

# Researching Connecticut Ancestors: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy

*Class 5: Planning a Research Trip to Connecticut*

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# OVERVIEW

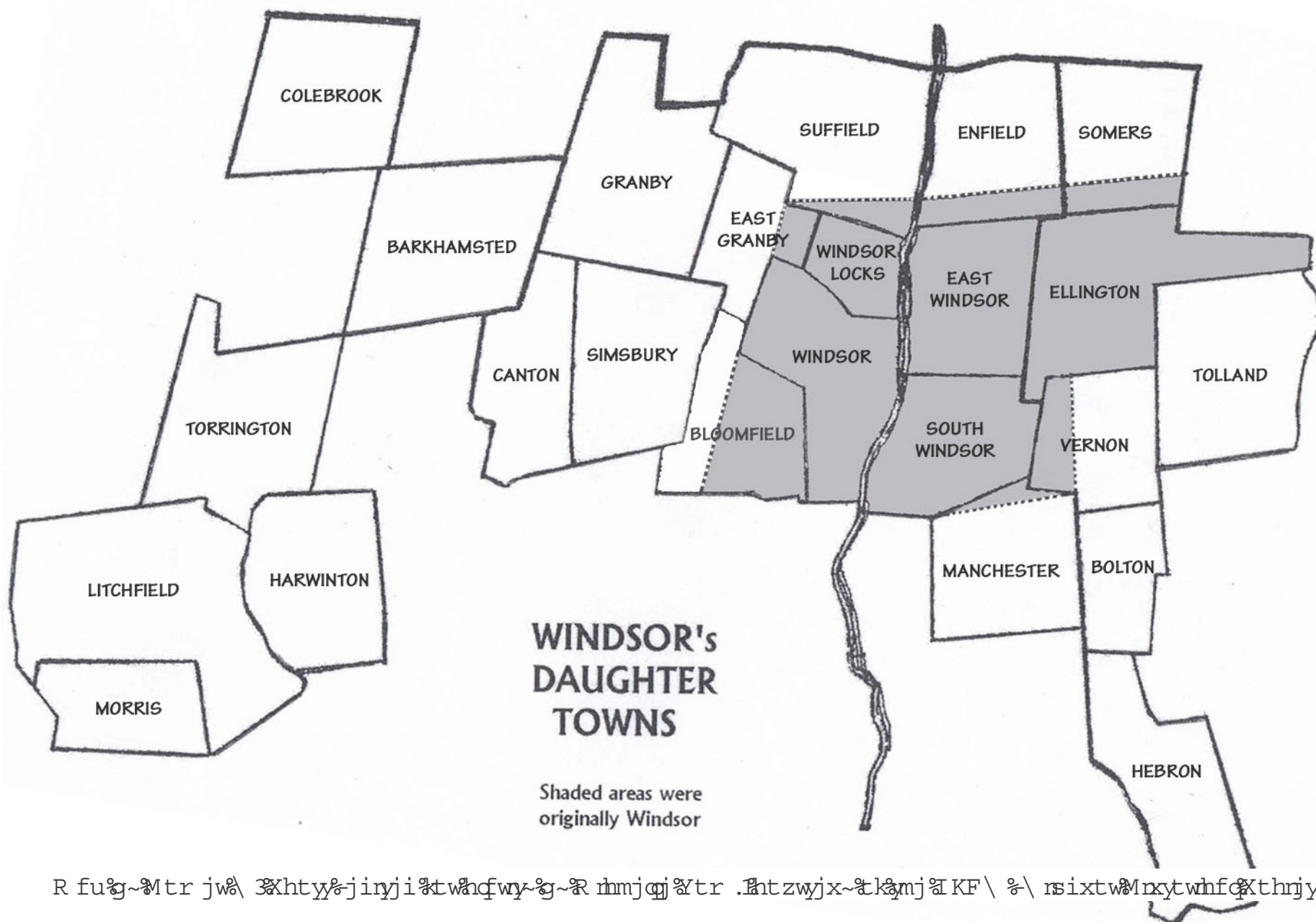
- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - Getting Organized
  - Searching online resources
  - Overview of Repositories
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



*Voice of*  
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## **Review: Earliest European Settlements**

- 1614: Adriaen Block sails up the Connecticut River and reaches present-day Hartford
- 1623: Dutch West India Company presence in the Hartford area as a fur-trading outpost
- 1633: Windsor becomes the first English settlement (encompassing present day towns of Windsor, Enfield, Suffield, Simsbury, Coventry, Tolland, Litchfield, Bolton, and others)



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# Step 1

# Get Organized

# Family Group Sheets



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## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
example: 1 Jan 1904

|                                            |                                            |               |           |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| <b>Father</b>                              | Given Name(s)                              |               | Last Name |
|                                            | Born                                       | Place         |           |
|                                            | Died                                       | Place         |           |
|                                            | Married                                    | Place         |           |
|                                            | Father's Father<br>(first, middle, last)   |               |           |
| Father's Mother<br>(first, middle, maiden) |                                            |               |           |
| Other Marriages<br>(first, middle, last)   |                                            |               |           |
| <b>Mother</b>                              | Given Name(s)                              |               | Last Name |
|                                            | Born                                       | Place         |           |
|                                            | Died                                       | Place         |           |
|                                            | Mother's Father<br>(first, middle, last)   |               |           |
|                                            | Mother's Mother<br>(first, middle, maiden) |               |           |
| Other Marriages<br>(first, middle, last)   |                                            |               |           |
| <b>Child #1</b>                            | Sex                                        | Given Name(s) |           |
|                                            |                                            | Last Name     |           |
|                                            | Born                                       | Place         |           |
|                                            | Died                                       | Place         |           |
|                                            | Spouse<br>(first, middle, last)            | Married       |           |
|                                            | Place                                      |               |           |

# Research Logs



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## Research Log

Repository: AmericanAncestors.org

Date: 29 April 2024

| Source Information<br>(title, author, publisher, publication date, etc.) | Call Number<br>(film number, URL, etc.) | Objective                                                              | Results                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Connecticut: Vital Records (The Barbour Collection), 1630-1870           |                                         | Find a birth record for Nancy Merwin, presumed born in Durham c. 1778. | One Nancy Merwin born 25 Oct 1778 to Miles and Mary [later research shows she is not a match for our Nancy Merwin] |
| Records of births, marriages, and deaths, 1847-1916                      | FHL film 1398795<br>Item 2              | Find a birth record for Nancy Merwin, presumed born in Durham c. 1778  | FHL film does not cover the year of Nancy's birth                                                                  |
| Congregational Church (Durham, Connecticut). Church records, 1756-1938   | FHL film 4054                           | Find a birth record for Nancy Merwin, presumed born in Durham c. 1778  |                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                          |                                         |                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |

## Step 2

# State Your Objective

# Your Research Question

## What is my research question?

- Who are the parents of Nancy Merwin, born c. 1778 in Connecticut, died 20 Nov 1832 in Springport, Cayuga, New York?

## Which resources can help me answer this question?

- Birth record, marriage record, death record
- Baptismal record
- Probate record
- Land deed
- Court record
- Obituaries

# Your Research Question

Other resources answering the question of parentage:

- Bibles
- Published genealogies
- Family papers

# Step 3

# Get Online

# Navigating to Databases

The screenshot shows the Ancestry website's Card Catalog search results. The search term 'connecticut probate' is entered in the Keyword(s) field. The results list 12 items, with the first item, 'Connecticut, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999', highlighted. A red arrow points from the 'Hire an Expert' button in the top right corner to the first result. The left sidebar shows filters for Birth, Marriage & Death (1), Court, Land, Wills & Financial (4), Directories & Member Lists (2), and Stories, Memories & Histories (8). The bottom of the sidebar shows a filter by location for Europe (2).

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## Card Catalog

Searchable listing of all record collections

Title

Keyword(s)

connecticut probate

Search

Filters Clear All

- > Birth, Marriage & Death 1
- > Court, Land, Wills & Financial 4
- > Directories & Member Lists 2
- > Stories, Memories & Histories 8

Filter By Location

- > Europe 2

Results 1-12 of 12

Sort By Date Added

| Title                                                                                                                                     | Category                       | Records |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| <a href="#">Connecticut, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999</a>                                                                   | Court, Land, Wills & Financial | 936,768 |
| <a href="#">Historical sketch of the Congregational church and parish of Canton Center, Conn.</a>                                         | Stories, Memories & Histories  | 94      |
| <a href="#">The old Mount Carmel parish : origins and outgrowths</a>                                                                      | Stories, Memories & Histories  | 237     |
| <a href="#">The annals of the parish of Swainswick (near Bath) : with abstracts of the register, church accounts and overseers' books</a> | Stories, Memories & Histories  | 193     |
| <a href="#">The English ancestry of Reinold and Matthew Marvin of Hartford, Ct., 1638 : their homes and parish churches</a>               | Stories, Memories & Histories  | 188     |
| <a href="#">The pedigree of William Griffith, John Griffith and Griffith</a>                                                              | Stories, Memories & Histories  | 102     |

# Online Databases

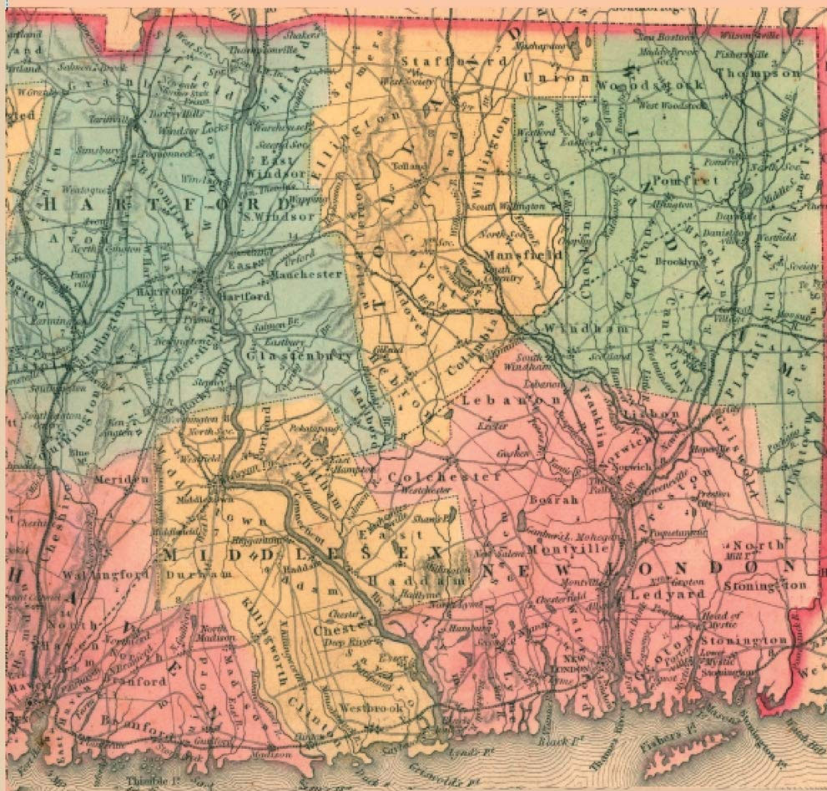
## Connecticut: Vital Records (The Barbour Collection), 1630-1870 (American Ancestors)

- Covers 137 of the 149 Connecticut towns established by 1850
- Does not include the towns of Bolton, Coventry, Enfield, Mansfield, New Haven, or Vernon, because published compilations already exist.

There are American Ancestors databases covering some of these towns:

- Bolton and Vernon, CT: Vital Records, 1704-1852
- Coventry, CT: Vital Records, 1711-1844
- Mansfield, CT: Vital Records, 1700-1850
- New Haven, CT: Vital Records, 1649-1850
- The American Ancestors database compiles birth, marriage, and death records into a single database, while Ancestry replicates the Barbour Collection in three separate databases

FINDING EARLY CONNECTICUT VITAL RECORDS:  
THE BARBOUR INDEX AND BEYOND



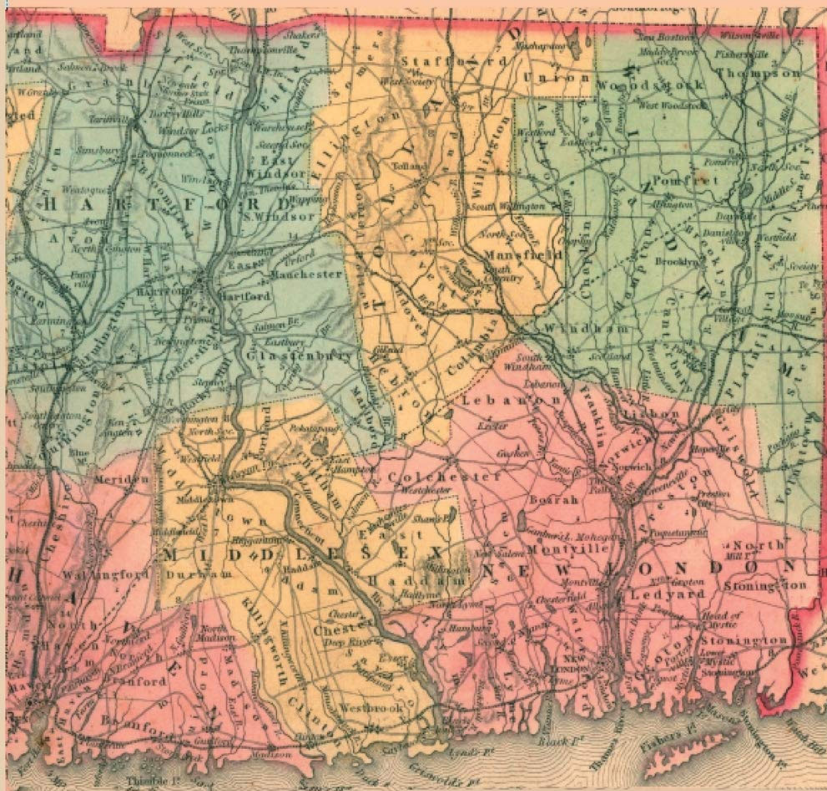
Linda MacLachlan

*Finding Early  
Connecticut Vital  
Records: The Barbour  
Index and Beyond  
(2019)*

Source bibliographies for 149 towns:  
the 143 towns indexed by Dr. Lucius  
Barbour, plus:

Cromwell  
Easton  
New Britain  
New Fairfield  
Seymour  
Trumbull

## FINDING EARLY CONNECTICUT VITAL RECORDS: THE BARBOUR INDEX AND BEYOND



Linda MacLachlan

*“Diligent genealogists should go beyond the Barbour Index in three different ways:*

1. *Vital records in the Barbour Index should be verified by comparison with the original source...*
2. *Vital records not in Barbour may be in other sources*
3. *Other evidence for vital statistics may be found in church and cemetery records, town compilations and other publications...*

MacLachlan, Linda. *Finding Early Connecticut Vital Records: The Barbour Index and Beyond*. Baltimore, Maryland: Clearfield, 2019, p14.

# Tip

Always check the Family Search catalog, searching by place name.

# Online Databases (Ancestry)

- Connecticut, U.S., Church Record Abstracts, 1630-1920 (Ancestry)
- Connecticut, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999 (Ancestry)

CONNECTICUT CHURCH RECORDS

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BERTHELEEM  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
1736 - 1850

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CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY  
1936

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|                                                                                                   |       |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Allen, Allin, James, had st. b. child Dec. [ ], 1817                                              | Vol.  | Page  |
| James, his s., d. Apr. 5, 1823, & 4                                                               | 23    | 23    |
| Jared, adm. com. Dec. 4, 1829                                                                     | 45    | 45    |
| Jared, m. Ruth Mitchell, sept. 1810                                                               | 3     | 3     |
| Jared, his child, d. Mar. [ ], 1818, & 7                                                          | 23    | 23    |
| Jared, his child, bp. [July 5, 1818]                                                              | 62    | 62    |
| Jared, his child, d. June [ ], 1819, & 2                                                          | 24    | 24    |
| Jared, his child, d. Dec. 31, 1820, & 1 day                                                       | 25    | 25    |
| Jared, had complaint filed against him July 18, 1824 by Sam[uel] Church                           | 79    | 79    |
| Jared, excom. Sept. 10, 1824                                                                      | 79-80 | 79-80 |
| Jared, requested July 17, 1825 readmittance to this church; objection made by Dea. Rhinebas Crane | 2     | 81    |
| Jared, mentioned Dec. 11, 1826 in re his restoration to the church                                | 2     | 82    |
| Jared, mentioned Dec. 10, 1826 in re his restoration                                              | 83    | 83    |
| Jared, restored to church Jan. 5, 1827                                                            | 85    | 85    |
| Jared, had complaint filed against him June 25, 1827 by Dea. Rhinebas Crane                       | 2     | 86    |
| Jared, was voted June 29, 1827 to be suspended from the communion of the church for two months    | 87    | 87    |
| Jared, excom. Sept. 9, 1827                                                                       | 88    | 88    |
| Jared, mentioned Oct. 10, 1827 in re his restoration                                              | 91    | 91    |
| Jared, conf. Oct. 21, 1827                                                                        | 92    | 92    |
| Kezie, m. Oliver Parmelee, Jr., Nov. 29, 1792                                                     | 1     | 33    |
| Lawellen, twin with Eellen & Ellen, s. Selly & Noble, bp. Nov. 5, 1847                            | 69    | 69    |
| Lacy, d. [m. d. Feb. 20, 1793, & 17]                                                              | 25    | 25    |
| Lacy, d. Amos, bp. Sept. 3, 1830                                                                  | 64    | 64    |
| Margaret Sarah, d. Frederick, bp. Aug. 22, 1847                                                   | 69    | 69    |
| Noble, his s., d. Mar. 1, 1837, & 3                                                               | 33    | 33    |
| Polly, d. Amos, bp. Sept. 3, 1830                                                                 | 64    | 64    |
| Polly, adm. c. July 1, 1838; dism. by letter [ ] adm. by F. Harrison                              | 60    | 60    |
| Ruth, m. Jesse Sewell, Jan. 27, 1806                                                              | 51    | 51    |
| Ruth, adm. com. May 6, 1827                                                                       | 30    | 30    |
| Ruth, m. Jared, d. Aug. 31, 1823, & 40                                                            | 43    | 43    |
| Samuel, his s., adm. com. July 2, 1809                                                            | 16    | 16    |
| Samuel, d. Aug. 28, 1810, & 69                                                                    | 64    | 64    |
| Samuel, s. Amos, bp. Sept. 3, 1830                                                                | 54    | 54    |
| Sarah, w. Noble, adm. com. Sept. 2, 1832, by profession; dead                                     | 55    | 55    |
| Sarah, [w. of] Noble, ch. mss. July 1, 1835                                                       | 60    | 60    |
| Sarah, w. [ ] [ ], adm. ch. July 1, 1835, by F. Harrison                                          | 66    | 66    |
| Sarah, w. Amos, adult, bp. [July 11, 1838]                                                        | 66    | 66    |
| Sophia Eliza, d. Fredric, bp. Oct. 10, 1841                                                       | 68    | 68    |

## **Online Databases (American Ancestors)**

- **Connecticut: Early Probate Records, 1635-1750**
- **Connecticut: Marriages and Deaths, 1790-1833**
- **Connecticut Nutmegger**

# Online Databases (American Ancestors)

- Seymour, CT: Vital Records, 1700-1914
- Windham, CT: Congregational Church Records, 1700-1851
- Suffield, CT: Church Records, 1710-1836
- Newtown, CT: Vital Records, 1704-1850
- Hartford, Windsor and Fairfield CT: Vital Records, 1631-1691
- Saybrook, CT: Vital Records, 1647-1834
- Preston, CT: First Congregational Church Records, 1698-1898
- East Haddam, CT: Records of the First Congregational Church, 1704-1802
- Greenwich, CT: Vital Records, 1670-1847
- Bolton and Vernon, CT: Vital Records, 1704-1852
- Woodstock, CT: Vital Records, 1686-1854
- Salisbury, CT: Vital Records, 1720-1914
- Madison, CT: Church Records, 1791-1827
- East Granby, CT: Vital Records, 1737-1886
- New Haven, CT: Vital Records, 1649-1850
- Madison, CT: Vital Records, 1718-1890
- ....and many more!

# Online Databases (American Ancestors)

**STEP 1**

**Go to Search**

What content sources can I search?

[A to Z list of all databases](#)

[External databases](#)

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[Jewish Heritage Center](#)

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**STEP 2**

Search by database

Salisbury

3 databases

Reset filters

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☐ A to Z Sort

DATABASE

☐ all databases

Results per page 20 50 100

|   |   |   |                                                                |
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| Q | 📷 | ☆ | Salisbury, CT: Vital Records, 1720-1914                        |
| Q | 📷 | ☆ | Salisbury, MA: Marriages by Elder Jabez True, 1812-1835        |
| Q | 📷 | ☆ | Connecticut: Vital Records (The Barbour Collection), 1630-1870 |

# Verify record coverage

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## Search Database

★ Favorite

Connecticut: Vital Records (The Barbour Collection), 1630-1870

☐ Exact Search ☐ Soundex

**First Name**  
First/Middle/[Maiden] names

**Last Name**  
Last Name

**Years**  
From To

**Record Type**  
-All-

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### Saved Searches

Saved Searches

### Browse This Database

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Page  
Page

Browse

**Reminder: Connecticut probate records are organized at the district level, and land deeds at the town level**

# General index to probate records : all districts in Connecticut 1641-1948

Estate of **Coe, George N.**  
 Attached Deceased Incompetent Insane Insolvent Legatee Minor Trust  
 Town **New Haven** District **New Haven**  
 Date **1904** No. **30,667** Deposited July 22, 1933

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Wills and Codicils           | Distributions               |
| 1 Bonds                      | 2 Account of Administration |
| 4 Applications and Petitions | Receipts                    |
| 1 Inventories                | 1 Miscellaneous             |
| 2 Orders of Court            |                             |
| 1 Returns to Court           | 12 Total Documents          |

Remarks

Dec'd. May 22, 1904

REVISED STATUTES, 1930, SEC. 1060 AND AMENDMENTS

Estate of **Clark, Lois**  
 Attached Deceased Incompetent Insane Insolvent Minor Trust  
 Town **Bethlem** District **Woodbury**  
 Date **1843** No. **994** Deposited Sept. 9, 1915

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Wills and Codicils           | Distributions               |
| 1 Bonds                      | 1 Account of Administration |
| 1 Applications and Petitions | Receipts                    |
| 1 Inventories                | Miscellaneous               |
| 1 Orders of Court            |                             |
| 1 Returns to Court           | 6 Total Documents           |

Remarks

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## General index to probate records : all districts in Connecticut 1641-1948

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Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film  
 Language: English  
 Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1957-1958  
 Physical: 67 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.

### Notes

Microfilm of originals in Hartford, Connecticut.

Alphabetically arranged.

[View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations](#)

### Subjects

#### Locality Subjects

[United States, Connecticut - Probate records - Indexes](#)

### Film/Digital Notes

| Note                                       | Location                               | Collection/Shelf                      | Film   | Image Group Number (DGS) | Format |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| Aal, Abraham - Amidon, Raymond Holt        | <a href="#">Family History Library</a> | United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film | 166000 | 7626734                  |        |
| Amesbury, Eunice W. - Ayshford, Henry      | <a href="#">Family History Library</a> | United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film | 166001 | 7626715                  |        |
| Baba, Elizabeth - Barned, Beoni            | <a href="#">Family History Library</a> | United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film | 166002 | 7626716                  |        |
| Beoni Barned (cont.) - Beck, Anna M.       | <a href="#">Family History Library</a> | United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film | 166003 | 7641824                  |        |
| Beck, Anna M. - Biggs, Evanday             | <a href="#">Family History Library</a> | United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film | 166004 | 7626718                  |        |
| Evanday Biggs - Joseph Borden              | <a href="#">Family History Library</a> | United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film | 166005 | 7626719                  |        |
| Borden, Joseph - Briggs, Henry P.          | <a href="#">Family History Library</a> | United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film | 166006 | 7641929                  |        |
| Briggs, Henry P. (cont.) - Bulkley, Burr   | <a href="#">Family History Library</a> | United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film | 166007 | 7626722                  |        |
| Bulkley, Abram (Jr.) - Blyxbee/Bixby Helen | <a href="#">Family History Library</a> | United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film | 166008 | 7626721                  |        |
| Cabbott, Aaron L. - W. Case, Lewis         | <a href="#">Family History Library</a> | United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film | 166009 | 7626720                  |        |

# Online Catalogs and Finding Aids

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## Personal and Family Vital Records



### About this collection

This collection offers a miscellany of manuscripts and documents published by the Connecticut State Library containing vital records indexes.

In addition to the better known indexes at the State Library, (Barbour Collection index, Bible and Family Records index, Connecticut Census index, 1790-1850, Newspaper Marriage and Death

# What's NOT online?

# Onsite resources

- Newspapers
- Court records
- Some vital records
- Published histories/genealogies in open stacks
- Archival materials in closed stacks:
  - Family papers (correspondence, genealogical notes, photographs, news clippings, ledgers, scrapbooks, memorabilia...)
  - Institutional records (ex: Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company records)
  - Organizational records (ex: Arts and Crafts Club of Hartford, Baptist Associations of Hartford collection)
  - Military collections (ex: Civil War Collection of 450 items, including cartes de viste and stereographs)

# Online Catalogs and Finding Aids

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## Connecticut State Archives Finding Aids

The State Archives uses finding aids as guides to our government and manuscript collections. This site allows researchers to search and browse through those finding aids.

The Connecticut State Archives is undertaking an ongoing project to make finding aids available online. Hard copies of finding aids are available to researchers at the History and Genealogy reference desk if they are not yet online. [Search Connecticut Archives Online Finding Aids Repository](#)

  
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### Find what you're looking for:

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| <b>Enter your search terms</b>                       | <b>Limit by record type</b>                                                         | <b>Search field</b>                                                 | <b>From year</b>                                                 | <b>To year</b>                                                 | <b>Add row</b>                   |
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| <input type="button" value="Search"/>                |                                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                                |                                  |

# QUESTIONS?

A large audience of people is seated in a lecture hall, facing a stage. The audience is seen from behind, filling the foreground and middle ground. The stage is at the far end of the room, featuring a large presentation screen displaying a slide with a photograph. The room has a high ceiling with recessed lighting and decorative wall panels. The overall atmosphere is that of a formal presentation or lecture.

# How to Find Libraries and Archives to Visit

[Search](#)

152 colt firearms

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### Colt pocket pistol [electronic resource]

Tennessee State Library and Archives

Pre-war Colt pocket pistol of northern manufacture. Such firearms were popular for self-defense use in the antebellum period

[Contact Information](#)[View the Catalog Record](#)

### Letter : Washington, [D.C.], to R.C. Daniel, 1872 April 2

Robeson, George M. (George Maxwell), 1829-1897

South Carolina Historical Society

Letter to R.C. Daniel of New York (N.Y.) concerns experiments with Colt firearms conducted at Sandy Hook [N.J.?] in 1840

[Contact Information](#)[View the Catalog Record](#)

### Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company collection [manuscript materials], 1894-1946

Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Co.,.

Autry National Center - Museum of the American West

Samuel Colt patented his revolver with a mechanically rotating cylinder in 1835 and 1836. It revolutionized the firearms industry and was the first truly global manufacturing export in American history. The success of the revolver ultimately allowed Samuel Colt to incorporate Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company in 1855. This collection of Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company documents spans 1894-1946 and includes contracts, correspondence, invoices, memos, notes, receipts, stock certificates, and trademark registration certificates regarding manufacture, registration and trade of Colt products

[Contact Information](#)[View the Catalog Record](#)

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# Boolean Searches

## How to Search

You can apply Boolean search logic to your keywords and terms, using AND, OR, NOT, and parentheses. You can also use specific indexes for your search terms.

### Broaden Your Search

Put an upper-case OR between your keywords. For example, **dust OR bowl** retrieves records containing either dust or bowl.

### Narrow Your Search

Put quotes around your keywords to find records with an exact phrase. For example, **"dust bowl"** retrieves records with the words dust and bowl together, but would not match a description where those two words were not adjacent and in that order.

Put an upper-case NOT between your keywords. For example, **dust NOT bowl** retrieves records containing dust, but not bowl.

Put a ~ and a number between 1 and 4 at the end of your exact phrase. For example, **"dust bowl"~4** retrieves records where dust and bowl appear within four words of each other.

Put parentheses around your search terms. For example, **(dust OR bowl) NOT oklahoma** retrieves records containing either dust or bowl, but not Oklahoma.



"samuel colt" AND "connecticut"

Search

## 34 "samuel colt" AND "connecticut"

LIST VIEW

SUMMARY VIEW

### PEOPLE

| Name ↓↑                                    | Count ↓↑ |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Colt, Samuel, 1814-1862                    | 20       |
| Colt, Christopher                          | 2        |
| Colt, Elizabeth H.                         | 2        |
| Jarvis, William, 1796-1871                 | 2        |
| Sigourney, L. H. (Lydia Howard), 1791-1865 | 2        |
| Alcorn, Henry                              | 1        |
| Alcorn, Robert                             | 1        |

### GROUP

| Name ↓↑                                             | Count ↓↑ |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Co            | 6        |
| Colt Manufacturing Company                          | 3        |
| Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Co.,.         | 2        |
| Jarvis family                                       | 2        |
| Robinson family                                     | 2        |
| Allen Manufacturing Company (Hartford, Conn.).      | 1        |
| American Association for the Advancement of Science | 1        |

### PLACES

| Name ↓↑                                          | Count ↓↑ |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Connecticut                                      | 7        |
| Connecticut -- Hartford                          | 6        |
| United States                                    | 5        |
| Connecticut - Economic conditions - 19th century | 2        |
| Connecticut - Social life and customs            | 2        |
| Hartford (Conn.) - Maps                          | 2        |
| Ohio -- Western Reserve                          | 2        |

### ARCHIVES

| Name ↓↑                                | Count ↓↑ |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Connecticut Historical Society         | 16       |
| Winterthur Museum. Garden. and Library | 3        |

### ARCHIVE LOCATIONS

| Name ↓↑                                 | Count ↓↑ |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| United States - Connecticut - Hartford  | 16       |
| United States - Connecticut - New Haven | 4        |

### TOPICS

| Name ↓↑                  | Count ↓↑ |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Colt firearms            | 5        |
| Armes à feu -- Industrie | 4        |

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# Easton, Fairfield County, Connecticut Genealogy

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## Town Information [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

### Description [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

[Easton, Connecticut](#) at Wikipedia

### Parent Towns [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

- 1845 - Created from Weston

### Populated Places [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

*Includes Neighborhoods, Villages, Unincorporated Communities, Districts, and Census-Designated Places:*

### Adjacent Towns [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

- [Fairfield County: Bridgeport](#) | [Fairfield](#) | [Monroe](#) | [Newtown](#) | [Redding](#) | [Trumbull](#) | [Weston](#)

## Town Records [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

*In New England most original vital records of birth, marriage, and death can be found at the town clerk's office*

### Easton Town Clerk

225 Center Road

Easton, CT 06612

Phone: 203-268-6291 ext. 133

E-mail: <https://www.eastonct.gov/users/challoran/contact>

[Easton Town Clerk](#)

familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main\_Page



The screenshot shows the official website of the Town of Easton, Connecticut. The header features the town's seal and name. A navigation bar includes links to Home, About Easton, Government, Agendas, Minutes and Recordings, and Community, along with a search bar labeled 'Find It Fast'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a 'News & Announcements' section with a notice about a ballot drop box, followed by a list of links for absentee ballots, voting information, beekeeper registration, name changes, contaminated sites, and DEEP services. The right column is titled 'Town Clerk' and includes a breadcrumb trail 'Home » Departments'. The text describes the Town Clerk's role as the public information office. Below this, there are two bullet points: one linking to online land records and maps (1979 to present) and another stating that non-online requests should be emailed.

**News & Announcements**

NOTICE: Official Ballot Drop Box Installed in Town of Easton (EASTON ONLY)

Absentee Ballot Application Form for May 7, 2024 Referendum

Absentee Ballot and Voting Information

Beekeeper Registration Information

Change of Name Information

DEEP List of Contaminated or Potentially Contaminated Sites

DEEP Services

Home » Departments

## Town Clerk

The Town Clerk is the public information office serving as liaison between local government and the public. As the official keeper of all local records for the Town of Easton from the date of incorporation in 1845 until the present, the Town Clerk's Office links the past, present, and future of Easton. The Secretary of State entrusts the Town Clerk with responsibility for public records, vital statistics, licensing, and certain duties in connection with elections.

- **Online Land Records and Maps (from 1979 to the present) may be accessed at: <https://landrecords.eastonct.gov/Subscription/Default.aspx>**
- **Land Records and Maps that are not online, please email your request**

<https://www.eastonct.gov/town-clerk>

# Locating Ancestral Graves

# Hale Collection

- Connecticut, U.S. Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices, 1629-1934 (Ancestry)
- Hale Collection on microfilm and digital images (FS Library films 3076-3433)
- <https://www.halecollection.com/>

# Find A Grave



REMEMBER!

Not all Find A Grave  
memorials represent actual  
graves/accurate burial  
locations!

**William Swain**

**BIRTH** 1585  
England

**DEATH** unknown  
Connecticut, USA

**BURIAL** Burial Details Unknown [Add to Map](#)

**MEMORIAL ID** 45250345 · [View Source](#)

[Request Photo](#)

[SHARE](#) [+ SAVE TO](#) [SUGGEST EDITS](#)

**Corp James E. Crossley**

**BIRTH** unknown

**DEATH** 4 Apr 1905

**BURIAL** [Latimer Hill Cemetery](#)  
Bloomfield, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA [Add to Map](#)

**MEMORIAL ID** 10129037 · [View Source](#)

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# Find A Grave-Cemetery

Search 572,871 cemeteries in 249 different countries

hartford, conn

Search

  
Add a Cemetery

  
Browse by Location

Hartford County, Connecticut, USA

Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA

West Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA

East Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA

New Hartford, Litchfield County, Connecticut, USA

Select location to limit search.

Cemeteries - Map View



# Step 4

# Update Your Log



## Research Log

Repository: Connecticut State Library Date:

| Source Information<br>(title, author, publisher, publication date, etc.)                         | Call Number<br>(film number, URL, etc.) | Objective                                                 | Results |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Lewis Mills Norton genealogical papers;<br>Papers, 1840-1860; File: Box 1, Folder 10             | (RG074_029)                             | Determine the parentage of Nancy<br>Merwin (born c. 1778) |         |
| Litchfield County, County Court files; Files,<br>1751-1855; Discontinuances, 1831-1855; Box: 347 | (RG003_LCC_Files)                       |                                                           |         |
| Connecticut State Library Index, Bible<br>and Family Records Combined Index                      | Nancy Merwin, Vol. 12,<br>Pages 88-89   |                                                           |         |
|                                                                                                  |                                         |                                                           |         |
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## Updating Log

# Step 5

# Embark on Your Trip

## Before you go . . .

1. Check the opening hours, transportation, parking, hotel accommodations, meal options, access, etc.
2. Review and exhaust online resources beforehand
3. Review their online catalog and create a research log specific to this research trip
4. Call ahead to request special collections that are housed off-site
5. Review rules and guidelines (ex: pencils, photography, computer access, etc.)
6. Fees
7. Schedule a consultation with American Ancestors

# Connecticut Repositories

# Connecticut State Library

- 231 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106
- Open to visitors Monday – Friday from 10am – 4pm.
- Metered street parking on Oak, Russ, Lafayette; all-day free parking on Hungerford; Capitol Place parking garage at 21 Oak St; lot at Buckingham and Hudson Streets
- Bring photo ID



# CT State Library Research Tour

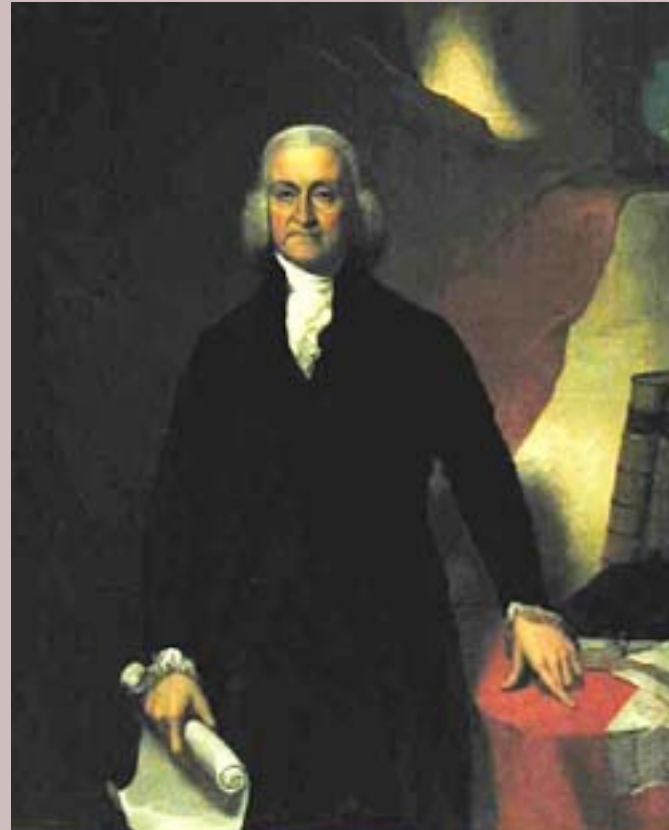
## April 5-7, 2027, 10am-4pm



- Registration required
- Two 30-minute consultations with expert genealogists (one virtual pre-tour consultation, one on-tour consultation)
- Tour and orientation by Connecticut State Library staff
- Group meals (opening breakfast and closing dinner)
- Research assistance by American Ancestors staff while onsite
- Register at:  
<https://my.americanancestors.org/3541/4018>

# Connecticut State Library-What's New

- Papers of Jonathan Trumbull (1710-1785), Governor of Connecticut for 14 years (1769-1784) spanning the Revolution
- Donated by Jonathan's son in 1795, but previously accessible only by checking a slip index in the Archives Reading Area
- Includes documentation regarding Connecticut's claims to the Susquehanna and Narragansett countries
- Access the index here:  
[https://data.ct.gov/History/Gov-Jonathan-Trumbull-Papers-1631-1784-Index/qj3w-82gu/data\\_preview](https://data.ct.gov/History/Gov-Jonathan-Trumbull-Papers-1631-1784-Index/qj3w-82gu/data_preview)



# Connecticut Historical Society

- Waterman Research Center hours: Tuesday-Saturday 12 pm – 4:30 pm, Thursday until 7:30 pm
- Mandatory online registration to submit a research appointment request.
- Materials must be requested through Connecticut Museum's online library catalog system **a minimum of two (2) days before your confirmed research visit.**
- Library catalog:  
<https://cmch.bibliovation.com/>
- CMCH digital catalog (pilot phase):  
<https://digitalcatalog.chs.org/>



# State Vital Records Office



- 410 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06134
- Hours: Monday, 9am-1pm; Tuesday, 11am-3:30pm; Wednesday, 9am-3:30pm; Thursday, 9am-1pm; Friday, 11am-3:30pm
- For births, marriages, and deaths after July 1, 1897
- Cost is \$20 per record, payable by cash or credit
- For walk-ins, only 2 records retrieved per day

# Godfrey Memorial Library

- 134 Newfield Street (Route 3), Middletown, CT 06457
- Home of the American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI)
  - Comprised of 4 million names
  - Drawn from 800 books held by Godfrey Library
  - Also derived from 2 million records from the *Boston Transcript* genealogical column
  - \$15 per citation (personal check or PayPal)



# Hartford History Center



## Online exhibits and LibGuides:

- *From Civil Rights to Human Rights: African American, Puerto Rican & West Indian Housing Struggles in Hartford County, Connecticut 1940-2019*
- *Hartford Changemakers:* reference materials on Black, Latin, and indigenous Hartford historical figures
- *Butch Lewis Video Collection*
- <https://hplct.libguides.com/hhc>

## • Contact:

- [hhc@hplct.org](mailto:hhc@hplct.org)
- (860) 695-6297

# Windsor Historical Society

- 96 Palisado Ave, Windsor, CT 06095
- Over 350 published genealogies of Windsor families
- Family and subject files
- Windsor High School yearbooks (1915-present)
- Account books (1733-1954)
- Old Document Project (c. 1640-1939), containing over 3,000 items indexed by name, date, and document type



# Review the Steps

1. Get organized
2. State your objective
3. Get online
4. Update your log
5. Embark on your trip

# QUESTIONS?

**Schedule a consultation**

*[consultations@americanancestors.org](mailto:consultations@americanancestors.org)*

**Hire Research Services**

*[research@americanancestors.org](mailto:research@americanancestors.org)*

# Consultations

Book a one-on-one  
consultation with  
a genealogist and  
receive help with your  
family history research!

[AmericanAncestors.org/  
Expert-Help/Consultations](https://AmericanAncestors.org/Expert-Help/Consultations)



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# Researching Connecticut Ancestors: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy

**Thank you for registering for registering for *Researching Connecticut Ancestors: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy!***

Whether your family connection to Connecticut is 400 years old or 40, there is a treasure trove of genealogical resources waiting for you: vital records have been kept by towns since the early seventeenth century; newspapers have existed since colonial times; and there are thousands of published genealogies, local histories, study projects, and other references that exist for Connecticut research. Yet, Connecticut is not without its challenges. This online course provides a century-by-century look at the records, resources, repositories, and research strategies that are essential to exploring your Connecticut roots. We also discuss the historical context, settlement patterns, and migrations into—and out of—the state; from colony to statehood. In the final class, learn our expert tips for planning a research trip to Connecticut!

*This course includes five 90-minute classes and exclusive access to handouts and recordings of each presentation. These recordings and all course materials will be available for the foreseeable future.*

*NEW! This course also includes two virtual office hours with instructors. These informal sessions offer an opportunity for participants to drop in and ask*

[www.americanancestors.org/researching-connecticut-ancestors-four-centuries-history-and-genealogy-0](http://www.americanancestors.org/researching-connecticut-ancestors-four-centuries-history-and-genealogy-0)



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