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Wilton History Room Opens For Genealogical Society

The curators of the Wilton History Room at the Wilton Public Library will be opening their doors to present their significant collection to the members of Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc. Following a short overview presentation by the curators, Carol Russell and Scotty Taylor, on September 28, 2008, at 1:00 P.M., at the Wilton Public Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT, both library staff and members of Connecticut Ancestry Society will be on hand to aid in using the collection to do family history research.

The Wilton History Room (www.wiltonlibrary.org/wilton/histroom.htm) has been named the home of Wilton's historical documents and has collected information pertinent to settlers of Norwalk, Wilton and many of the surrounding communities. This is a unique opportunity to have so many genealogy focused individuals in the Wilton History Room at one time.

The event is open and free to the public, but prospective attendees are asked to RSVP with a message to Robert Locke, president of Connecticut Ancestry, with the number of attendees at (203) 778-4794 or via email at rlocke@ralii.com.

About Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc.

Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc. (www.connecticutancestry.org), the oldest genealogical society in Connecticut, was founded in 1954 by a small group of genealogists in southwestern Connecticut. The Society's mission is to promote genealogical scholarship, preserve source material, 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. The Society's growing membership now extends across the continent with only about half living in Connecticut.

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.