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PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

Connecticut Ancestry, 50th Anniversary Commemorative Issue. Hardbound copy of volume 47 featuring retrospectives on the history of the Society, finding aids to articles in past issues, and research on area families by thirteen invited contributors.

Genealogical References in Stamford, CT, Land Records: vols. A thru S, 1666-1800. Abstracted by Edith M. Wicks, edited by Robert W. Spiers. An index to every relationship and place of residence outside of Stamford mentioned in deeds of this period.

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Back issues of Connecticut Ancestry (if available) \$10.00 per issue or \$30.00 per full volume year Note: Volume 47 is available only as the above listed hardbound 50th Anniversary Commemorative Issue.

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The series of microfilms first offered in 1970 has been upgraded, combining the former six reels into three. They are still archival quality, positive films, and the source material is the same.

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Reel 24: William A. D. Eardley, Connecticut Cemeteries, 1671-1911, indexed, 9 vols. including 27 Stamford cemeteries plus others in Berlin, Brookfield, Killingly, New Canaan, and New Fairfield; Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford, 1937, indexed (Hale Collection); and three vols. by S. P. Mead, Abstracts for Greenwich, CT, including Births, Marriages, and Deaths from Earliest Town Records to 1847, Abstracts of Every Known Tombstone in the Town of Greenwich and Middle Patent Cemetery, Westchester Co. N.Y., & Abstract of (Greenwich) Church Records (8 churches).

Reel 35: S. P. Mead, Abstracts of Stamford Church Records, 1924, including 21 churches to about 1850; & Abstract of Darien Church Records, 1920; William A. D. Eardley, Stamford Congregational Church Records, 1914; Joseph Ridley, Directory of the Town of Stamford, 1872 (Stamford's first directory); and S. P. Mead, Abstract of Probate Records for the District of Fairfield, 1648-1757, which includes all of Fairfield County through 1728.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS CHARGES

All prices now include postage and handling charges.

Note: Connecticut residents must add 6% sales tax to publications totals.

## ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The mission of Connecticut Ancestry Society is to promote genealogical scholarship, preserve source records, and exchange family histories.

Connecticut Ancestry Society members are responsible, ethical genealogists and family historians who share a special interest in southwestern Connecticut and its neighborhood, either by living there, or by having ancestry there, or both; who pursue genealogical scholarship through networking, educational programs, and publication of reference materials and research results; and who extend full cooperation to other genealogical organizations, record repositories, and public record custodians.

Our Society was founded in 1954 as the Stamford Genealogical Society and is the oldest genealogical society in Connecticut. The organization's name was officially changed to Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc., in 1989. The Society's membership now extends around the world with only about half living in Connecticut. The Board of Governors consists of an elected president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer together with officers appointed by the board, including the editor, genealogist, and librarian.

In support of the Society's mission we sponsor workshops and lectures several times each year, often in conjunction with a visit to a genealogical repository in the area. The Society's scholarly journal, *Connecticut Ancestry*, is published quarterly with articles on local families, genealogical methodology, and transcriptions of previously unpublished records related to our area. All the work of the Society is done by volunteers with both professional and amateur genealogists actively participating.

## ACCESS TO CONNECTICUT VITAL RECORDS

Access to birth and fetal death records less than 100 years old is restricted by Section 7-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes to the person whose birth is recorded, to his or her close relatives or legal representatives, and to members of genealogical societies incorporated in the state. Membership in Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc. permits access to those records. Town clerks and vital records registrars regularly check membership cards with the expectation that Society members will use their access privileges in a responsible way. Copies of birth records more than 100 years old, all marriage records and all non-fetal death records are available for purchase to any person aged 18 or older. Additional federal restrictions apply to those records containing Social Security numbers. Contact the specific town clerk or registrar to confirm local rules concerning method and/or time of access.

## CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY

Initially published as the *Bulletin* in 1958, the Society's periodical has been titled *Connecticut Ancestry* since 1971 and now averages 50 pages per quarterly issue. The journal's contents include well-researched and documented articles on families with roots in southwestern Connecticut, transcriptions of previously unpublished source material, and articles on genealogical technique. Members are encouraged to submit the results of their own research projects for publication.

Also published are queries, book reviews, and a calendar of genealogical events sponsored by our Society and by others. Since 1985, an every-name index is included in each annual volume. Indexes for the earlier volumes are available from our list of publications along with back issues, as available.

## SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

A genealogical program is included with the Society's annual meeting in May. Throughout the year we host seminars and workshops in area libraries and historical societies, which feature speakers on genealogical topics, introductions to the holdings of the repositories, and consultations with experienced members of the Society. We are a charter member of the New England Regional Genealogical Conference which holds a major biennial conference in New England and a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Society board members take an active role in addressing issues of vital records access and other concerns of genealogists.

## LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Through workshops and specifically assigned liaisons, the Society maintains active contact with historical societies and libraries having significant genealogical and local history collections relating to southwestern Connecticut. A list of repositories is maintained for the public on our website.

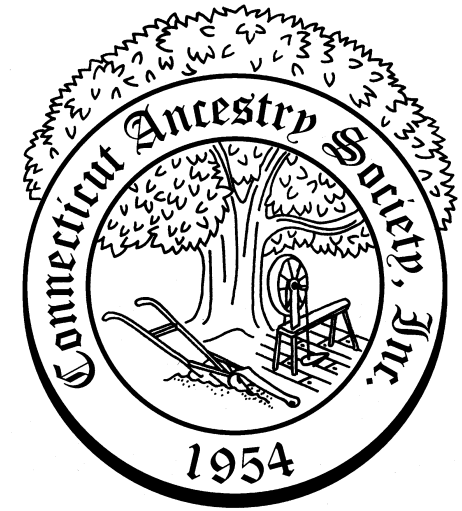
Since our inception, we have maintained a close and mutually beneficial relationship with the Ferguson Library in Stamford which houses our collection in the Stamford Room.

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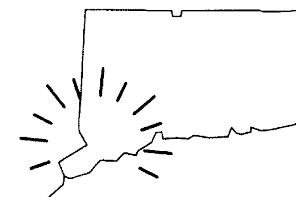
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