



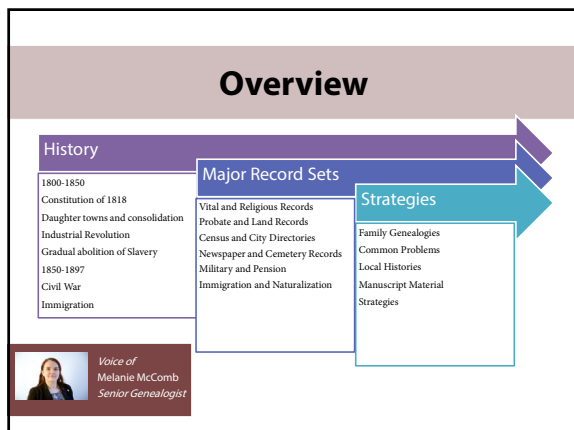
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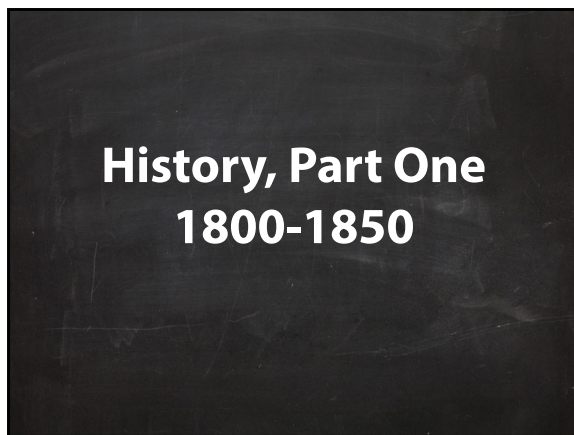
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War of 1812

- Federalists disapproved of the war
- The Governor opposed using state militia outside of the state
- Connecticut supplied over 10,000 men for the war
- Dec. 1813 - New London Blockade – several American naval ships were trapped
- April 1814 – Raid on Essex – 27 privateer and merchant vessels torched by the British. Approx. \$200,000 in damages.
- August 1814 - Battle of Stonington – multi-day naval bombardment by the British Navy

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Disestablishment

- State constitution of 1818 disestablished the Congregational Church and eliminated property ownership for voting
- While the church is still powerful, commerce is driving newer towns and cities



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Thomaston

- 1780 - Ecclesiastical Societies in Waterbury of Northbury and Westbury incorporated as Watertown
- 1805 - Residents east of the Naugatuck River form Plymouth
- 1875 - western portion of Plymouth set off as Thomaston



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Gradual Abolition of Slavery

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- 1790 – 2764 enslaved persons (1.16%)
- 1800 – 951 enslaved persons (0.38%)
- 1810 – 310 enslaved persons (0.12%)
- 1820 – 97 enslaved persons (0.04%)
- 1830 – 25 enslaved persons (0.008%)
- 1840 – 17 enslaved persons (0.005%)

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Nancy Toney of Windsor

- Born 1774
- Freed in 1848 by “An Act to Prevent Slavery”
- Died Windsor, Conn., 19 Dec. 1857



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History, Part Two 1850-1897

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The Rise of Mill Towns

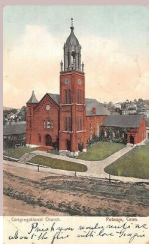
- Early 19th century textile mills
- Consolidation of towns
- Second Industrial Revolution in the mid 19th century results in greater levels of immigration



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Putnam

- 1708 – Killingly established from “northern Plainfield”
- 1785 – “Thompson Parish” set off as its own town
- 1855 – Putnam created from Killingly, Thompson, and Pomfret (1713)



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Civil War

- Approximately 55,000 men served in the Union Army
- Furnished 30-33 military units, including all-black regiments like the 29th and 30th Colored Infantry Regiments
- Produced approximately 43% of small arms and 40% of Union gunpowder
 - Major manufacturing companies included Colt Firearms (Hartford) and New Haven Arms (Henry rifles)
- Mystic – hub for building naval vessels
- Bridgeport – first soldier's aid society was founded to provide clothing, food, and medical care to troops

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Immigration

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Data from the Census

- 1820 – how many foreign-born people “not naturalized” in each household
- 1830 – how many white “foreigners not naturalized” in each household
- 1850 – birthplace is asked for all individuals
- 1870 – “Is the person a male citizen of the United States of 21 years or upwards” asked of all people
- 1890 – naturalization status of foreign-born aged 21 or older

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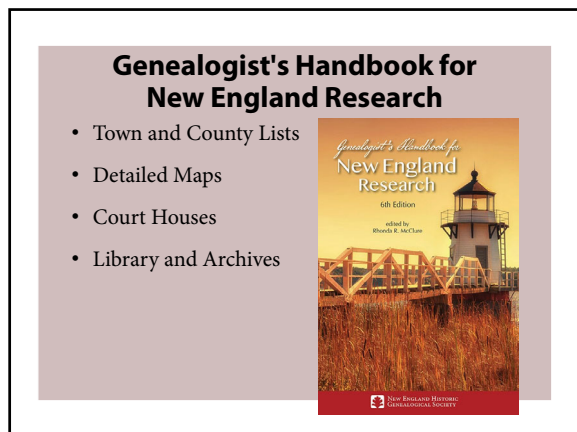
Census Data Relating to Immigration

- 1820 – 568 foreigners not naturalized (2.5%)
- 1850 – 38,518 foreign born (10.4%)
- 1860 – 80,696 (17.5%)
- 1870 – 113,169 (21.1%)
- 1880 – 129,992 (20.9%)
- 1890 – 183,601 (24.6%)

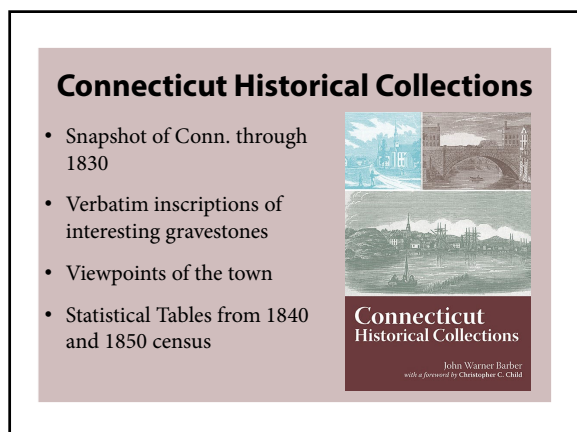
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New Towns 1838-1856

PUTNAM.
Was incorporated a town in 1855. The township is triangular in shape, being formed from the north part of Killingly, south part of Thompson, and the N. E. section of Pomfret. The village, (formerly called Quinnebaug,) on the line of the Railroad and Quinnebaug River, is 41 miles E. from Hartford, 81 from New Haven, and 10 miles from Brooklyn, the County town. Cargill's grist-mill, the first in the village, was erected about the year 1776. This was repaired by Mr. Wilkinson, in 1816, who first commenced the manufacturing business in the place.
The village now contains 4 cotton mills, 560 looms, manufacturing 5,000,000 yards of cotton goods annually, valued at \$350,000; one woolen mill, one steam machine shop, 10 stores, and 4 shoe manufacturing establishments. Population of the village is estimated at upwards of 1,600, the township at upwards of 2,500.

BRIDGEWATER.
Was incorporated a town in 1856. It was formed from the south-eastern section of New Milford, formerly called the 'Neck,' and more recently Bridgewater Society.

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Overview

History

1800-1850
Constitution of 1818
Daughter towns and consolidation
Industrial Revolution
Gradual abolition of Slavery
1850-1897
Civil War
Immigration

Major Record Sets

Vital and Religious Records
Probate and Land Records
Census and City Directories
Newspaper and Cemetery
Military and Pension
Immigration and Naturalization

Strategies

Family Genealogies
Common Problems
Local Histories
Manuscript Material
Strategies

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Vital Records 1800-1897

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Vital Records in the Early 19th Century

- Still being kept by families
- Record keeping getting a bit a lax

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Marriage between Job Williams & Polly White, administered, Oct 2, 1819
 Mary Williams, daughter to the above, born, Oct 15th 1811
 George Hamilton Williams, son of the above, born, Nov 25th 1814
 John Williams, son to the above, born, Aug 13th 1816
 Hannah Williams, daughter to the above, born, Aug 1st 1817
 Edwin Williams, son to the above, born, Oct 23rd 1820
 Caroline Williams, daughter to the above, born, Dec 15th 1822
 Charles Williams, son to the above, born, Aug 25th 1826
 Marriage between Job Williams & Sophia A. Howard, administered, Jan 10, 1826

Mrs. Polly Williams, wife of Job Williams, died, April 4th 1825
 Hannah Williams, wife of Job Williams, died, January 28th 1827
 John Williams, son, daughter to the above named, wife of
 Mr. John A. B. B. at Mansfield Conn, Nov 28th 1828
 Charles Williams, daughter of Job Williams, died, Aug 1st 1842
 Eliza Williams, sister of the above Williams.
 departed this life in great peace, March 8th 1850

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Changes in Record Keeping in the 1850s

- Births, along with marriages and deaths, being kept at the time of the event in sequential order
- Additional details about occupations of father, ages, and birthplaces of parents
- Additional information added in later years

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Marriages 1852

Date	Name	Age	Sex	Rank	Place
Nov 2	Samuel Lyman	24	Male	Mechanic	West Suffield Ct.
16	Mary L. Webb	24	Female		Pomfret Ct.

from October 1st 1852 to December 31st 1852

Name	Rank	Place	Name	Rank	Place
Samuel Lyman	Mechanic	West Suffield Ct.	Mary L. Webb		Pomfret Ct.

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1849 births

Date	Name	Sex	Rank	Place
Dec 1849	Samuel Lyman	Male	Mechanic	West Suffield Ct.

Record of Births in the Town of KILLINGLY, 1849

Name	Sex	Rank	Place
Samuel Lyman	Male	Mechanic	West Suffield Ct.

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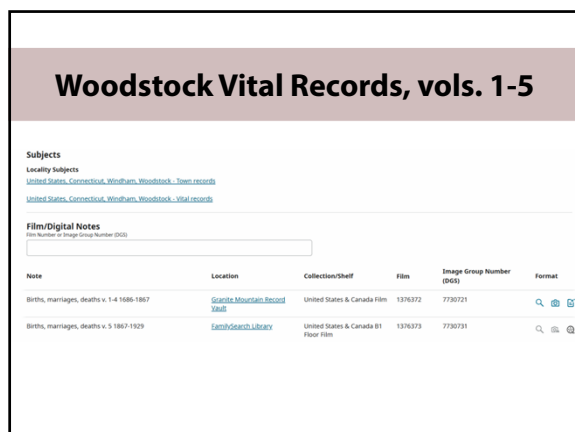
Is there anything more?

- Single page certificates for vital events (mostly marriages) began in some towns in the late 19th century
- Most relevant genealogical information from these certificates is stated in the index books available at Town Halls
- Main item often omitted is place of marriage.

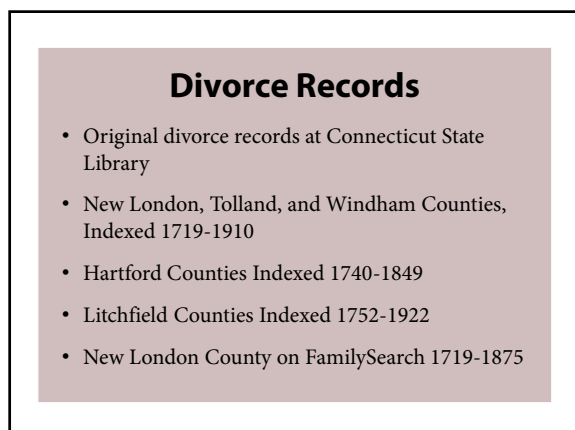
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PEABODY
William of Stonington m. 16 May 1784 Rebeckah Brown of Stonington
- adultery - appl. Stonington 7 Sept. 1791 - granted.

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Place: New London, Connecticut, United States [REFINE SEARCH](#)

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- Year
- Record Type
- Language
- Format

<u>Connecticut churches - Superior Court records for the counties of New London, Tolland & Windham, 1713-1910 compiled by Grace Louise Knox & Barbara R. Harris</u>	Author: Harris, Barbara R. Knox, Grace Louise Author: Connecticut. Superior Court (New London County)	+ ADD
<u>Divorced spouses, 1713-1875</u>	Author: Baptist Church in Homer (New York) Keep, John Wells, Adm	+ ADD
<u>Miscellaneous records of Homer New York, 1734-1860</u>	Author: Connecticut. County Court (New London)	+ ADD
<u>Records of High, 1661-1709, in the county court of New London County, Connecticut</u>		

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Religious Records

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Shift in Congregations

- With the disestablishment of the Congregational Church, many more places of worship are erected, especially Catholic congregations after significant Irish immigration, and later immigration from Quebec, Italy, Poland, etc.
- Many religious records are at the Connecticut State Library and Catholic Archives
- Faiths besides Congregational and Catholic have less indexes

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Census Records

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Census Records

- 1790-1840 – head of household only, and “tick marks”
- 1850-1870 – all individuals recorded
- 1880 forward – relationships between individuals

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Absence of Native Americans 1860 – 3 Indians?

INDIAN.												
1	New Haven		1	1				0	1			2
2	Tolland				1			1	1		1	1
3	Woolden											
	Total		1	1	1		0	0	1		1	2

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1860 Census – Native American Family

118	115	Charles King	35	on	Laboree							
119		Jessie	20	8	on							
120		Elizabeth	17	8	on							
121		Nancy	15	8	on							
122		William	12	8	on							
123		Jane	10	8	on							
124		Emma	7	8	on							
125		Frances	5	8	on							
126		Charles	1	on	on							
127		Mary Jane	8	8	on							
128		Harriet	4	on	on							
129		Edna	3	8	on							
130		Anna Bailey	2	on	on							

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African & Native Resources

- Records of Godfrey Malbone, Brooklyn slaveholder
- Earle Report of 1861 (database on [AmericanAncestors.org](#))
- Quinnips website of Thomas Doughton (archived)
- *Full Circle* by Marcella Houle Pasay
- Court Records
- Warnings Out
- Apprenticeships
- *Family Secrets* also by Pasay



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City Directories

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City Directories

- Hartford – 1799
- New Haven – 1840
- New London - 1855

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- Ancestry – U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995
- FamilySearch – (town by town)
- Connecticut State Library – (town by town)
- Connecticut Historical Society
- Godfrey Memorial Library
- Town Public Libraries

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Immigration Records

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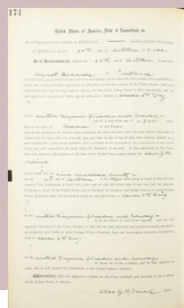
Naturalization and Declarations of Intent

- First Record – intending to be a citizen
- Second Record Naturalization
- Unfortunately, often minimally detailed

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Naturalization Records

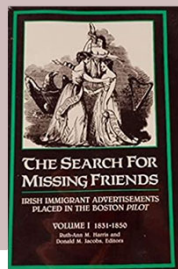
- Former allegiance
- Year of immigration
- Witness (for declaration of intent)



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Other Ways of Finding Origins

- Usually specific to country of origin
- *Search for Missing Friends*



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Search for Missing Friends

MARY CUNNINGHAM, lately arrived at New Haven, from Carrickonellan, county Sligo, wants the address of her brother, John Cunningham; he is supposed to be a resident of New Orleans, La. Please address her, care of Thomas McGowan, Healy's Block, Congress Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

OF THOMAS A., and WILLIAM H. FENNING; Thomas was born at Salisbury, Conn., Aug. 6, 1850, and left Hartford, Conn., November, 1884; William was also born at Salisbury, Conn., March 10, 1855, and left Lime Rock, Conn., in the summer of 1885. Thomas has been heard from in the West; William has never been heard from. Any one knowing of them will please address their brother, Edw. S. Fenning, Hartford, Conn.; or John F. Conroy, 167 Main Street.

28 October 1892

MISSING FRIENDS

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Search Events Join/Renew Give 10 Million Names Public

Boston Pilot: Irish Immigrant Advertisements (Search for Missing Friends), 1831-1920

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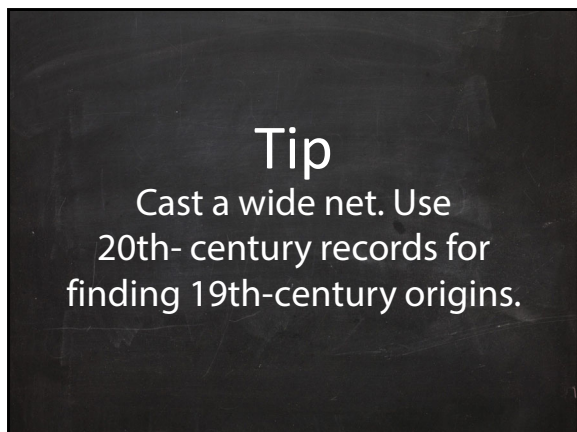
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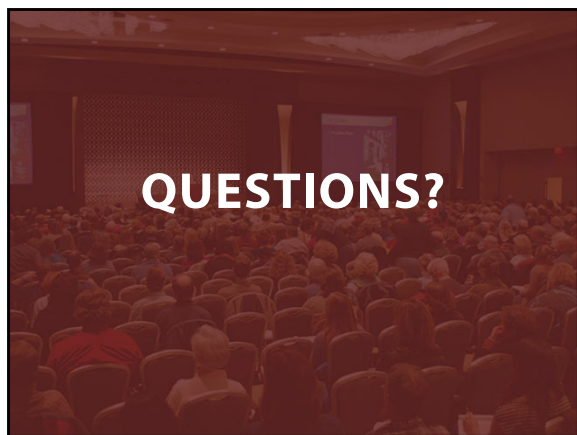
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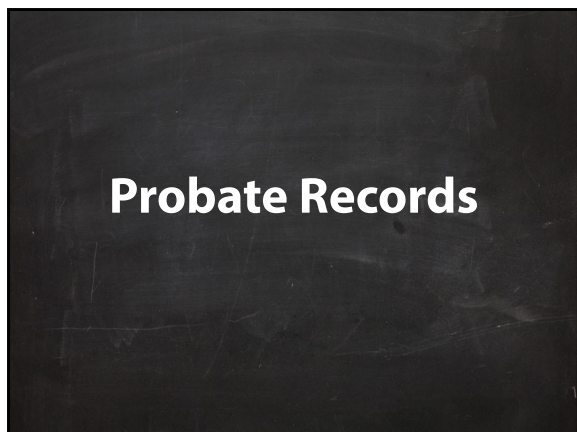
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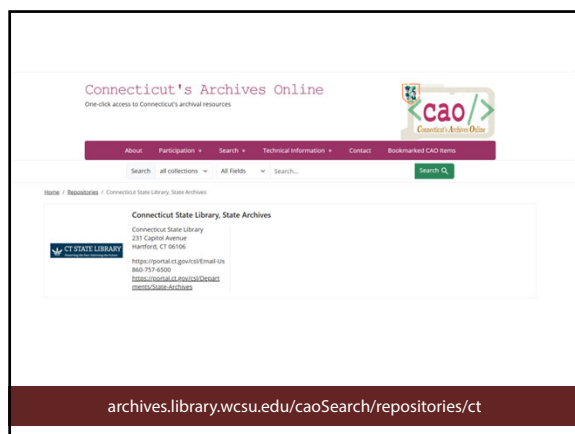
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- Connecticut State Library: books and loose papers
- Ancestry.com: "Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999"

Estate of <u>Child, A. T.</u> Attached (Describe) _____ Incomplete (Describe) _____		Incomplete Minor _____ Trust _____
Town <u>Woodstock</u> Date <u>1860</u>	District <u>Woodstock</u> No. <u>378</u>	Deposited November 6, 1911
_____ Bills and Credits _____ Bonds _____ Applications and Petitions _____ Inventories _____ Orders of Court _____ Returns to Court	_____ Distributions _____ Account of Administration _____ Receipts _____ Miscellaneous _____ <u>3</u> Total Documents	
Remarks _____		

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Probate Chronology

Example: Woodstock

- 1686-1731, Suffolk County, Massachusetts
- 1731-1749, Worcester County, Massachusetts
- 1749-1752, Windham District
- 1752-1831, Pomfret District
- 1831-2011, Woodstock District
- 2011 - present, Northeast Probate District

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Last Resort

- “Connecticut Archives” books:
 - Estates of Deceased Persons, 1640-1820
 - Estates of Incompetent Persons, 1711-1820
 - Estates of Minors, 1715-1820

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Land Records

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Recordkeeping Changes

- The Connecticut Colonial Land Records collection ceased recording data in 1846 – included early patents, deeds, surveys, and turnpike records
- Mid-19th century forward, land deeds were strictly managed at the town level
- Clerks started using forms to record deeds.

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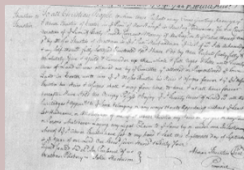
Connecticut Deeds to 1900



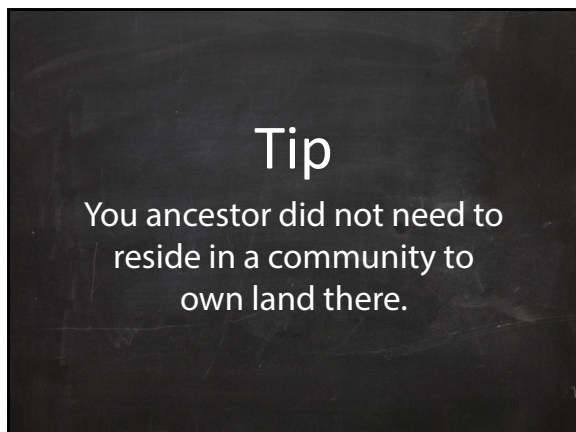
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Land Records

- Grantor can mention how he acquired the land
- Can sign his name with his wife
- Narrows down the chronology
- Land description can be compared to other deeds
- Provides clues:
 - Where someone lived and when
 - Origins and family migrations
 - Prove family relationships



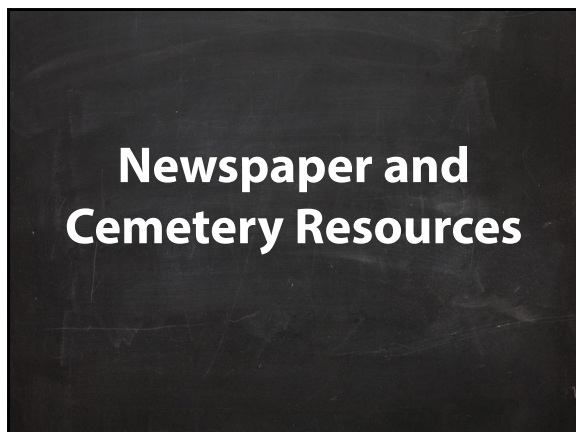
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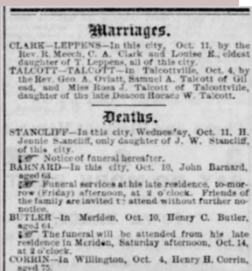
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Key Newspaper Sources

- Charles R. Hale Collection
- GenealogyBank
- Newspapers.com
- Connecticut State Library / Local libraries and related websites



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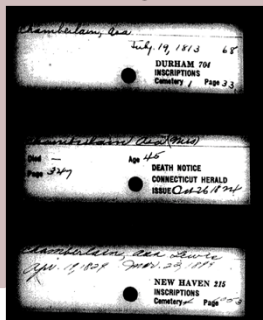
Charles R. Hale Collection

- Cemeteries: W.P.A. Project 1932-1935
- Gravestone inscriptions from 2,269 cemeteries
- Newspaper Project 1937-1941
- Newspapers, 1755-1866
- Danbury Times to 1900



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Connecticut Hale Collections – “Deaths & Inscriptions & Marriage Announcements”



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Connecticut Hale Collections – “Deaths & Inscriptions & Marriage Announcements”

Connecticut, Deaths and Burials Index

Name: Sarah Latimer
Birth Date: abt 1765
Age at Death: 88
Death Date: 26 Apr 1853
Death Place: New London, Connecticut
Gender: Female
FHL Film Number: 3246

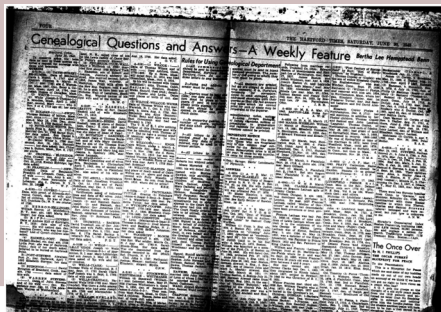
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Paulson, Richena	New York MAY 26, 1853	Child of Richard & Ellen	4

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Other Newspapers of Genealogical Interest, *The Hartford Times*, 1918-1967



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Other Cemetery Resources

- Manuscript and Published Inscriptions
- FindaGrave
- BillionGraves
- Interment



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Military Records

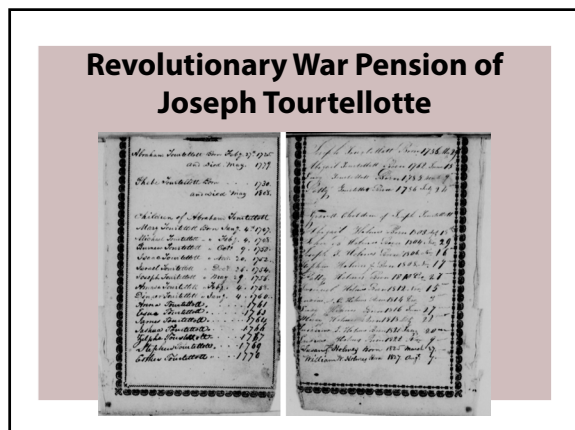
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Pension Records

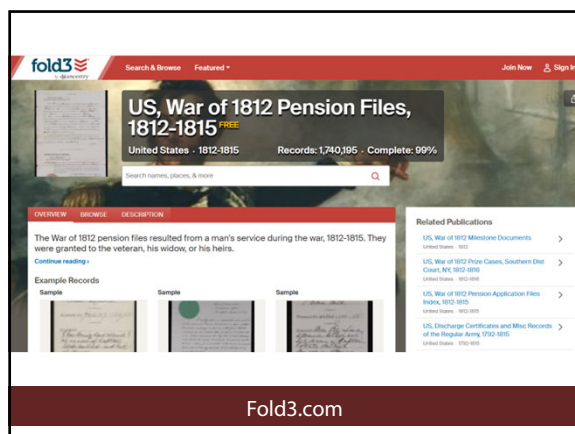
- Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Civil War
- Spanish-American War
- Indian Wars, 1817-1898

Name <i>Roswell James H.</i>			
Rank	Service	Regiment	Company
	<i>1st</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>1st</i>
Date of Birth <i>1812</i>			
Place of Birth <i>Mass.</i>			
Date of Death <i>1862</i>			
Place of Death <i>Mass.</i>			
Date of Application <i>1862</i>			
Place of Application <i>Mass.</i>			
Date of Pension <i>1862</i>			
Place of Pension <i>Mass.</i>			

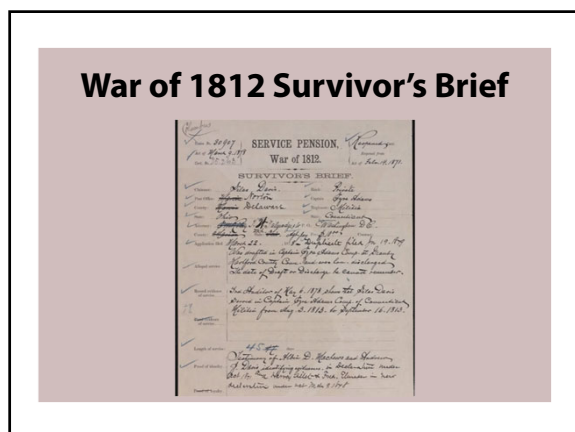
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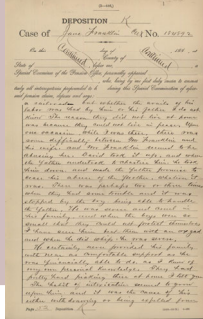
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Civil War Pensions

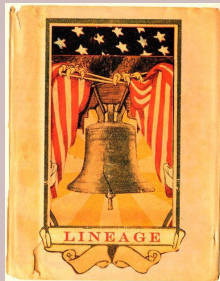
- Invalid
- Widow's
- Parents



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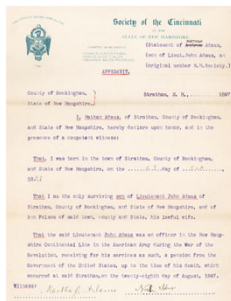
Lineage Societies

- Several emerge after the American Centennial in 1876 (SR, SAR, DAR)
- Genealogical documentation less scrutinized
- Immediate generations *usually* more reliable



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Affidavits of Descent



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TRIMBLE, BENJAMIN Ancestor #: A116485 

Service: CONNECTICUT Rank(s): CAPTAIN
 Birth: 12-19-1735 HERRON HARTFORD CO CONNECTICUT
 Death: 6-21-1825 NORTH HAVEN NEW HAVEN CO CONNECTICUT
 Service Source: JOHNSTON, CT MEN IN THE REV. PP 39, 406, 611, 612
 Service Description: 1) CAPTAIN NEW HAVEN CO MINUTE MEN;
 2) ALSO CHAPLAIN, COLS DAVID WOOSTER, WILLIAM DOUGLAS

RESIDENCE

1) City: NORTH HAVEN County: NEW HAVEN CO State: CONNECTICUT

SPOUSE

Number	Name
1)	MARTHA PHELPS

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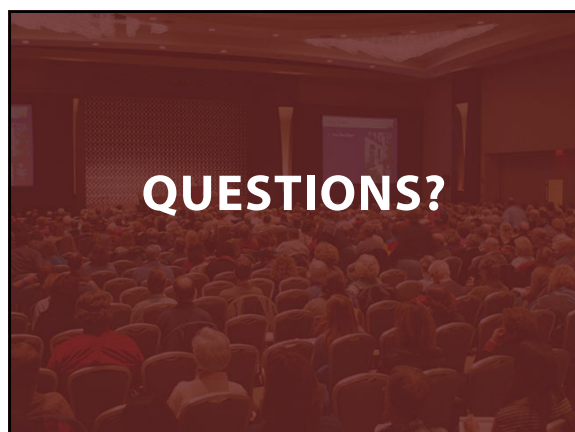
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ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTALS

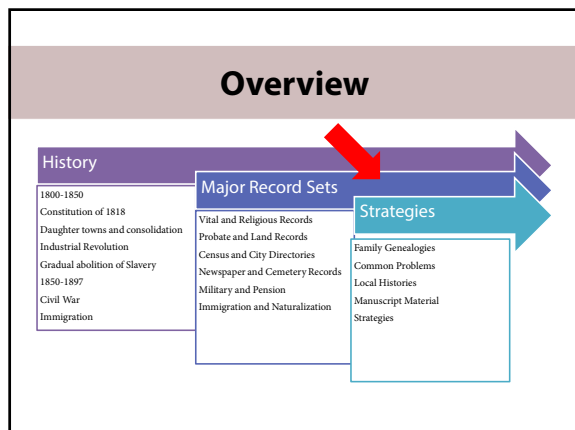
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91581			MARY	[1] PETER EASTMAN	PURCHASE
164611	139		MARY	[1] ISAAC DUNHAM	PURCHASE
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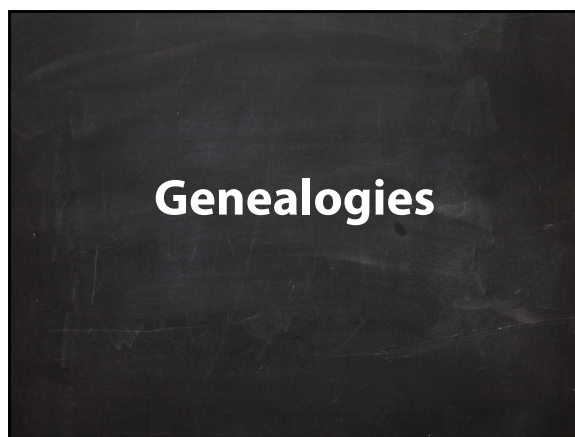
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Family Genealogies

- Starting in the mid 19th century, largely with a focus on the "male line"
- The 1864 Hyde Genealogy was a notable exception to this trend
- May be the only source for recent events

VI PRIZE HYDE (1567), born at Franklin, Conn., 15 Dec., 1784, daughter of Joseph Hyde (378), by his second wife, Julietta Abel (2472), was a great granddaughter of Thomas Hyde (7) of the third generation. She m. 15 Dec., 1811, Charles Armstrong, b. 2 Aug., 1788, at Franklin, son of Levi Armstrong and Ednah Smith of Franklin. He was a farmer, and they settled at Franklin, where she d. 20 Jan., 1841. He then m. the widow Eunice (Ripley) Tracy, and was living at Franklin in 1857, without issue by her.

His children by his first wife were:

4752. Henry Abel, b. 5 Jan., 1813, at Franklin. He m. 5 Jan., 1842, Sarah Anna Tracy, born in New Hampshire, daughter of Christopher Tracy of Franklin county, O. They settled at Ferry, O., where they were living in 1856, and had three children.

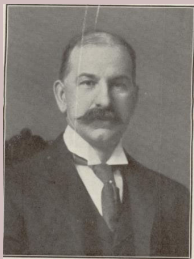
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Clarence Winthrop Bowen

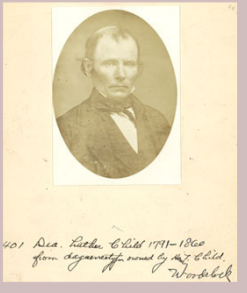
- History of Woodstock
- Genealogies of Woodstock Families (vol. 2-6)
- Volumes 7 & 8
- Availability of Resources



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Bowen's Manuscript

- 53 boxes (Mss 1007)
- Copies of daguerreotypes
- Letters
- Draft Genealogies
- More information than in published volumes



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Tip
Not all Connecticut
Problems will be solved
in Connecticut.

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Rogers Family of CT, MA, and NY

Ebenezer Rogers Bible
Town of Albion, N.Y.
Printed 1823

Present Owner: Mrs. Eurt Griswold
West State St., Albion, N.Y.

Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769
Betsey Lyman b Nov 15, 1771 (wife of E) d Aug 28, 1849
Ebenezer Rogers m Silvia Roberts Feb 12, 1860

Loose papers, very old paper:
Benjamin Shaw Rogers b Apr 22, 1766
Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769 d Jan 28, 1868
Nathan Caswell Rogers b Oct 11, 1770
Elisha Merick b 1776
Margaret Rogers d 1776
Daniel b Jan 16, 1781
Amy b Apr 8, 1784

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Finding a Genealogist's Papers

- Papers of Lucius Barnes Barbour and Donald Lines Jacobus at the Connecticut Historical Society
- James Swift Rogers Papers at American Ancestors

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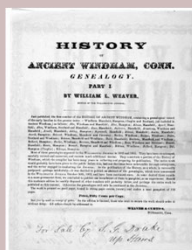
Manuscript Material by Locality

- Charles Dyer Parkhurst on the New London area
- “Family Records of Ancient Windham,” by Jonathan Clark (1802-1859) [only at Connecticut State Library]
- David Williams Patterson manuscript on families of East Haddam [only at Connecticut Historical Society]

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Other Genealogies in Newspapers

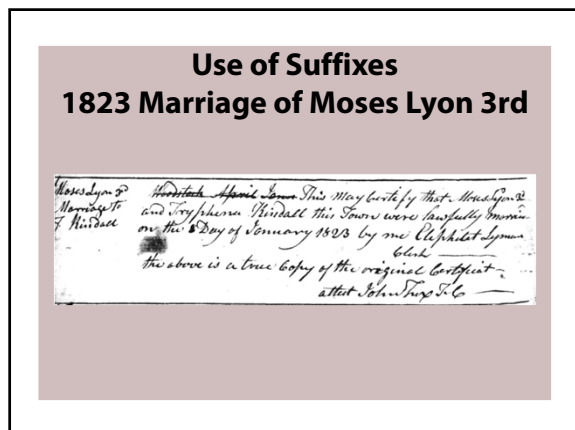
- William Weaver, *History of Ancient Windham, Connecticut, Part I, A-Bil(lings)* (1864)
- Later articles in the *Willimantic Journal*



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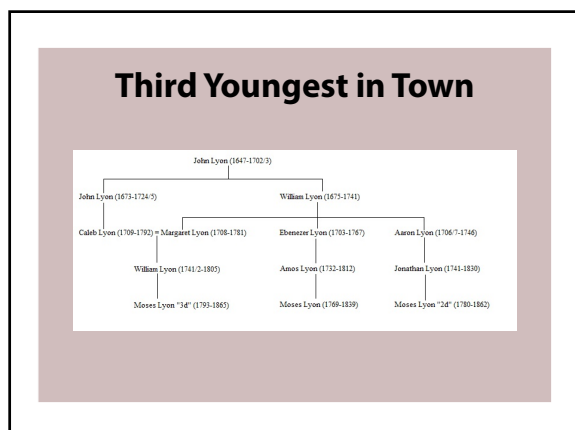


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Moses Lyon 3rd (1793-1865)

- First Moses in Ancestral Line Moses⁶ Lyon (William⁵, Caleb⁴, John³⁻², William¹)
- Called “3d” from first marriage through the 1830s, then called “2d” until the early 1860s, then no suffix

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The Parents of Mrs. Tryphena Kendall Paine

- No birth or first marriage record, and no parents on 1849 death record
- First husband Eli Kendall dies 1808, marries secondly 1809, Amos Paine
- Parents given in 1932 genealogy



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Tryphena's brother

- In 1880 genealogy on her second husband's family, she is identified as a sister of General William Eaton (1764-1811),
- William was born at Woodstock, son of Nathaniel and Sarah
- Amos Paine published William's biography



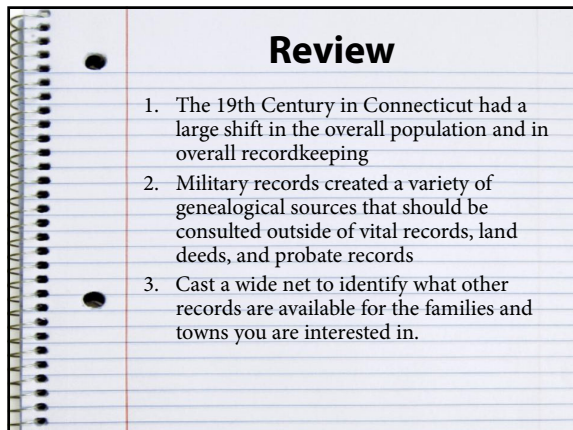
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the husband of a sister of Gen. Eaton (1813)

THE COMPILER'S PREFACE.

GEN. EATON expired, June 1st, 1811. Shortly after his decease, several gentlemen, who having a just, entertained a high opinion of his talents and services, expressed a wish to see a history of his life and achievements, believing that in his numerous manuscripts there were ample materials, by judicious selection, for a biography of his life and a relation of its principal events, that were worthy preservation; hoping at the same time that a volume might be published of sufficient interest to defray the expense of publication, and perhaps yield a profit that might do much towards educating his orphan children. Major AMOS PAINE of Woodstock, (Conn.) the husband of a sister of GEN. EATON, from regard to the family, and solely with a hope of rendering it a service, offered to waive the expense of publication. Having been intimately acquainted with EATON, and with

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Review

1. The 19th Century in Connecticut had a large shift in the overall population and in overall recordkeeping
2. Military records created a variety of genealogical sources that should be consulted outside of vital records, land deeds, and probate records
3. Cast a wide net to identify what other records are available for the families and towns you are interested in.

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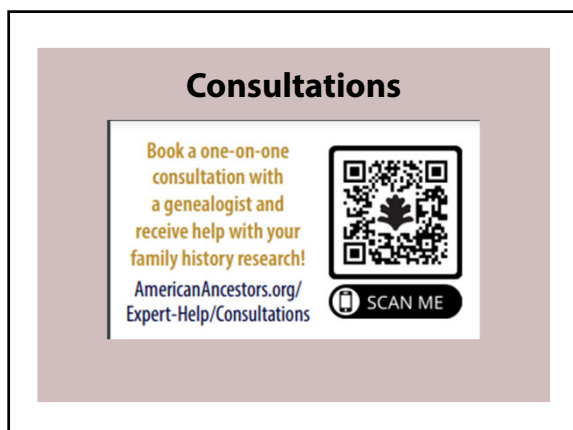


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