connecticut State Library's History and Genealogy Unit, is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and holds masters degrees from the University of Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island. He is president of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor and of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. He is on the Board of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council and a member of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and the Association for Gravestone Studies. He was Co-Chair of NERGC's 2007 Hartford and 2011 Springfield Conferences and Tri-Chair of the 2015 Conference.

Session T-109, "Genealogical Resources and Services at the Connecticut State Library".

**Dave Robison** of Old Bones Genealogy of New England lectures on family research at all levels. He holds BU's Genealogy Research Program certificate, and is a Governor of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. He is also President of Western Mass Genealogical Society, past president of the New England Chapter of APG and holds memberships in additional genealogical associations in the US and Canada. He is Co-Chair of NERGC 2017.

Sessions F-201, "The Rich Research Resources of Western Massachusetts" and S-335, "Gathering the Family Story: Non-Confrontational Strategies".

**Linda L. Roghaar** has spent decades in book publishing helping writers get published. In 2007, she recognized that advances in technology could benefit authors and developed an exciting, collaborative platform that combines standards of traditional publishing with today's innovative publishing tools. She now helps genealogists get their stories written, edited, and published.

Session F-237, "Book Publishing for Genealogists -- Using Today's Tools."

# World War I Trivia

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

☐ **Did a baboon ever serve in the South African army?**

A baboon named *Jackie* served in the South African army on the Western Front. Initially a mascot, Jackie was later given messenger and watch duties, as well as his own uniform, paybook and rations. Jackie's right leg was amputated after a shell blast in 1918. He was later promoted to corporal and given a medal of bravery.

☐ **Was machine gun cooling water ever used for other purposes?**

Allied machine guns became so hot during firing that the water in their cooling systems reached near boiling point. There were reports of some soldiers firing short bursts of machine gun fire so they could heat water for their tea or soup.



☐ **Who was the first dog to become a Hollywood Star?**

The first dog to become a Hollywood Star, *Rin Tin Tin*, was found in a trench in France shortly before the end of World War I. The German Shepherd pup was adopted by an American serviceman and returned to the United States, where he starred in more than 20 films in the 1920s (I wonder if the dog needed to learn English for these roles).

☐ **When was the first guide dog training school opened?**

The war's high numbers of blinded soldiers led to rapid advances in the training and use of guide dogs. Germany opened the first guide dog training school in 1917.

☐ **Who was the United States' most successful flying ace?**

With 26 confirmed 'kills', Eddie Rickenbacker was the United States' most successful flying ace. Rickenbacker was the son of German-Swiss immigrants. At the outbreak of the war he changed his surname from the Germanic-sounding 'Rickenbacher'.

☐ **Did a Pope serve in World War I?**

*Pope John XXII* was conscripted into the Italian Army during World War I, where he served as a stretcher-bearer and rose to the rank of sergeant.

☐ **Did a future President of the United States serve in World War I?**

Harry S. Truman, a future President of the United States, was a platoon commander on the Western Front in 1918. On hearing news of the armistice, *Truman* expressed regret that he could not advance into Germany to "cut off the hands and scalp some of the men."

**Information taken from:**

World War I Trivia, <http://alphahistory.com/worldwar1/world-war-i-trivia/>



## WORLD WAR I WORD SEARCH

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Listed below are some words included in the World War I trivia on page 20. Can you find them in the puzzle above? (The words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal; some are tricky.)

ALLIES	PRESIDENT
ARMISTICE	SERGEANT
BABOON	SERVICEMEN
BOILING	SOLDIERS
COMMANDER	SOUP
CONSCRIPT	STRETCHER
COOLING	TEA
GUIDEDOGS	TRAINING
IMMIGRANTS	TRENCH
MACHINEGUN	WATER
PLATOON	WESTERNFRONT

# RESEARCH TIPS

*submitted by Olivia Patch, CSG # 5058*

**Here are some research tips that we have gleaned from researchers over the years and from our experiences. Hope they can be helpful breaking down your brick-wall problems.**

- \* Always bring along your research plan outline and your research log. Note in your log what materials you researched, whether you found them helpful or not. Don't forget to list the venue.
- \* If your ancestor's vital records were not recorded, you will need to search other documents and sources. If possible, it is usually best to go to where your ancestor lived. Check out the repositories in that place - and any historical and or genealogy societies there. Write if you can't get there in person, to them to them requesting help or names of local researchers who are very familiar with local resources.
- \* The web site FOLD3.com has some probate/estate records, as well as military records.
- \* Some areas in New York State have indexes to their land records online. Indexes are free to search, but a fee is charged for a copy of the land record to be sent to you.
- \* The Connecticut Historical Society has the U.S. Direct Tax Records for most of the Connecticut towns that were established by the late 1790's. Tax records date from the late 1790s to 1802. These are in the archives, and the staff pulls these records Thursday through Saturday. No electronic devices allowed, only pencil and their paper to write your notes.
- \* Watch nicknames. One finds them in use often after 1800. See also [www.ctstatelibrary.org/access-services/nicknames](http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/access-services/nicknames) for *A Listing of Some Nicknames Used in the 18th & 19th Centuries*. There are books available now on common nicknames used. Some names were interchangeable like Nancy and Ann; Hannah and Ann.
- \* Check some of *The Connecticut Nutmegger* queries for clues. There are many-and someone may have information on that elusive ancestor. *We are talking "clues" here.*
- \* Attend conferences, seminars and genealogy road shows. It is a great way to learn more and meet other people to discuss research. (Try talking research with your family and disinterested cousins!!)
- \* The Connecticut State Library has original records from many Connecticut towns. See the Local Government Finding Aids Index at <http://ctstatelibrary.org/state-archives-finding-aids/>. These records are part of the State Archives, and you need an archives pass and must work in a specific area when using them.
- \* In the Law Library on the floor above the History and Genealogy Unit of the Connecticut State Library is a unique source few know about. Resolves and Private Acts of the State of Connecticut Sessions of the General Assembly. This is a gold mine of material. These Books are found in the free-standing book-shelves by the windows facing the Capitol Building. Some material is on microfiche located in a file drawer to be used on a microfiche reader.
- \* The Boston Public Library has most of the city directories for Boston and the surrounding towns.
- \* The American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts has many manuscripts related to New England towns and families. They were also known for having the most city directories in the country. They are open daily. Parking can be an issue-and bringing your lunch is recommended.
- \* Place queries in periodicals and internet websites; do not change your e-mail address. You may not hear from someone right away.
- \* Watch variations in surname spellings. Contrary to what may be the opinion of some members of your family, your surname probably was probably not always spelled as it is now.
- \* When working with French-Canadian ancestors, get a book on "dit names." Connecticut has a good French-Canadian Genealogy Society in Tolland with helpful staff, that can help you with these problems.

- \* Burial Records (often available after 1890) were required in order to provide a record of who was buried where and to prevent disturbing those buried without a tombstone.
- \* Check FindaGrave.com or Ancestry.com for clues. Some recorders actually did research on the person buried but I assume many have just utilized other sources that may not be accurate.
- \* GENEALOGY PODCASTS - *Good to enrich your genealogy expertise*

This is an informative audio source for family tips and resources. Popular Podcasts:

*The Genealogy Guys Podcast* - once or twice a month. Reach at: [genealogyguys.com](http://genealogyguys.com)

*Genealogy Gold Podcast* - weekly broadcasts. Reach at: [www.ancestralfindings.com/af-podcast](http://www.ancestralfindings.com/af-podcast)

*Genealogy News* – listen on [geneatopia.com/category/genealogy-news](http://geneatopia.com/category/genealogy-news)

To find out more about this source, locate a copy of *FamilyTree Magazine*, October-November 2016. The Connecticut State Library has a copy. Pages 66-67.

\* *Non-military Service in the War of The American Revolution, from Extracts of the Town Council Meetings, 1774-1784* is a two-volume set of typescript prepared by the Genealogical Records Committee of the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution and housed in the History Reference section of the

Connecticut State Library's History and Genealogy Reading Room. The set includes extracts of records from 62 towns with names of 7,687 Connecticut men who rendered service other than military to aid the Patriot cause. A more complete listing may be found in *Connecticut Town Meeting Records During the American Revolution* compiled by Jolene Roberts Mullen (Westminster, Md.: Heritage Books, 2011).

**Good luck on your research. Keep in mind, diligence is the key to finding that ancestor who is hiding in some obscure record.**



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# Book Reviews

By Russell A. DeGrafft, CSG # 19174

***Ingham Genealogy: The Descendants of Joseph Ingham (c1630-1710) of Saybrook, Connecticut* by Dr. Norman W. Ingham. Published by Picton Press, 814 East Elkcarn Circle, Marco Island, FL 34145-2558, 2014. 8 ½ x 11, softcover, ISBN: 0-89725-943-2, 598 pages. To order, contact Judy Ingham, 16 North Street, Montague, MA 01351 at the address above. Cost is \$99.95 plus S&H.**

This book was entered into the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest and was awarded the grand prize. See page 5 of this issue for more about the author. This book is a thoroughly researched document of genealogical treasures. The reader will find him or herself totally engrossed as he or she traces the eleven generations of descendants of Joseph Ingham from the beginnings of their unknown origins in about 1630 through their many offspring and their adventures into a more modern setting. The author has demonstrated his thoughtfulness for the researcher by providing so many concrete landmarks that can easily be followed throughout this adventure. The illustrations illuminate the material in a way that softens those pages that are packed with details. There are guideposts from beginning to end to assist the researcher in navigating this book. This book is a wealth of material and would be an extremely valuable asset for any researching team. It is worthy of any library shelf.

***In Search of Barnabas Horton, from Baker to Long Island Proprietor, 1600-1680* by Jacqueline Dinan. Published by Pynsleade Books, 551 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212, 2015. 6 x 9, softcover, ISBN: 978-0-98622335-0-0, 419 pages. To order, contact the author at the above address or call at 718-499-4936. Cost is \$45.00 plus S&H.**

This book was entered into the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest and was awarded the Brainerd T. Peck Award for best in the Family History category. See page 6 of this issue for more about the author. Ms. Dinan is presenting a book to the researcher that is a fascinating tale of a simple baker's rise to that of a respected proprietor in Long Island. Any researcher who is fascinated with

photographs, charts and drawings will find this book a wealth of collected knowledge. Any genealogist will appreciate the many aids that the author has included in making the book simpler to work with. From the compact table of contents to a bibliography and a valuable index, the reader will feel guided through a maze of family names and events. Not only is this book a genealogical gem, but it is also an interesting read in the retelling of Barnabas Horton's life story.

***Waterbury Irish: From the Emerald Isle to the Brass City* by Janet Maher with John Wiehn. Published by The History Press (now a part of Arcadia), Charleston, South Carolina, [www.historypress.net](http://www.historypress.net), 2015. 6 x 9, softcover, ISBN: 978-1-62619-735-0187, 187 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above website or call 866-457-5971 ext. 158 or email [Edward.Mack@HistoryPress.net](mailto:Edward.Mack@HistoryPress.net). Cost is \$21.99 plus S&H.**

This book was entered into the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest and was awarded First Place in the Genealogical Resource category. The hard work of nineteenth century Irish Immigrants in Waterbury helped place that city on the map as the "Brass Capital of the World." This book will assist the reader in discovering Waterbury's rich Irish heritage, from the time when Irish immigrants entered America up through periods when they influenced the twentieth century. The author, a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, is a long-standing member of The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. and used its resources in her research. Even if the researcher is not of Irish origins but traces his or her family to Waterbury, this book is a valuable tool for name and place research. This book has that anticipated table of contents and concluding index, but it also has an extensive collection of photographs, maps and drawings. This book is a "must-have" for any serious researcher of Waterbury, Connecticut.

***A Blakeslee Line to Samuell Blakesley* by Rev. George Wells Razee. Published by Lulu Press, Inc., 3101 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27607-5436, 2015. 8 ½ x 11, hardcover, 195 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or from the author at The Rev. George Wells Razee, 30 Bokum Road, Unit 234, Essex, CT 96416-1514 or call at 860-767-3590 or email [gwrzee@snet.net](mailto:gwrzee@snet.net). Cost is \$21.95 plus S&H.**

This book was entered into the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest. This local author has once again delved into materials made available to him from a family Bible which stimulated his genealogical thinking. Is it Blakeslee or Blakesley? A serious genealogist will appreciate both spellings of the family name and be able to flesh out his or her charts with amazing speed thanks to this massive collection of ancestries. A collection of reader aids is always appreciated as it is so necessary in assisting the reader in navigating the pages of any book. The usual forward in the beginning of this book sets the purpose for the discoveries, and the simple table of contents leads the way. The book concludes with an index of names. This book would be an asset to any researcher studying the Blakeslee/Blakesley line.

***A Treasury of Family Memories, A Memoir of the Early Atwoods, Bernhardtts, Catos, Damrons, Greenhills, Laflammas, Marruffos, Schultes, Wamsleys and Wilsons, and their Present-Day Relatives* by Denise Marie Siino and Susan Laflamme. Published by the authors, printed and bound in Shanghai, China, 2016. 13 ½ x 9 ½, hardcover, no ISBN or LCCN listed, 350 pages plus and appendix of family recipes, 28 pages. Order directly from the authors at 2029 North Mantle Lane, Santa Ana, CA 92705-7613 or call 714-403-1524 or email susulf@aol.com. Cost is \$35 plus S&H.**

This book was entered into the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest. This immense book pays tribute, in the form of a memoir, to the early Atwoods and nine other descendants and their present day relatives. The authors have assembled a treasure trove of family memories, previously forgotten details and hardworking inspiration in this glossy paged document. It is a work of art, a coffee table version of a family's struggles which begin in England and move on to Long Beach, California. The authors should be commended for their diligence, hard work and highly successful researching skills. This book speaks unique from the very start. Its impressive size, style and glossy internal format catches the reader unaware of its excellence until he or she begins that interesting researcher's journey. Without the amazing table of contents designed by the authors, the reader would be lost along the way. The many photographs lend an air of nostalgia of times gone by for this group of families. A researcher or genealogist will be able to spend hours enjoying the contents and lingering over

the photographs and images only to be treated at the end with a huge section of favorite family recipes. This book is well worth considering for any genealogists' library.

***Bristol Genealogy, Supplement 2* by Alan and Patricia Hefflon. Published by Sheridan Books, Inc. for the Bristol Family Association, Inc., 613 East Industrial Drive, Chelsea, MI 48118, 2015. 6 ½ x 9 ¼, hardcover, no ISBN or LCCN listed, 1,221 pages. Order directly from the publisher at the above address or call 734-385-1543 or email rebeccahumrich@sheridan.com. Cost is \$60.00 plus S&H.**

This book was entered into the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest. Volume 3 of a three volume series that coordinated the efforts of the authors and those of the Bristol Family Association. Professionally published, it contains a wealth of family details collected together benefitting scholars and genealogists alike. The contents would be an especially rich resource for family members or those specifically researching the Bristol family to expand their knowledge or fleshing out family trees. There are countless guide lines provided for the reader. The page of abbreviations will be especially helpful. This is not a book for the "faint of heart." It will take a serious genealogist to sift through the data to glean out the facts that they find necessary. The book concludes with a section called "Surnames other than Bristol" which is a great wealth of additional data. Any Bristol researcher will want this book in their collection.

***Edwards Cemetery, South Windsor, CT* created by David Shortell. Self-published, 2016. 9 x 12, softcover, 59 pages plus map & CD. Order directly from the author at 36 Gillette Street, West Hartford, CT 06119 or call 860-573-6273 or email dshortell@comcast.net. Cost is \$39.99 plus S&H.**

This book was entered into the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest. The author has again strolled through a cemetery, documenting stones and passing his findings along to others. The book includes full color photographs of each gravestone plus a map that details the location of each stone. When visiting this cemetery, this book would make an excellent guide. It not only provides the names and photographs, but it also provides a graph of number of burials by age, a graph of number

of deaths by decade, a breakdown of Carvers, also a breakdown of dates for each Carver, military burials, other important burials and the oldest stones located there and interesting inscriptions. Besides the table of contents, the author has also included a CD with the material to make navigating through the information easier. This book would be an excellent addition to the library collection of any genealogist or anyone interested in researching the Edwards Cemetery of South Windsor.

***Old Norwichtown Burial Ground, Colonial Section, Old Cemetery Lane, Norwich, CT* created by David Shortell. Self-published, 2015. 9 x 12, softcover, 82 pages plus map & CD. Order directly from the author at 36 Gillette Street, West Hartford, CT 06119 or call 860-573-6273 or email at [dshortell@comcast.net](mailto:dshortell@comcast.net). Cost is \$20.00 plus S&H.**

This book was entered into the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest. Primarily in photograph format, this book displays a wealth of material. The large scale map and CD with its database which are also included provide invaluable assistance to any person walking the grounds of this cemetery. The author, a serious taphophile [someone who takes an interest in cemeteries, tombstones, or memory of past lives], has devoted a tremendous amount of his time in exploring this cemetery and offering his findings. The clarity of this material is made obvious by the author with his provision of multiple maps, charts and databases which assist the reader in navigating this book. As with the book in the previous review, the author also includes full color photographs of each gravestone plus a map that details the location of each stone. It not only provides the names and photographs, but it also provides a graph of number of burials by age, a graph of number of deaths by decade, a breakdown of Carvers, also a breakdown of dates for each Carver, military burials, other important burials and the oldest stones located there and stones signed by the stone carver. The table of contents leads the way into a world of tombstone exploration and any genealogist will find this an invaluable resource for locating their own families.

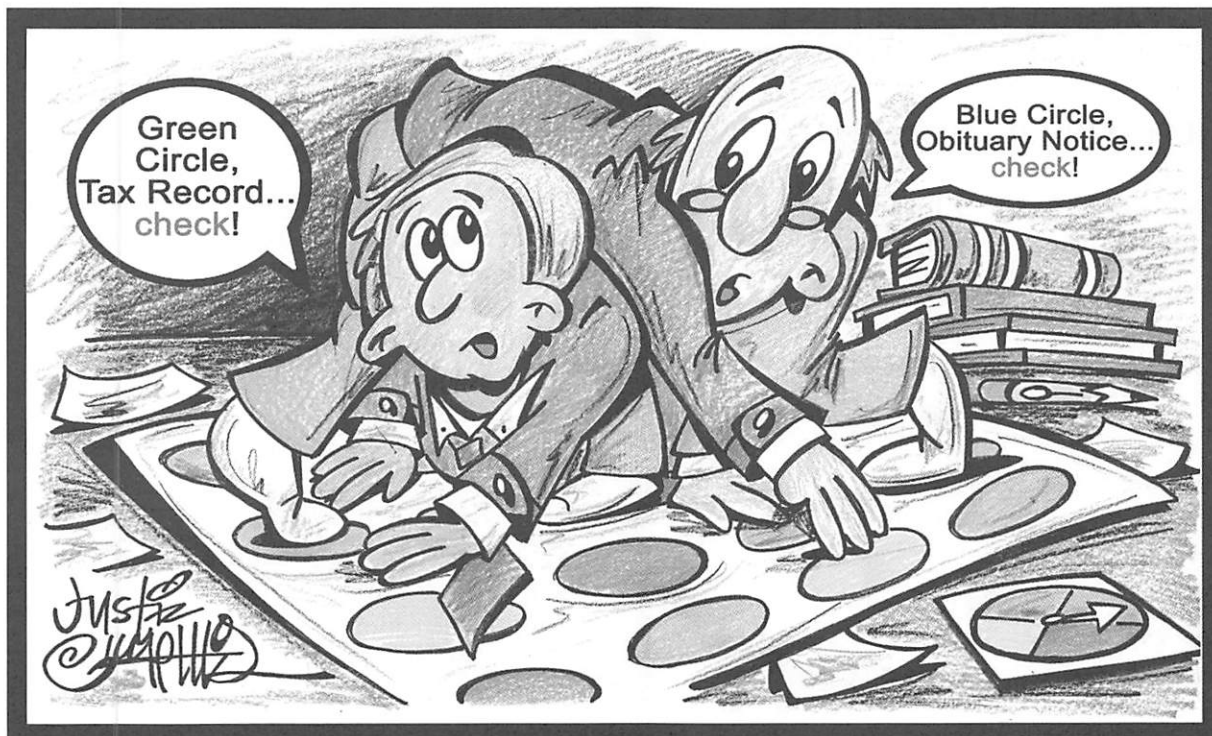
***Lower Calvary Cemetery, The Secret Cemetery, Collinsville, CT* created by David Shortell. Self-published, 2015. 9 x 12, softcover, 20 pages plus map & CD. Order directly from the author at 36 Gillette Street, West Hartford, CT 06119 or call 860-573-**

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This book was entered into the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest. This investigation and photography of the Lower Calvary Cemetery by the author will provide an excellent resource for the researcher. His concern for detail will have most genealogists scrambling to fill in their charts with newly discovered family data. The photography of the cemetery stones is what make this project unique. Any researcher will find this material simple to follow with clear instructions provided by the author in the introduction. A simplified table of contents and the graphs carefully direct the reader. The photography speaks for itself. The colorful collection of markers help preserve the quickly fading beauty that is evident as the years go by. The author should be commended for his diligence and eye for detail.

***Old Plymouth Burying Ground, Plymouth, Conn. 1752-1889* by Linda J. Zapatka. Self-published, 2015. 8 ½ x 11, softcover, 147 pages. Order directly from the author at 47 Belanger Road, Caribou, ME 04736 or call 207-492-2157 or 860-261-7384 or email [lzapatka2140@hotmail.com](mailto:lzapatka2140@hotmail.com). Cost is \$45.00 plus S&H.**

This book was entered into the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., 2016 Literary Awards Contest. The author has assembled a series of excellent photographs and stone marker epitaphs of the Old Burying Ground in Plymouth, Connecticut. The book was originally completed in 2012, but after the author re-walked the cemetery, she had found some changes after renovations had been completed. The book is packed with full-color photographs, plot maps for each section as well as an indication of people from Hale's list, probably on stones marked "unknown." The book is comprised of a table of contents, but the reader should be warned that the page numbers are not chronological, still, the reader can easily find each section. The book concludes with an alphabetical name and page index which is extremely helpful. Aside from some unfortunate grammar and spelling mistakes in the first few pages, the book is a wealth of information and a very valuable resource for any genealogical researcher looking for their relatives at the Old Plymouth Burying Ground.



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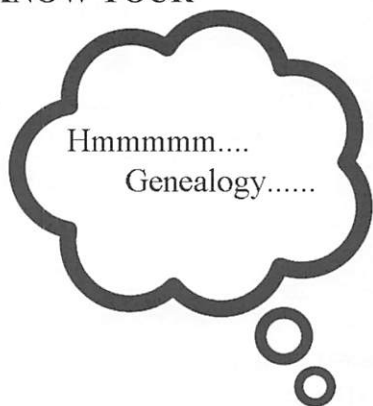
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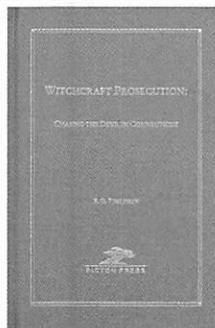
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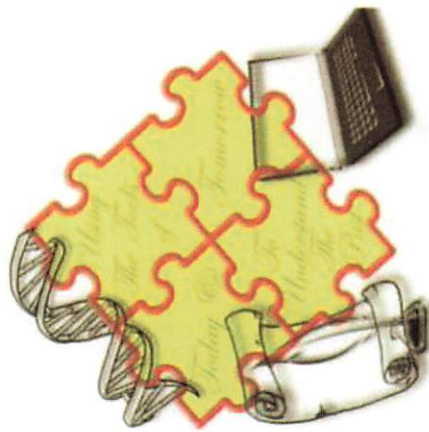


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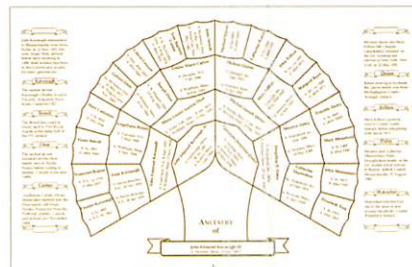
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