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Class 2: 18th-Century Connecticut Research

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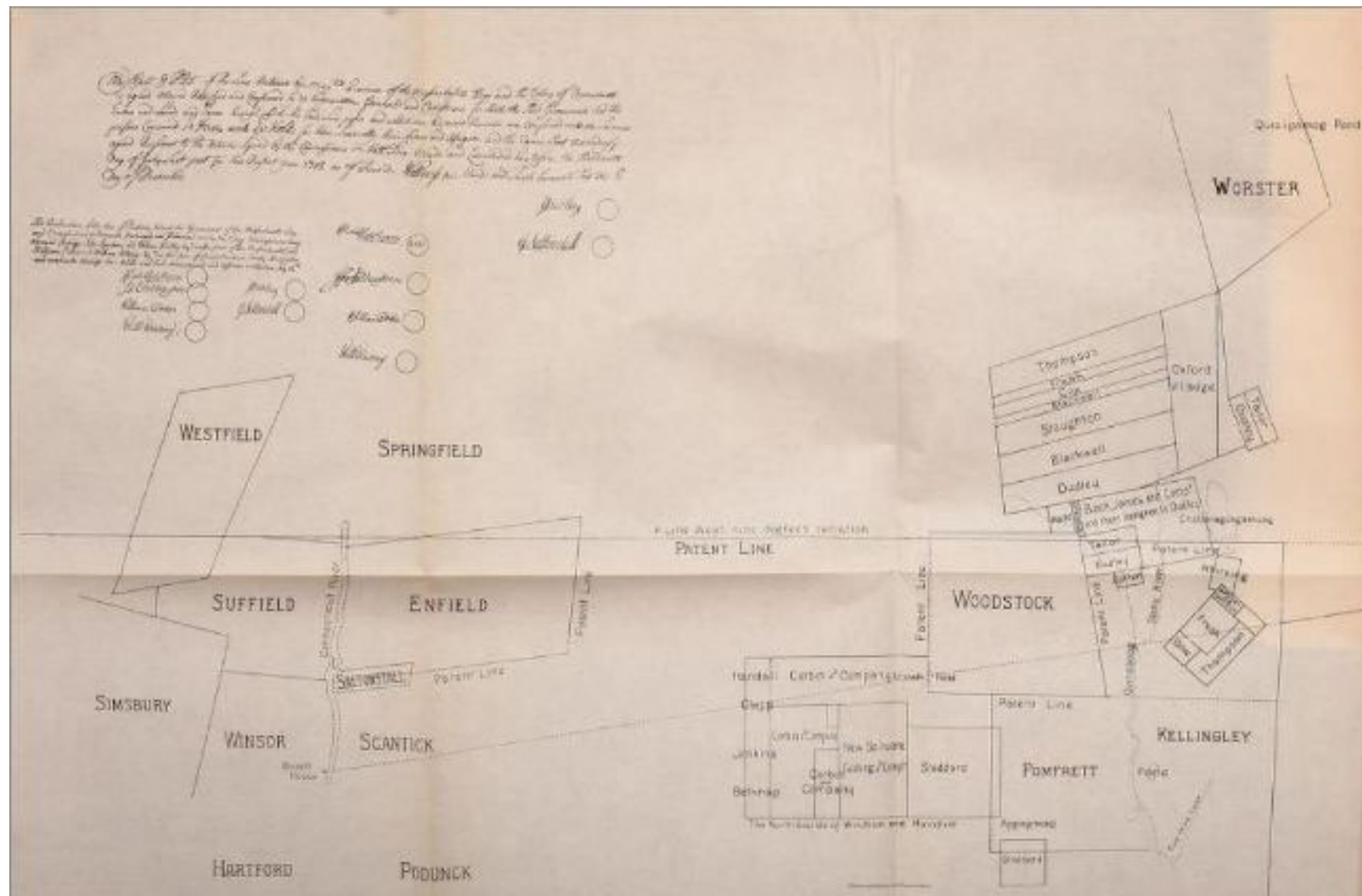
History

New Counties

- Windham (1726) from Hartford and New London
- Litchfield (1751) from Fairfield, New Haven, and Hartford.
- Middlesex (1785) from Hartford and New London.
- Tolland (1785) from Windham

Border Disputes

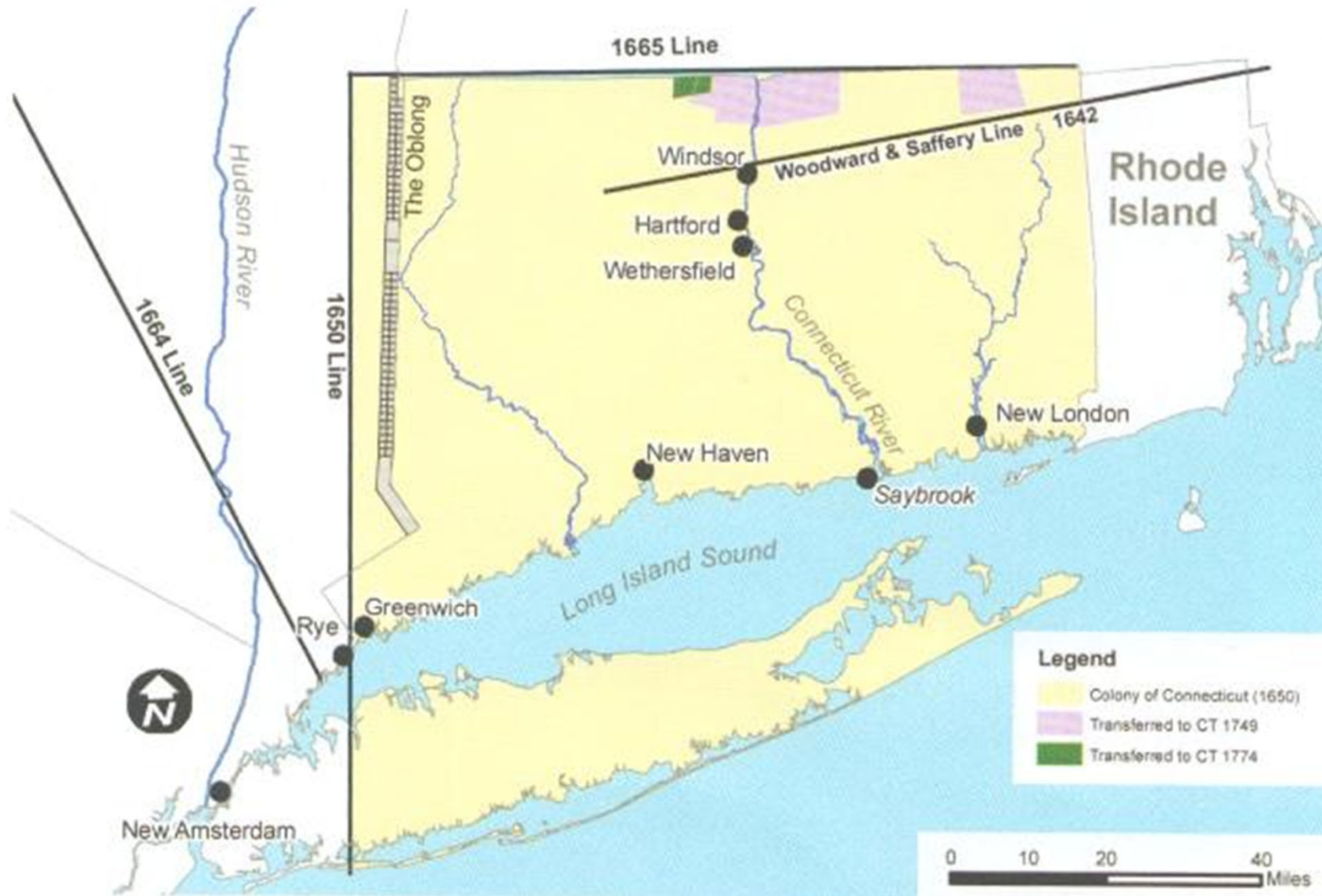
- 1713 – Connecticut sold land on the northern border line to Massachusetts for 683 pounds.
- The border towns continued to petition Connecticut for annexation.
- 1662 – Original Charter by King Charles II.
- 1642 – New survey done by Nathaniel Woodward and Solomon Saffrey of Massachusetts.
- 1695 – A new survey order by Connecticut, confirmed in 1702.



The Chandler and Thaxter Survey of 1713 from *The Boundary Disputes of Connecticut* by Clarence Winthrop Bowen

Border Disputes

- 1731 – border disputes between New York and Connecticut resolved
- 1749 – Connecticut Assembly decided the towns of Suffield, Enfield, Somers, and Woodstock fell within the charter's limits and were returned to Connecticut
 - Middlesex Gore (in Woodstock) was not annexed to Connecticut and remained part of Massachusetts
- 1786 – Connecticut resolves border dispute Pennsylvania (ceding northern third of the state)



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Settlement (Pre-Revolution)

- Starting in 1759, New England Planters left for Nova Scotia
- 1763 - French and Indian Wars hamper efforts for interior settlement until conflict ends
- 1775-1783 - Loyalists leave for Canada, UK & Caribbean



Revolutionary War

- Connecticut was known as the "Provisions State" due to the arms and manufacturing that contributed to the war effort
- Its coastline harbored privateers who would raid British ships
- Not occupied by British armies, but did experience several British raids
 - Fort Griswold in New London in 1781 was led by patriot-turned-traitor Benedict Arnold
- Nathan Hale became the official state hero of Connecticut

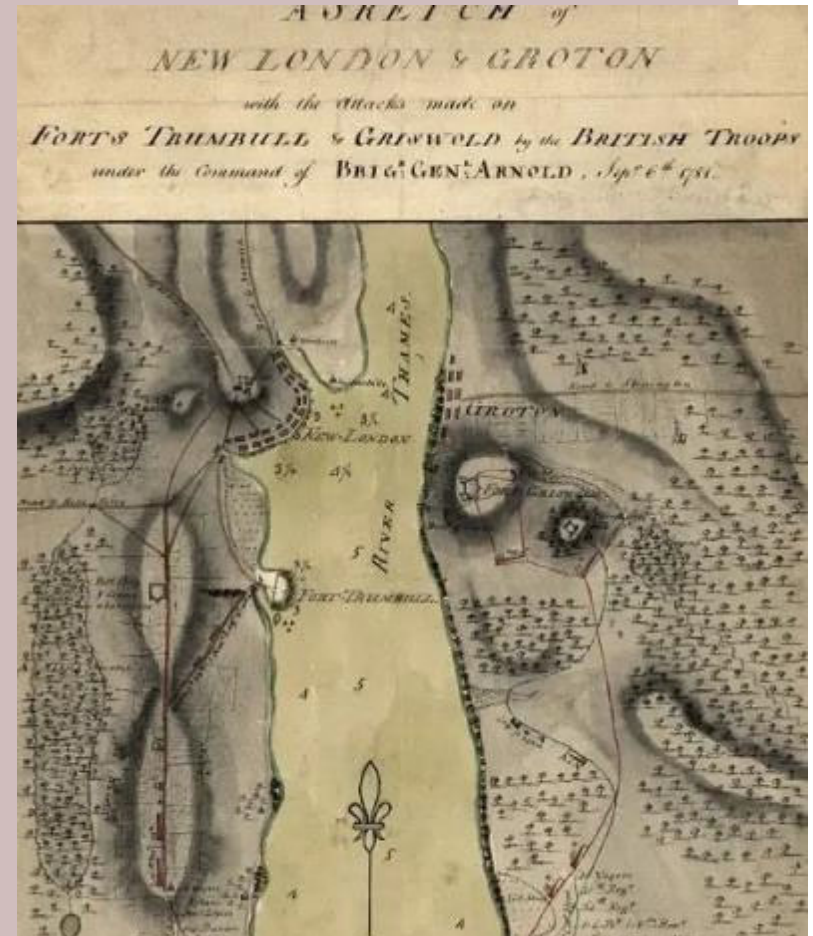


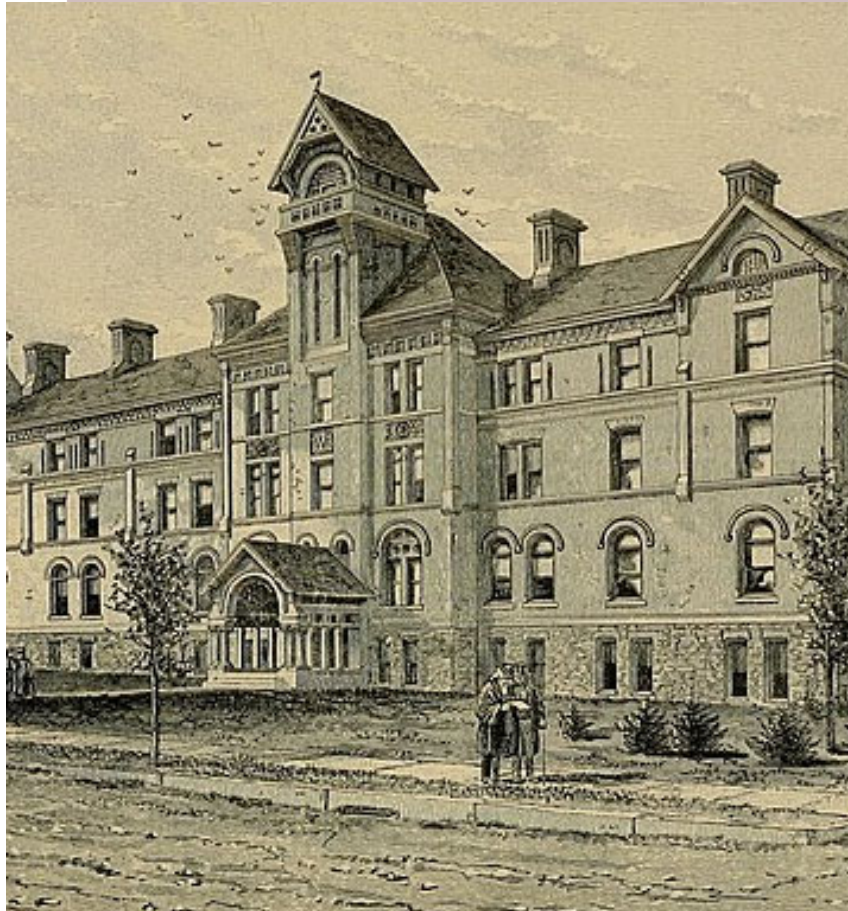
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Revolutionary War Statistics

- In June 1775, out of the 37,363 soldiers who enlisted in the Continental Army, 3,700 came from Connecticut



Post-Revolution



- In 1788 Connecticut becomes a new state
- Westward migration begins into Ohio and other states; former soldiers claim bounty land

The Connecticut Western Reserve

- Area in the Northwest Territory that was owned, sold, and distributed by the state of Connecticut after the American Revolution
- Western part was the fire lands
 - land reserved for people who lost property during the Revolution
- Eastern part sold to Connecticut Land Company in 1795 for \$1.2 million

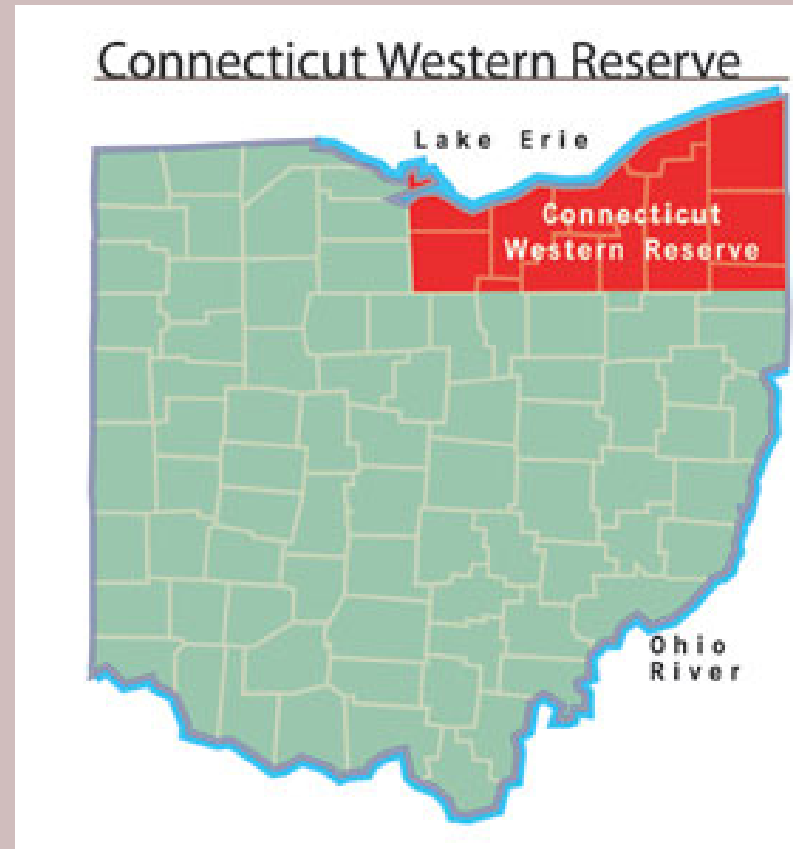
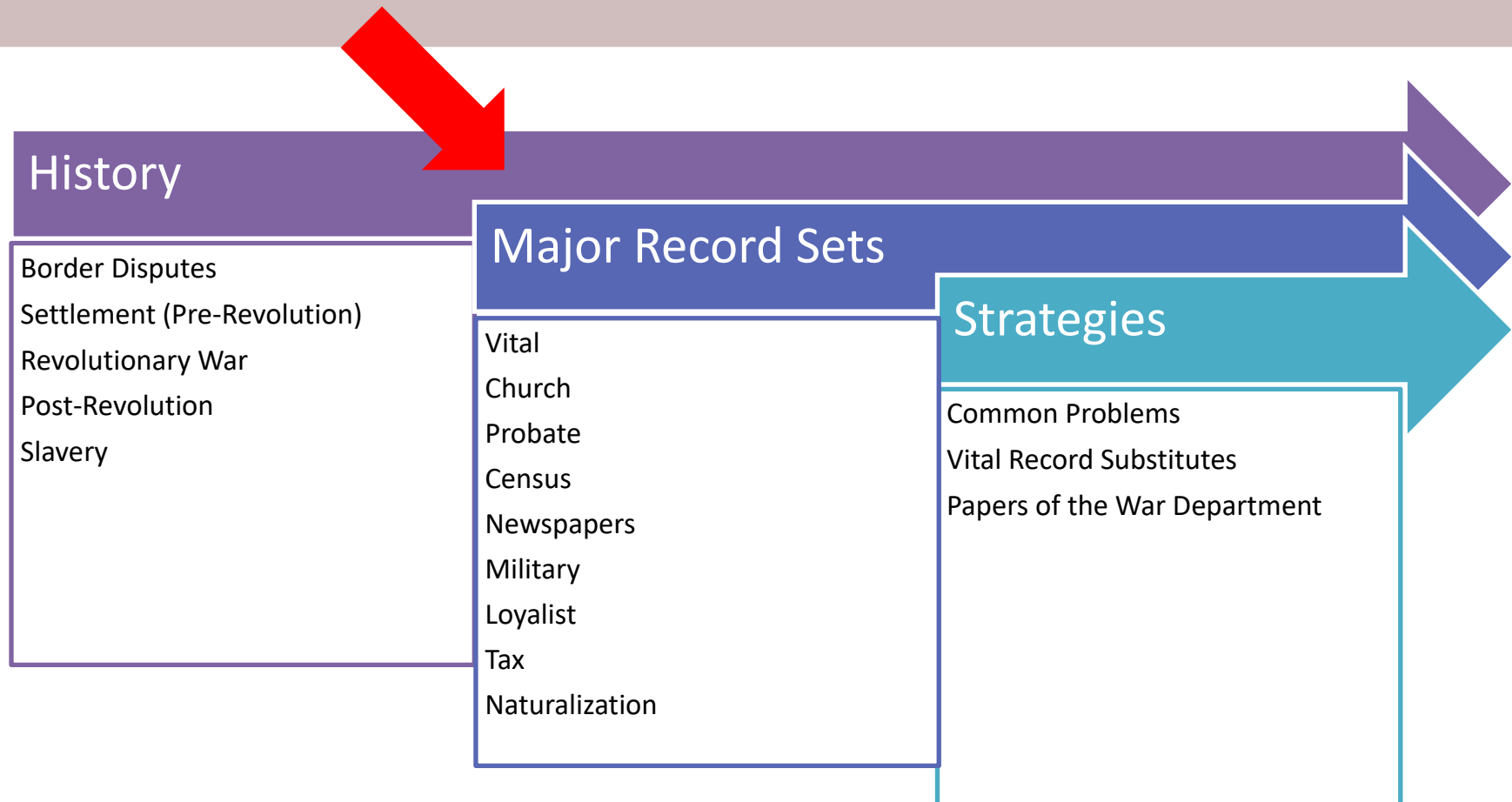


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Slavery

- 1779 - Prime and Prince are the first enslaved persons to petition the General Assembly to abolish all slavery
- 1784 – Connecticut passes law for gradual emancipation; enslaved persons that are 25 years old and born after March 1st are freed
- 1790 – The federal census revealed that about half the population was still enslaved; of the 3,763 enslaved in New England, 2,648 lived in Connecticut
- Not officially abolished until 1848

Overview



Types of Records

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Vital Records

Vital Record Notes

- Originally recorded at the town level
- 1897 – Statewide registration began
- 1915 – General compliance

Not Every Town is in Barbour Collection

- Bound volumes were not prepared for the towns of Bolton, Coventry, Enfield, Mansfield, New Haven, Norwich, and Vernon.
 - Published compilations of vital records had previously been prepared for these towns

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Rebeckah Darte Daughter of Ebenezer Darte and Ruth his wife was Borne november 24th AD: 1728

Ruth Darte Daughter of Ebenezer Darte and Ruth his wife was Borne march 6th AD 1730/31

Gideon King Son of Jonathan King and mary his wiffe was Borne Aug^t 24th AD 1729

Jeremiah Bishop Son of Jeremiah Bishop & martha his wife was Borne march 24th AD 1731

✠ Daud Taylor Son of Daud Taylor and Martha his wife was Borne march 18th AD 1730/31

Ichabod Marshel Son of John Marshel & Damaris his wiffe was Borne December the 5th AD: 1730

John King Son of Hezekiah King & Sarah his wife was Borne September the 11th AD 1730

Abigaill Goodridge Daughter of Moses Goodridge and Hannah his wiffe was Borne ffeb 17th AD 1730/31

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Hezekiah, m. Zurviah **BAKER***, June 21, 1738 (***(BACKUS** in Scotland C.R. 2:37) handwritten in margin of original document)

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Here son Hezekiah was born January 4th 1726
 Here daughter Sarah was born January 1st 1728
 Here son Elias was born 2nd of September 1731
 Here son Eliza was born 18th of July 1733
 Mrs Sarah Lord wife of Mr Lord above
 named died December 20th 1733
 Mr Hezekiah Lord and **Zurviah Baker**
 were married June 21st 1738
 Nathaniel Lord there son was born April 7th 1739
 Zerviah Lord their daughter was born Dec^r 7th 1741
 Lydia Lord their daughter was born September 22nd 1744
 The above 3rd Lydia Lord died April 1st 1748
 Mary Lord daughter of Mr Hezekiah Lord
 and Zerviah his wife was born April 22nd 1746
 etc.

FamilySearch Databases

- Connecticut Births and Christenings (1649-1906)
- Connecticut Marriages (1630-1997)
- Connecticut Deaths and Burials (1772-1934)

Church Records

Congregational Library and Archives

- Located in Boston, Massachusetts
- Repository for Congregational churches in the United States
- Digitizing New England church records
- Hidden Histories project includes 4 Connecticut churches:
 - Canterbury, Conn. Strict Congregational Church (1733-1815)
 - Lebanon, Conn. First Church and Society (1697-1796)
 - Litchfield, Conn. South Farms Church (1781)
 - Lyme, Conn. Second Church and Society (1767)

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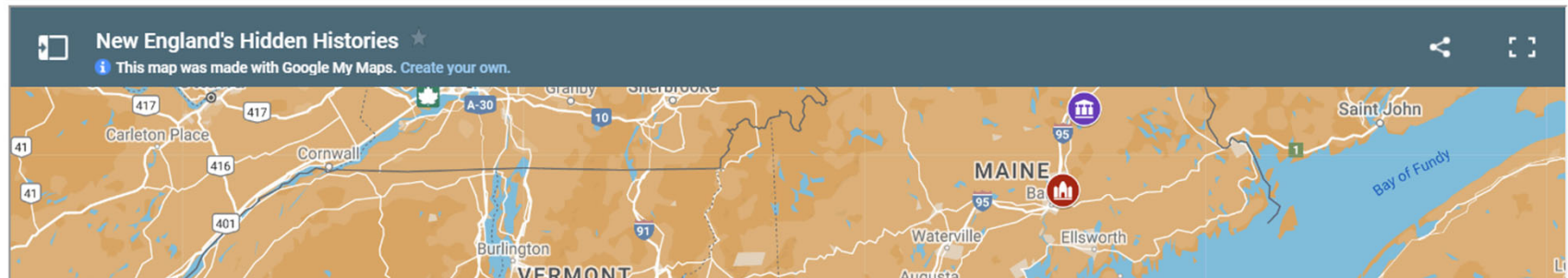
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Map of New England's Hidden Histories

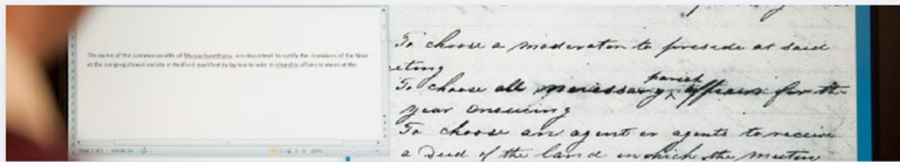


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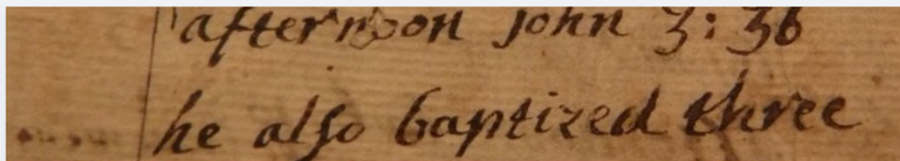
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This section contains collections of church records documenting early Congregational church history in New England. These collections describe the founding and operating of these churches, their concerns, difficulties, and triumphs. Church records document the events and concerns of communities, the civil affairs of the town, and the lives of the ministers and the congregants who sat in the pews. They are some of the oldest and most significant primary source materials for understanding colonial and early United States history.

In this section you will find records of church meetings and votes; births, deaths, baptisms, and marriages; church discipline, including admonitions, confessions, censures, and excommunications; and ecclesiastical council minutes. Of particular note are the personal conversion narratives, called relations of faith, found in several of the collections. These documents, prepared by individuals seeking church membership, offer insight into many underrepresented populations, including women, children, Indigenous people, enslaved and free people of African descent, and indentured servants.

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Canterbury, Conn. Strict Congregational Church (1733-1815)

Gathered in 1744, the Strict Congregational Church in Canterbury, Connecticut, was the first of its kind formed in the state. The Strict Church developed from schisms within the First Congregational Church as a result of the First Great Awakening. Issues over polity, such as infant baptism, and monetary issues, such as paying taxes to support the established church and ministers, became central arguments that led to the schism. At the time of the schism, the Strict Church took a majority of the First Congregational Church's members. The Strict Congregational Church remained active throughout the eighteenth century but was no longer active by around 1850. This collection contains meeting minutes, correspondence, disciplinary records, and records relating to the schism within the First Church that resulted in the formation of the Strict Congregational Church.

Durham, Conn. First Church (1804-1904)

Durham, Connecticut, built its first meetinghouse in 1709. In December of 1710, Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey was called to preach. In 1734, the town voted to build a second meetinghouse. Rev. Elizur Goodrich was approved as minister in 1755, followed by Rev. David Smith in 1799. A third meetinghouse was erected in 1735 but destroyed by fire in 1844, and a dispute arose over where the new meetinghouse would be located, which resulted in the formation of separate North Congregational and South Congregational churches. This collection contains administrative and legal documents largely relating to the dispute over the situation of the fourth meetinghouse, both before and after the decision was taken to split the congregation into two separate churches. There are also contemporaneous documents relating to church administration and financial matters.

Lebanon, Conn. First Church and Society (1697-1796)

Like many congregations in early New England, people complained about the distance they had to travel to attend worship services. As

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Browse the First Church and Society records in Lebanon, Connecticut

^ Lebanon, Connecticut. First Church and Society records, 1697-1796.

The area which would become known as Lebanon was originally part of a Mohegan settlement called Poquechaneed. The town of Lebanon has its origins with the settlers of Norwich, Connecticut, who wanted to expand beyond the "nine miles square" they had bought from the Mohegan sachem Uncas. From 1663-1692, various parcels of land were deeded to settlers in the area by Mohegan rulers including Uncas and his son, Sachem Owaneco. The town of Lebanon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Connecticut Colony on October 10, 1700, with the First Church and Society of Lebanon formed in the same year. Rev. Joseph Parsons was called as the first minister and served until 1708.

Nine men formed the original membership of the First Congregational Church of Lebanon, and the first meeting house was built in 1706. Rev. Samuel Welles was the church's second minister from 1711-1718, followed by Rev. Solomon Williams from 1722-1776. By 1724, northerly residents were less willing to travel and pay for the upkeep of a meeting house on the original location at the town common. The First Society's decision to replace the building in that year provoked these members to argue for its re-location to a plot of land owned by

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Church Records

- FamilySearch databases
- FamilySearch catalogue (under each town)
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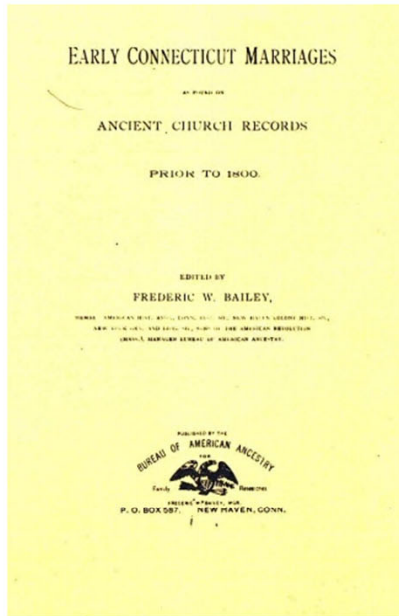
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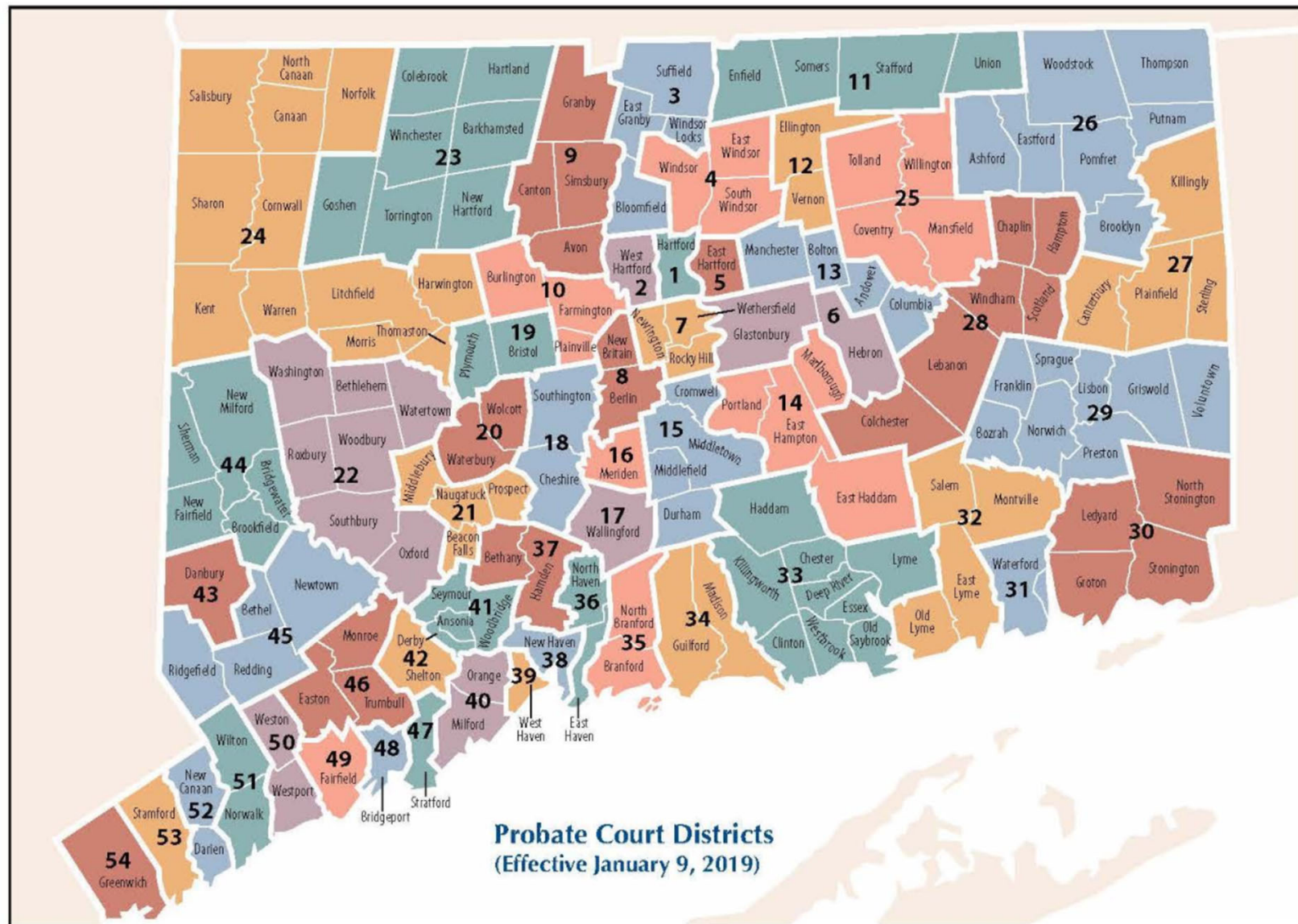
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Adnah Clarke & Thankfull Bailey,	Dec., 1786	
Seymour Kelsey & Sarah Augur,	Jan., 1787	
Joseph Dickinson & Tammy Shailor,	Feb., 1787	
Levi Ray & Susanah Arnold,	April, 1787	
Amos Cook & Jane Bailey,	1787	
Aaron ——— & Sarah Chapman of Haddam,	April, 1787	
James Pe—— & ——— of Haddam,	May, 1787	
Josiah Prior of (Middletown?) & Sussanah Smith of Haddam,	Aug., 1787	
James Smith & ——— Arnold,	Nov., 1787	
Humphry Treadwell & Hannah Thomas,	Dec., 1787	
Timothy Hubbard, Jr., & Miss ——— Thomas,	Dec., 1787	
Thomas Bailey & ——— Smith,	Jan., 1788	
—— Lane of Killingworth & Elisabeth Porter of Haddam,	Jan., 1788	
Robert Smith & Susannah Kelley,	Jan., 1788	
Benjamin Johnson & Else Smith,	April, 1788	
David Spencer & Damaris Brainerd,	May, 1788	
Cornelius Higgins, Esqr., & widow Mary Smith,	Sept., 1788	
James Tyler & Esther Dickinson,	Dec., 1788	
Aaron Thomas, Jr., & Martha Smith,	Oct., 1789	
Jonathan Hubbard & Sally Thomas,	Nov., 1789	
Curtis Smith & Arsenah Brainerd,	Jan., 1789	
Amasa Pettibone & Mary Augur,	Jan. (?), 1789	
James Bates & Mary Ventrees,	1789	
James Spencer & Miss ——— Clarke, the ——— of Stephen Clarke,	1789	
Benjamin Stocking & Dimmis Shailor,	August, 1789	
My son John May & Dolly Arnold,	Nov. 8, 1789	
James Brooks & Caroline Smith,	Dec., 1789	
Joseph Augur & Samuel Tyler's daughter (Esther),	Jan., 1790	
Joseph Tyler, Jr., & Allira Smith,	Jan., 1790	
Nathan Tyler, Jr., & one of Ezra Shailor's daughters. (Her name was Esther),	Feb., 1790	
Capt. Edmond Porter & Mary Smith,	Feb., 1790	
James Brainerd & Edetha Hubbard,	1790	
Ira Shailor & Anne Shailor,	1790	
Joshua Knowles & Concurrence Porter,	1790	
Gideon Brainerd, Jr., & Hepsibah Hubbard,	1790	

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Probate Records



Probate Court Districts

Town (Current Probate District)	Inc.	County	Parent Town(s)	Pre-2011 Probate District (Est.)	Parent Probate District	Notes	VRs	CRs
Chaplin (28)	1822	Windham	Hampton, Mansfield, Windham	Chaplin (1850)	Windham	Alias: Suffrage.	B, W	
Cheshire (18)	1780	New Haven	Wallingford	Cheshire (1829)	Wallingford	Daughter Town: Prospect.	B, W	
Chester (33)	1836	Middlesex	Deep River (Saybrook)	Saybrook (1780)	Guilford		B, W	
Clinton (33)	1838	Middlesex	Killingworth	Clinton (1862)	Killingworth		B, N, W	
Colchester (28)	1698	New London		Colchester (1832)	East Haddam	Named in 1699. Daughter Towns: Marlborough, Salem.	B, W	
Colebrook (23)	1779	Litchfield		Winchester (1838)	Norfolk	Alias: Coldbrook.	B, W	
Columbia (13)	1804	Tolland	Lebanon	Andover (1851)	Hebron		B, W	
Cornwall (24)	1740	Litchfield		Cornwall (1847)	Litchfield		B, W	
Coventry (25)	1712	Tolland		Coventry (1849)	Hebron	Daughter Town: Andover.	P, W	
Cromwell (15)	1851	Middlesex	Middletown	Middletown (1752)	East Haddam, Guilford, Hartford			
Danbury (43)	1687	Fairfield		Danbury (1744)	Fairfield	Settled 1685. Daughter Towns: Bethel, Brookfield	B, W	N
Darien (52)	1820	Fairfield	Stamford	Darien (1921)	Stamford		B, W	N
Deep River (33)	1635	Middlesex		Deep River (1949)	Saybrook	Called Saybrook to 1947. Daughter Towns: Chester, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook	B, P, W	
Derby (41)	1675	New Haven		Derby (1858)	New Haven	Daughter Towns: Andover, Oxford, Seymour.	B, W	
Durham (15)	1708	Middlesex		Middletown (1752)	East Haddam, Guilford, Hartford	Settled 1699. Named 1704.	B, W	
East Granby (3)	1858	Hartford	Granby, Windsor Locks	East Granby (1865)	Granby		P, W	
East Haddam (14)	1734	Middlesex	Haddam	East Haddam (1741)	Hartford		B, W	N, W
East Hampton (14)	1767	Middlesex	Middletown	East Hampton (1824)	East Haddam, Middletown	Called Chatham to 1915.	B, W	

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513 At a Court of Probate held in Fairfield April 24th 1739 then personally appeared And^{rs} Burr Esq^r & Mr. Nath^l Burr y^d Witnesses to y^d within will and made Sollemn Oath y^t they Saw William Hill Sen^r Signer and Sealer to y^d within will Sign & Seal y^d Same and heard him Declare it to be his last will and Testament y^t they Judged him to be of Sound mind and memory at y^d Same time y^t they Set to their hands as Witnesses to y^d Same in y^d presence of y^d Testator y^t they Saw David Thompson y^d Other Witness Sign with them at y^d Same time — at S^d Court personally appeared Joseph Hill & William Hill Executors in S^d will named and accepted y^d Trust Committed to them by y^d Testator — at S^d Court S^d will being Exhibited by S^d Executors in order for probation S^d will being proved is by S^d Court Approved and ordered to be Recorded Test William Burr Clerk

In the Name of God Amen. I John Thompson Sen^r of Fairfield in his maj^{ties} Colony of Connecticut in new-England being weak in body but of Sound mind and memory thanks be given to God therefor Cailing to mind y^d mortality of my body knowing y^t it is appointed

Will of John Thompson, 1739



Probate files collection, early to 1880

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Authors: [Connecticut State Library \(Hartford, Connecticut\)](#)
(Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1977-1979

Physical: 1622 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

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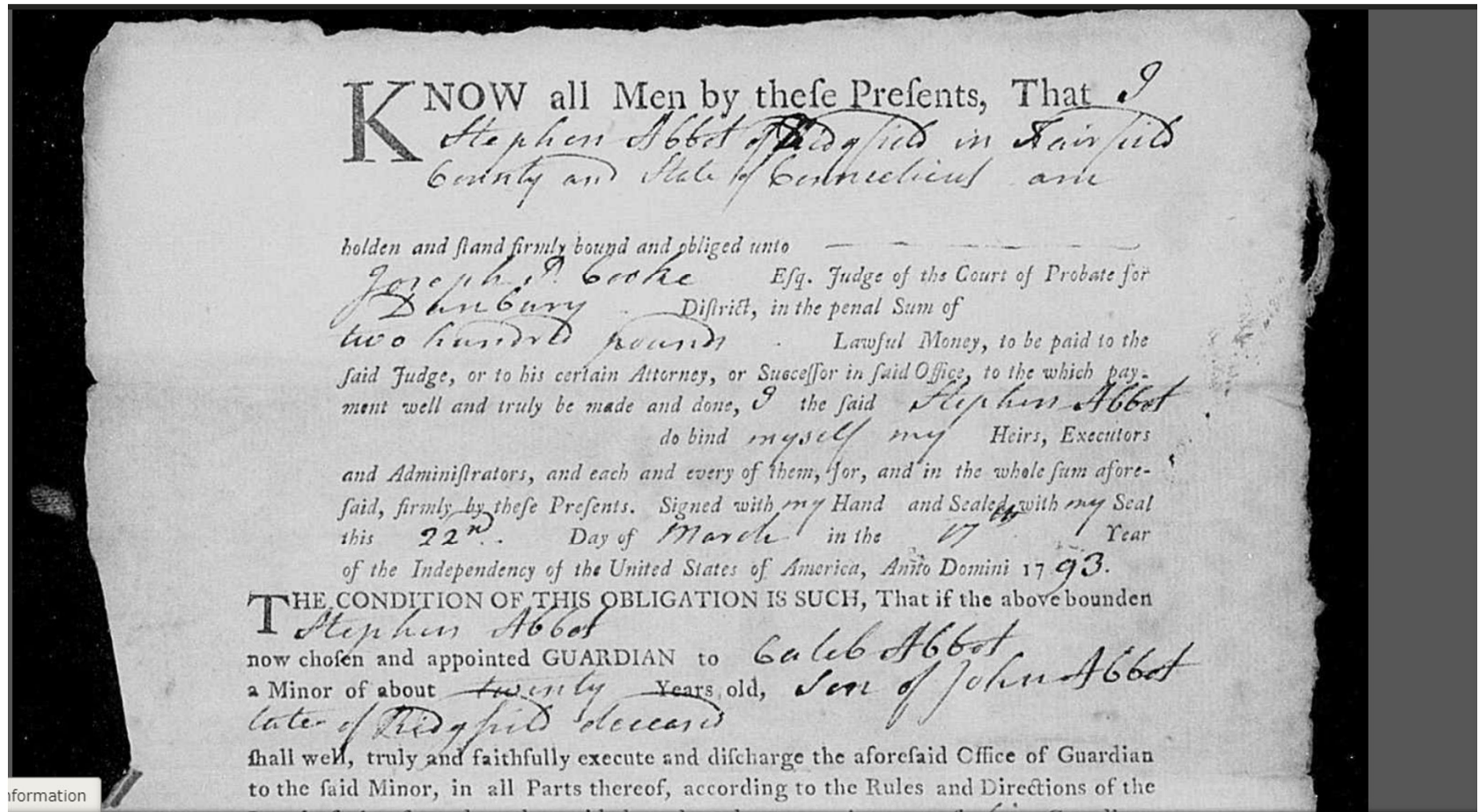


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Abbot, Caleb			
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TOWN OF Ridgefield			
DATE 1793		NO. 7	
Danbury Probate District			
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Probate Packet of Caleb Abbot, Ridgefield,
1793, Case #7



Guardian Bond of Caleb Abbot

Court Records

General Court

- General Assembly after 1637
- Highest state court – handled civil and criminal cases
- Most judicial responsibilities relinquished by 1750
- Records are published in *The Public Records of The Colony of Connecticut (1636-1776)*, available on FamilySearch

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This Court accepts John Burr to be made free, and Mr. Gould is hereby authorized to administer the oath of freedom to him.

John Teed, Edward Hornett, Samuel Titus, Thomas Jones, William Williams, Samuel Ketcham, Joseph Whitman, Thomas Brush, Caleb Curwithee, Joseph Bayley, John Rogers, Samuel Wood, Thomas Workes, Henry Whisson, James Chichester, Henry Ludlow, Thomas Scuddor, John Samwayes, Thomas Powell, Jonathan Rogers and Isaac Platt are accepted to be made free, and the Commissioners of Huntington are to administer the oath of freedom to them.

Captain Seely and Mr. Wood are appointed Commissioners for Huntington, and Captain Seely is to administer the Commissioners oath to Mr. Wood.

Ensign Avery is authorized to administer the oath of a Commissioner to Mr. Bruen and Mr. Palmes.

Mr. Woodhall and John Ketcham are appointed Commissioners for Setawkett; and were sworn in Court.

Mr. Thurston Rayner is by this Court chosen a Magistrate, and Mr. John Howell is to administer the oath to him for the faithfull execution of his office.

Mr. Mulford and Mr. Bond are appointed Magistrates for East Hampton, and Mr. John Howell is hereby authorized to administer the oath to them, for the faithful execution of their places.

Superior Court

- In 1711 the Superior Court replaced the Court of Assistants
- Principal trial court for major civil and criminal cases (including divorce cases)
- Some records digitized on FamilySearch
- Records held at the Connecticut State Library


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Connecticut. Superior Court (Middlesex County) (Main Author)

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B. Williams vs. } Middlesex Co. Sup. Ct Dec. 7, 1793
James Clark }

and now the plffs after
verdict & before judgment in
Court move that no judgment
be rendered against the plaintiffs
but that judgment be rendered for the
plaintiffs against the defendant
Because the plffs say - -

1. That the matter found by said ver-
dict afford no sufficient founda-
tion for a judgment in favor of the
defendant against the plaintiffs
2. That the matters contained in the

Middlesex County Superior Court Record, 1793

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Statement of Responsibility:	edited by John T. Farrell ; foreword by Charles E. Clark
Authors:	Johnson, William Samuel, 1727-1819 (Main Author) Farrell, John T. (John Thomas), 1911- (Added Author) Connecticut. Superior Court (Added Author)
Format:	Books/Monographs/Book with Digital Images
Language:	English
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there directly to Fisher Island from thence 3 of them went to Rhode Island and the rest returned to New London all still in Quest of said Sloop—further the Deponent saith not. George Roberts.

Hartford County Ss Hartford November 17th 1772. Then Personally appeared George Roberts and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the foregoing Deposition by him Subscribed, the said Roberts being bound a Voyage to Sea, and the Adverse Party Notified but Not present.

Jurat Coram. Benjamin Payne Justus Pacis.

6th

REX v. SCRIPTURE

Indictment for Stamping Counterfeit Coin viz. half Jos: And also Counterfeit Jersey Bills. Exception by way of Quash that these two Offences cannot be Joined in the same Indictment, because the Punishments are different, and if he were found Guilty No Judgment could be entered up. Bac: Abr. Tit. Indictment Cites Will. H. P. C. 173 that Burglary and Larceny may be Joined. Vid. 1. H: H: P: C 561. 610. H. P: C. 241. Rex v. Weston Stra. Rep. Rex v. Phillips Stra. Rep. 961. Rex v. Chandon. Assault upon two cannot be joined. Seymour Attorney. The Punishments are indeed different but the Jury may find him Guilty of one offence only, or if they find generally Guilty the Court will give Sentence for the more moderate Punishment. The Indictment was Quashed.

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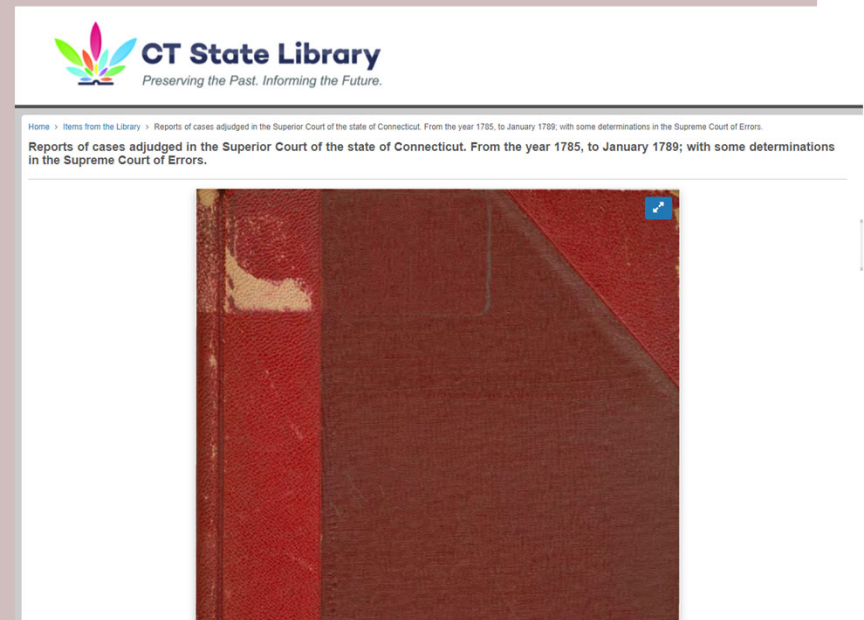
Colony of Connecticut Ss. Hartford Adjourned Superior Term December last Tuesday A Dom: 1771.

The Jurors for our Lord the King upon their Oath present, that One Simeon Scripture of Willington in said County of Hartford on or about the 10th day of October last past at Willington aforesaid feloniously and Traiterously did Stamp and make twenty pieces of Counterfit Coin made in imitation of Twenty true Pieces of Gold Coin Commonly Called half Joes and also that the said Simeon at Willington aforesaid on or about the said 10th day of October in the Year aforesaid did feloniously and traiterously imprint Stamp and Counterfit One hundred Bills made in imitation of the true Bills of Credit of the Denomination of fifteen Shillings Emittted by the Province of New Jersey and also did then and there imprint Stamp and Counterfit One hundred Bills made in imitation of the true Bills of Credit of said Province of New Jersey of the Denomination of thirty Shilling Bills of said Province and aided and Assisted therein, against the Peace of our said Lord the now King his Crown and Dignity and Contrary to the form and Effect of the Statute of this Colony in such Case made and provided.

Rex v. Scripture, *Johnson Superior Court Diary*

Supreme Court of Errors

- Created in 1784 as the highest appellate court
- Reviewed cases based on a writ of error, which was previously done by General Assembly
- Published with superior court records



Census Records

Census Records

- 1756 Census – First Census of the Colony
- 1762 Census was taken by selectmen of 68 towns.
- Other censuses were taken in 1774, 1776, 1779, and 1782.
- No state census records were recorded for Connecticut
- 1790 U.S. Census
 - First federal census of the United States
 - Head of household named
 - All other household members broken down by sex and age

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1798 Direct Tax

- Congress enacted a \$2 million direct tax to help fund a military if we went to war with France.
- Each state was required to create their forms and assess the value of property, including enslaved persons, and collect their portion of the tax
- The tax had 3 parts:
 - Dwelling houses more than \$100 were taxed based upon value
 - Slaveowners were taxed 50 cents per enslaved person between the ages of 12 and 50 who were not precluded from working based on permanent illness or disability
 - All other real property (i.e. "land"), dwelling houses less than \$100
- Original records are kept at the Connecticut Historical Society

List of LANDS with the BUILDINGS thereon, belonging on the 1st day of October, 1798, to <i>Jeremiah Fuller</i>										in the County of <i>Salisbury</i> and <i>6th</i> Assessment District in the State of Connecticut.									
Where situated.				On whom Bounded.				Contents of each Lot.		Value pr. acre.		Valuation by assessor.							
Tracts or Lots.	Town.	Society.	Buildings and Wharves with their dimensions.	Easterly.	Northerly.	Westerly.	Southerly.	Acres.	Roods & parts.	Dolls.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.						
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1798 Direct Tax, Jeremiah Fuller, Records of the U.S. Customs Service, RG 36, NARA—Northeast Region [Boston]

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Newspapers

- First Connecticut newspapers published during the 18th century:
 - Connecticut Gazette – 1755 (New Haven)
 - New London Summary – 1758
 - New London Gazette – 1763 (formerly Connecticut Gazette)
 - Connecticut Courant – 1764 (Hartford)
 - Connecticut Journal – 1767 (New Haven)
 - Norwich Packet - 1773

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Monday, December 3, 1764.

The CONNECTICUT COURANT.

Containing the freshest Advices,
Foreign and Domestick.

HAMBURG, Sept. 4.
THEY write from Silesia, that cannon and warlike stores are daily arriving there; that the King of Prussia has reviewed the regiments which were encamped under Biege; and that a body of Austrians, commanded by Gen. Loudohn, is forming in Upper Silesia, while another body of the same troops is assembling in Moldavia, near Olmutz.

Letters from Thorn of the 31st of August, and those from Berlin of the 5th of September mention not a word of the election of the King of Poland.

LONDON, September 6,
 At the three places of rendezvous lately opened at Wapping, for entertaining sailors, none are admitted but those who are good and able seamen, well clothed, and have likewise chests and bedding.

Sept. 11. Letters from Upper Silesia bring advice, that on the 10th of September, a fleet of 500 sail, from 50 to 300 tons, as appears from the following list: 50 from *St. Maters*, 70 from *Granville*, 64 from *St. Martin's*, 49 from the *isle of Rhee*, 110 from *Bayonne*, 70 from *St. Jean de Luz*, 58 from *Sibour*, 90 from *Rockfort*, and a large number of small craft from the different ports of inferior note along the coast; and their cargoes have sold from 30 to 36 livres the quintal.

The whale fishery at Bermudas has this summer turned out extremely advantageous.

Letters from Cadiz, by Friday's mail, mention the sailing of the *Glorious* and *Sultile* men of war, with 1000 troops on board, for Carthagens, in New-Spain.

The merchants are afraid of a rupture with the Algerines; our court not being satisfied, by any means with the Divan's condemnation of the Genoese polacre taken under an English pass, and the Dey seeming absolutely determined not to give up the point in allowing us the liberty of granting passes to the

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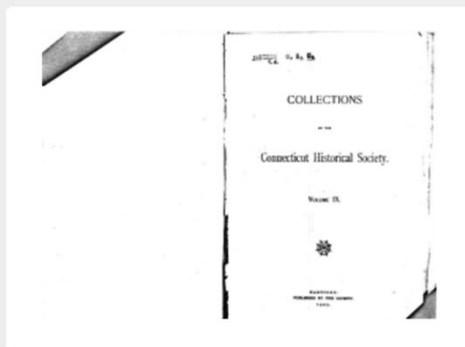
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SECOND REGIMENT—COL. DAVID WOOSTER.

REGIMENTAL OFFICERS.

David Wooster [of New Haven] appointed Colonel and Captain of the first company, March, 1756.
 William Whiting [of Norwich] appointed Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain of the Second Company, March, 1756. Discharged Dec. 3.
 Jehosaphat Starr [of Middletown] appointed Major and Captain of the third company, March, 1756. Discharged Nov. 2.
 Ebenezer Sage of Middletown appointed Commissary, March, 1756. [Colonial Records.]
 Charles Whiting, Adjutant, May 2 to Dec. 3, 1756. [State Library, War 6, 513.]
 Christopher Palmer, Adjutant, 5 weeks and 2 days. [Comptroller's Office, Treasurer's Book.]
 Thaddeus Noble, Armourer, April 23 to Oct. 26, 1756. [State Library, War 6, 354.]

FIRST COMPANY—COL. WOOSTER.

David Wooster [of New Haven], Colonel and Captain.
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 ——— Hotchkiss, Second Lieutenant.
 Christopher Palmer [of Stonington], Ensign. [Colonial Records.]

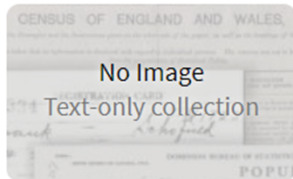
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W ^m Seymour	4	6	Moses Hoyt	4	6
James Castelo	4	6	John Hekock	4	5
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John Roberts	4	5	Jon Riggs	4	5
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W ^m Monrow	2	3	Ebenezer Bates	4	6
Josiah Canfield	5	1	Seeley Gregory	4	2
John Greenslitt	4	6	Josiah Lockwood	4	2
Neh ^m Gregory	1	5	Jo ^s Dullittle	5	1
Sam ^l Selleck	4	6	Philip Tanguin	5	
Mathew Mead	4	6	Albert Williams	5	1
Nath ^l Westcoat	4	5	James Hekock	3	6
Jon Lockwood	4	2	Jo ^s Stebbins	4	1
Ebenezer Weed	4	5	W ^m Cable	4	1
Samuel Brown	5		Elijah Smith	4	1

Muster Roll, 2nd Regiment

John Collins

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Given Name: John

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Regiment: Second

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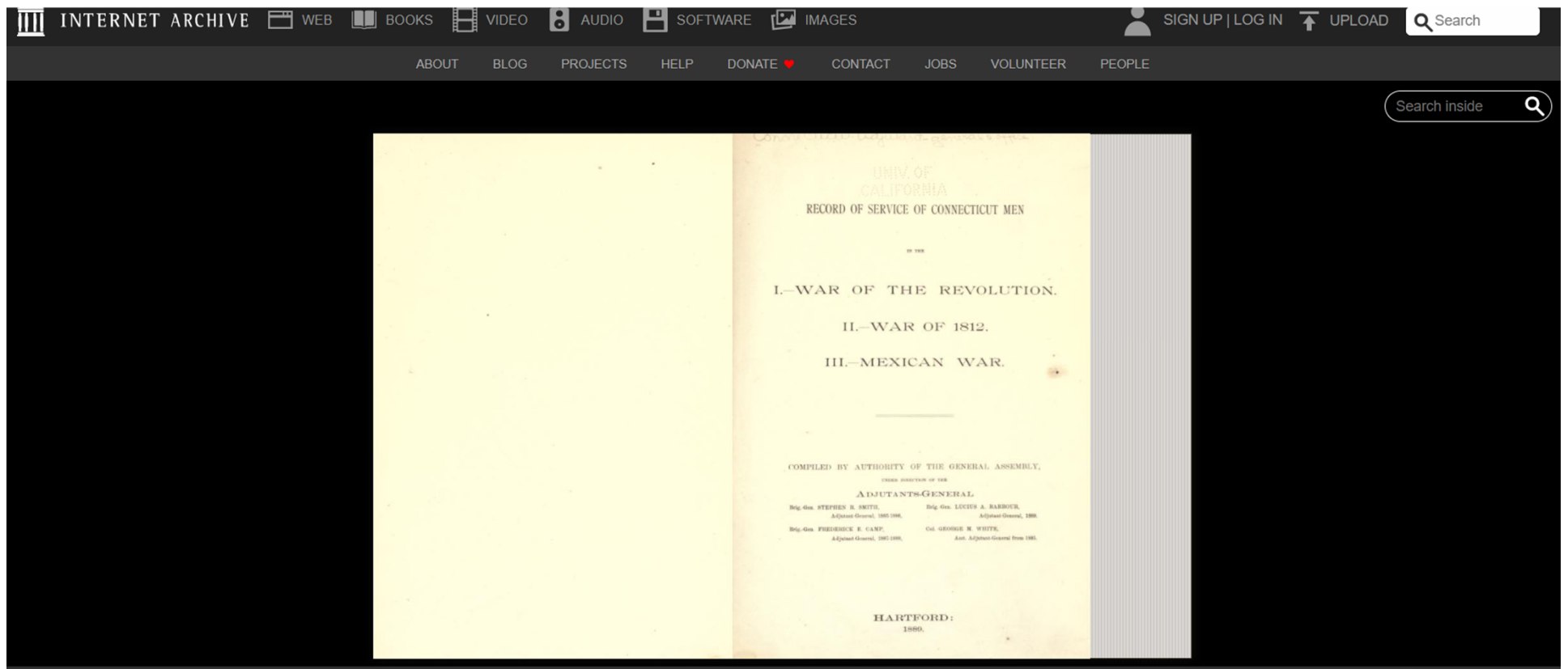
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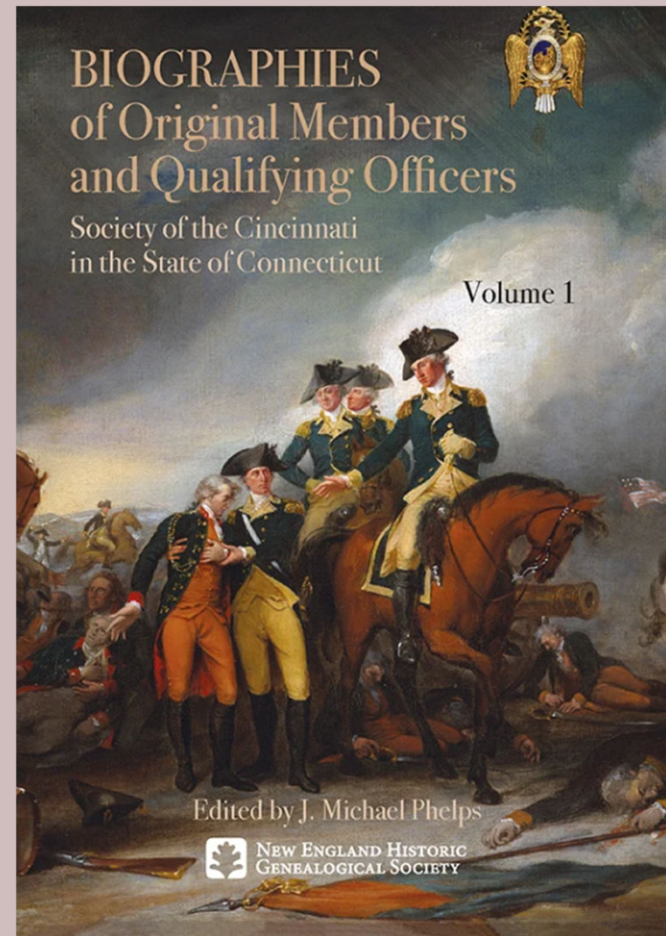
John Durkee,.....	Captain,...	Norwich,.....	Also Major and Lieut.-Col. See above. At Bunker Hill.
Joshua Huntington,...	1 st Lieut.,...	Norwich,.....	Com. May 1; disc. Dec. 16, '75; re-ent. service in '76.
Lemuel Bingham,.....	2 ^d Lieut.,...	Norwich,.....	Com. May 1; engaged at Bunker Hill; disc. Dec. 10, '75.
Beriah Bill,.....	Ensign,....	Norwich,.....	Com. May 1; disc. Dec. 10, '75; re-ent. service in '75.

NAMES AND RANK.	Time Enlisted.	When Discharged, &c.	NAMES AND RANK.	Time Enlisted.	When Discharged, &c.	NAMES AND RANK.	Time Enlisted.	When Discharged, &c.
<i>Serjeants.</i>			Roger Pachard,.....	May 8	Dec. 16	Jeremiah Wilber,...	May 9	Dec. 15
Jonathan Woodworth	May 5	Dec. 10	Ebenezer Griswold,...	" 5	" 15	John Huges,	" 9	July 26
John Kazar,.....	" 18	" 18	Joseph Waterman,...	" 6	" 10	Jeremiah Leach,....	" 9	Dec. 10
Silas Goodell,.....	" 5	" 10	Thomas Pattin,.....	" 8	" 16	John Abbot,....	" 9	" 10
Reuben Pride,.....	" 8	" 10	Jonathan Pride,....	" 5	" 15	Elias Burnham,.....	" 9	" 16
James Carr,.....	" 8	" 10	Samuel Ashbo,.....	" 10	June 17	Lemuel Wentworth,.	" 9	Nov. 16
<i>Corporals.</i>			Nathan Hazzen,....	" 8	Dec. 16	John Thatcher,...	" 9	Dec. 15
William Huntington,	" 10	" 16	Nathan Hutchins,...	" 8	Oct. 24	Peter Tocomwas,...	" 10	" 15
Andrew Griswold,...	" 5	" 10	John Ladd,.....	" 8	July 9	Thomas Hibbard,...	" 5	June 28
Vorce Hinckley,....	" 8	" 18	William Fisher,....	" 8	Dec. 8	Samuel Roatts, Jr.,.	" 5	Dec. 16
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<i>Drummer.</i>			Joseph Tanner,....	" 8	" 16	George Rogers,.....	" 5	" 16
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<i>Fifers.</i>			Isaac Sabins,.....	" 8	" 15	Edmund Dorr,.....	" 11	" 18
Solomon Goodrich,...	" 8	" 10	Thomas Huntley,...	" 8	" 16	Elijah Greanslit,...	" 8	" 18
Phineas Durkee,....	" 5	" 6	Samuel Pettis,.....	" 8	Oct. 6	Ebenezer Smith,....	" 8	" 12
<i>Privates.</i>			Seth Perry,.....	" 8	Dec. 10	John Stephens,.....	" 8	" 16
Simeon Thomas,....	" 5	Jan 1, '76	Jonathan Simons,...	" 8	" 16	Joseph Payne,.....	" 8	" 16
Charles Avery,.....	" 5	Dec. 10	William Armstrong,.	" 8	" 12	Asa Chapman,.....	" 8	" 15
Samuel Spicer,.....	" 5	" 16	Abiatha Beebee,....	" 10	" 16	Nathan Read,	" 8	" 16
Asher Williams,....	" 8	" 10	Simeon Chichoy,....	" 10	sick 4 days Dec. 31	Amaziah Bottom,...	" 8	" 15
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			Daniel Tracey,	" 8	" 18	Elijah Bennet,.....	" 8	" 16
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JOHN HOLMES

QUALIFICATION: Died in Service

MILITARY ABSTRACT: 1st Lieutenant, Col. John Chester's Connecticut State Regiment in Continental service around New York City, 20 June 1776; Died in Service, 21 Aug. 1776.¹

BIRTH: Woodstock, Windham County, Connecticut 6 Sept. 1723, son of John Holmes and Mary Johnson. Mary Johnson was a daughter of John and Margaret Johnson.²

MARRIAGE: Ashford, Windham County 20 Jan. 1754 to **LOIS TIFFANY**, who was born Ashford 6 Oct. 1734,³ daughter of Edward Tiffany and Tabitha Humphry, and died Ashford 9 Aug. 1785, at the age of 50. Lois Tiffany was a first cousin of Captain John Tiffany (1755 – aft. 1781), a Qualified Propositus of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati under the Rule of 1854, and Lieutenant Isaiah Tiffany (1759–1800), an Original Member of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati.⁴

DEATH: New York 21 Aug. 1776, at the age of 52.⁵

CHILDREN: All born at Ashford.⁶

- i. **HANNAH HOLMES**, b. 19 Nov. 1754; d. Ashford 16 Dec. 1832, at the age of 78; m. Ashford 3 Nov. 1774, **ABEL SIMMONS**, b. Stafford, Tolland Co.,

John Holmes

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Conn. 24 Oct. 1753, son of Abel and Hannah Simmons, d. Ashford 3 Jan. 1816.⁷

- ii. **RACHEL HOLMES**, b. 4 Oct. 1756; d. Ashford 29 Dec. 1826, at the age of 70.⁸
- iii. **TABITHA HOLMES**, b. 28 Jan. 1760; d. Ashford 19 Jan. 1783, at the age of 22.⁹
- iv. **EDWARD HOLMES**, b. 18 Sept. 1762; d. Madison Co., N.Y. 17 April 1837, at the age of 74; m. date and location unknown, _____, b. unknown, d. bef. 1837. Edward first enlisted as a Private in Captain Squire Hill's Militia Company of the State Troops under the command of Colonel Samuel McClellan. He served for a total of three and a half years in both Conn. and Mass. and was present at Benedict Arnold's attack at New London on 6 Sept. 1781.¹⁰
- v. **LOIS HOLMES**, b. 25 Jan. 1776; d. Sullivan Co., N.Y. 22 Dec. 1860, at the age of 84; m. probably Conn., abt. 1800, **THOMAS LYON**, b. Weston, Fairfield Co., Conn. 31 July 1777, son of Thomas Lyon and Deborah Meeker, d. Sullivan Co., N.Y. 20 Aug. 1850.¹¹

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES: John Holmes was born at Woodstock 6 Sept. 1723, as the first son and third child of twelve born to John Holmes Sr. and Mary Johnson. He married Lois Tiffany 30 Jan. 1754 at her hometown of Ashford. They settled at Ashford and raised their five children.

Due to his age, it is probable that John Holmes served in some capacity during the French and Indian War. He served as an Ensign in Captain Abner Barker's Militia Company in 1757 and answered the alarm for relief of Fort William Henry. John Holmes likely had several relatives active in the Revolutionary War. His brother Samuel Holmes was probably the Samuel Holmes who answered the Lexington Alarm for the town of Ashford for a total of twenty-one days of service. His son Edward also served for several years after the 1776 death of Lt. Holmes.¹²

¹ Francis Bernard Heitman, *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution, April 1775 to December 1783* (Washington, D.C.: Rare Book Shop Publishing Co., 1914), 298, mistakenly states the date of death to be 27 Aug. 1776; Henry Phelps Johnston, *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the I. War of the Revolution, II. War of 1812, III. Mexican War* (Hartford, Conn.: Connecticut Adjutant-General's Office, Connecticut General Assembly, 1889), 411; "Holmes, John: Chester's Regt." *Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War, compiled 1894–ca. 1912, documenting the period 1775–1784* (NARA: M881), Roll 0364, Record Group 93, Fold3.com, 3–7.

² Woodstock, CT: *Vital Records, 1686–1854*, AmericanAncestors.org, Vol. 1, pp. 3, 24, 29.

³ Nelson Otis Tiffany, *The Tiffanys of America* (New York, 1901), 125.

⁴ *Ashford Vital Records 1719–1854*, Barbour Collection, Ancestry.com, Vol. 1, pp. 14, 82; Connecticut, *Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices, 1629–1934*, Ancestry.com, Vol. 1, p. 36.

⁵ *Ashford Vital Records*, Vol. 3, p. 22; "Holmes, John: Chester's Regt." *Compiled Service Records, 3–7; Ashford, Conn., Wills and Probate 1776*, Ancestry.com, No. 2127, pp. 1096–1138. Both Heitman (p. 298) and Johnston (p. 411) erroneously state that Lt. John Holmes "died Aug. 27". However, two of the five pages in his Revolutionary War service file for Chester's Regiment and the Ashford Vital Records state that he died 21 Aug. 1776.

⁶ *Ashford Vital Records*, Vol. 1, pp. 86, 96, Vol. 3, p. 22.

⁷ *Hale Collection*, Vol. 1, p. 36 and Vol. 19, p. 156; *Stafford Vital Records 1719–1850*, Barbour Collection, Ancestry.com, Vol. 2, p. 16.

⁸ *Hale Collection*, Vol. 1, p. 36.

⁹ *Hale Collection*, Vol. 1, p. 36.

¹⁰ U.S., *The Pension Roll of 1835*, Ancestry.com, State: 4 New York, Vol. 2, p. 430; Johnston, *Record of Service of Connecticut Men*, 545; "Holmes, Edward: S.13423" *Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Revolutionary War Service, compiled ca. 1800–ca. 1912, documenting the period ca. 1775–ca. 1900* (NARA: M804), Roll 1313, Record Group 15, Fold3.com, 1–23.

¹¹ *Weston Vital Records 1787–1850*, Barbour Collection, Ancestry.com, Vol. LR11, p. 476; Grave of Lois Holmes Lyon at FindaGrave.com, memorial #50163219; Grave of Thomas Lyon at FindaGrave.com, memorial #50163053.

¹² *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War, 1755–1762, Vol. 1* (Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 1903), 198. John Holmes likely served in more campaigns than just 1757; however, there were multiple soldiers serving with the name John Holmes, making it difficult to discern which John is the future Lieutenant in the Revolution. The DAR claims he served in the Lexington Alarm with his son John, but no record of a son named John could be found. If there was a son John, he was likely born circa 1758.

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<i>New Haven August 4th 1777</i>	<i>Day Month</i>	<i>Officers Names</i>	<i>N^o Men</i>	<i>N^o Days</i>	<i>Pound Flour</i>	<i>Pound Bee</i>	<i>Pound Pork</i>
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4	4	Cap ^t Peck	45	7	397	90	169
4	4	Staff O M ^{rs}	5	4	20	10	7
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6		Pellebone	3	2	6	6	--
8		Lea ^t Col ^o M ^{rs}	2	3	6	4	--
8		Pellebone	18	3	54	33	--
		Staff O M ^{rs}	5	3	15	14	--

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No. 494. LYON (SECOND FAMILY)

Thomas⁽¹⁾ Lyon, brother of Henry, ante, was b. abt. 1621, and d. at Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., in 1690. He m. ⁽¹⁾ Martha Joanna Winthrop, grand daughter of Governor John Winthrop. Her father, Henry Winthrop came to America, but was drowned in Salem Harbor, July 2, 1630, the day after his arrival. His widow, with her infant dau., Martha J., came to America the following year, and m. Robert Feake of Watertown, Mass., and after a few years they removed to Greenwich, Conn. Later, Mrs. Feake and her dau. lived in Stamford, Conn., and here Thomas Lyon assumes the role of son-in-law. Mr. Lyon m. ⁽²⁾ abt. 1654, Mary, dau. of Simon Hoyt (Hoyt Family). During the latter years of his life, Mr. Lyon lived in Rye, just over the Connecticut line, in what is now Port Chester, N. Y. He had two children by his first wife and eight by second wife Mary.

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This index includes the surname and given name of the individual, residence, year of hearing, specific notes about the case, the Connecticut court where the case was heard along with drawer/box number where the original document is found. The bulk of the documents are either warrants for an arrest or a personal or Grand Jury complaint registered against an individual. Notes include such bits of information such as the person's rank, the reason for the charge, the verdict in the case, or a petition to reduce the sentence. Of particular interest are three "Negro" men who were accused of treason, and accusations against several men who lived out of state but owned land in Connecticut. Loyalism, not surprisingly, also seemed to run in families.

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Given & Middle Name(s)	William Ward
Surname	Atwater
Suffix	(Sr.)
UELAC Status	Proven
Where Resettled	Manchester, Nova Scotia
Proof of Loyalty	Land Grant
Notes on Status	
Regiment	
Enlistment Date	
Date/Place of Birth	31 Mar 1730 at Cheshire, New Haven, Connecticut
Settled Before War	Connecticut.
Date/Place of Death	30 Aug 1787 at Manchester, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia



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Place of Burial	Guysborough County, Nova Scotia (no headstone)
Spouse	Esther Tuttle, b. 1736 Wallingford, CT, d. 1807 Guysborough, NS, m. 31 Jan 1754, daughter of Ephraim and Hannah Tuttle
Children	1. Rufus, b. 29 Nov 1754 d. 1790 (m. 1777 Mary Tuttle); 2. Luman, b. 8 Feb, 1757 d. 1795; 3. William, b. 8 Feb 1759 d. 1845 (m. Sarah Esther Andrews); 4. Abel Ward, b. 1760 d. 1822 (m. Abiah Atwater); 5. Chloe, b. 21 Sep 1763 d. 1825 (m. 1785 John Clark); 6. Ira, b. 21 Jun 1765 d. 1838 (m. Lois Ives); 7. Asenath, b. 30 Oct. 1768 d. 1783; 8. Esther, b. 4 Oct 1771 d. 1814 (m. 1788 George Whitman).
Biography	William Atwater came with his family (though not all the older children, some of whom remained in CT) to Nova Scotia as part of the Associated Loyalists of Connecticut, and settled at Manchester in what was then Sydney County (now Guysborough County), Nova Scotia, in 1785. He died in 1787, shortly after completing construction of a sawmill and before the land grants were formally completed – the land grants eventually came to his wife Esther "widow Atwater" [ref.2] and heirs [ref.5].
Proven Descendants	St. Lawrence 1990.04.30; Kawartha 2020.08.17 (Edward Graham Hart); Victoria 2021.01.31 (David Birchinall Collins);
Military Info	
Loyalist Genealogy	
Family History	Son of Phineas and Mary (Ward) Atwater of Wallingford, CT [ref.6]
Family Genealogy	William was a direct descendant of David Atwater, one of the founders of New Haven, CT. [ref. 6]
Sources & Contributors	1. William Atwater, in T.M. Punch, "Loyalists Unmentioned", The Nova Scotia Genealogist, vol.1, No.1, 1983, pp.18-19. 2. William Atwater's widow and children, named as land grant recipients in 1788 List of Scovill's Company in Manchester: in

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- Any free, white, adult alien, male or female, who had resided within the limits and jurisdictions of the U.S. for a period of 2 years was eligible for citizenship
- Applicant would apply to any court in any one of the states where they resided at least one year
- Citizenship was granted to those who showed they were of good moral character and took an oath of allegiance to the Constitution
- Children under 21 years automatically became citizens if they had a parent who successfully naturalized

Naturalization Act of 1795

- Increased period of residence from 2 to 5 years
- Applicants were required to declare publicly their intention to become citizens of the United States and to renounce any allegiance to a foreign prince, monarch, state, or sovereignty 3 years before admission as citizens
- Immigrants who had any hereditary titles or of the nobility class were also required to renounce that status

Searching for Naturalization Records

- New England Petitions for Naturalization Index, 1791-1906
 - Index cards created for each immigrant that indicate when they naturalized, what court, what country they were from, where they live, and the reference information to find the naturalization records
- Search at the county level where the person resided in FamilySearch for any digitized naturalization records
- Contact county courthouses to check their naturalization indexes and court minutes that are not digitized



United States, New England Petitions for Naturalization Index, 1791-1906

Description

This is an index to photocopies of naturalization documents filed in courts in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont from 1791 to 1906. The photocopies and the index are in the National Archives-New England Region. The index consists of 3x5 inch cards arranged by state and thereunder by name of petitioner, arranged according to the soundex system. The index refers to the name and location of the court that granted the certificate of naturalization, and to the volume and page number (or certificate number) of the naturalization record. NARA publication title: Index to New England Naturalization Petitions, 1791-1906 (NARA M1299).

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Strategies

Common Problems

- Vital Record Registration not mandatory until 1897
- First major census is 1790 and is by head of household only
- Military pension and bounty land warrant applications destroyed by fire at the War Dept in 1800

Vital Record Substitutes

- Church Records
- Land Deeds
- Probate Records
- Court Records
- Tax Records

Census Substitutes

- Church Records
- Tax Records

Papers of the War Department 1784-1800

- On November 8, 1800, there was a fire at the War Department
- Revolutionary War pension applications and bounty land application files were destroyed
- A project was started to rebuild the War Department Papers, led by Ted Crackel; the project team visited more than 200 repositories and about 42,000 documents collected and scanned

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Review

1. The 18th Century in Connecticut had many large historical milestones, which created many records.
2. Don't limit research to only census records and vital records – seek out as many records as you can, including browsable collections on FamilySearch.

QUESTIONS?

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