

About The Society

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, 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.

In support of the Society's mission, we sponsor workshops and lectures throughout the year. The Society's scholarly journal, *Connecticut Ancestry*, is published quarterly in August, November, February, and May. All the work of the Society is done by volunteers with both professional and amateur genealogists actively participating.

Membership

The Society's membership year begins June 1. For dues received prior to March 1, the member will receive a full volume year of journals beginning with the past August issue. Subscriptions made in March or April must indicate whether they are for the current or following membership year.

Membership Benefits

- Four quarterly issues of *Connecticut Ancestry* (choice via postal mail or electronically)
- Free publication of queries
- Additional access to Connecticut vital records
- Notification of society meetings
- Members-only area of website
- Monthly e-mail newsletter

Meetings

A genealogical program is included with the Society's annual meeting each May. In addition, we host monthly meetings except in December and January. Programs for these meetings are in the form of lectures, workshops, or discussion groups. The monthly meetings are held at one of three locations in the county: Stamford Historical Society, Danbury Public Library, and the Trumbull Library. We meet at each location three times each year.

Repositories

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. Our manuscripts are primarily housed at the New Canaan Historical Society, though we have facilitated member donations to other historical societies in Fairfield County.

Donations

Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc. is qualified as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Cash donations in excess of membership dues are deductible charitable expenses. Donations in the form of genealogical materials such as books, manuscripts, diaries, and family Bible records will be made available to the public at our partner repositories.

Community

The Society maintains active contact with historical societies and libraries that have significant genealogical and local history collections relating to southwestern Connecticut. A list of repositories is maintained for the public on our website. We are a charter member of the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, which holds a major biennial conference in New England, and a member of the national Federation of Genealogical Societies. Society board members take an active role in addressing issues of vital records access and other concerns of genealogists.

Communication

We have a website (www.connecticutancestry.org) where all information about Society activities can be found. In addition, there is an optional monthly e-mail newsletter for members. Members of the board can be contacted through the website.

Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc. MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Memberships (June-May): _____

- Individual (e-mailed journal) \$25
 Individual (postal journal) \$30
 Library/Society \$35
 Sustaining \$50
 Patron \$75

Additional Family Member: _____

- Add'l Member(s) \$10 each
Receives additional membership card only

Lifetime Memberships: _____

- Lifetime Individual \$750
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or join online at www.connecticutancestry.org

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PUBLICATIONS ORDER FORM

Circle items being ordered

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. 224 + xii pages, with an every-name index. \$50.00

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. 274 page soft cover book or searchable CD. \$25.00

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Short Directory of Names, Past and Current, of CT Boroughs, Cities, Towns and Unincorporated Areas. Compiled by Robert A. Ferry. A handy gazetteer of Connecticut place names (first published in *Connecticut Ancestry*, Vol. 39, #1), 67 pages, spiral bound soft cover book or searchable CD. \$20.00

Back issues of Connecticut Ancestry (if available). See the website for list of each issue's table of contents. \$10.00 per issue or \$30.00 per full volume year

35mm Microfilms. See the website for list of source material on each reel. Reel 16 / Reel 24 / Reel 35. \$35.00 per reel

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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 the last issue of each annual volume. Combined indexes for the earlier volumes are available from our website.

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. therefore 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.

Website

Content of general genealogical use and interest is available to the public on our website under a section called Resources. A Members Only area with back issues and other content is available exclusively to members.

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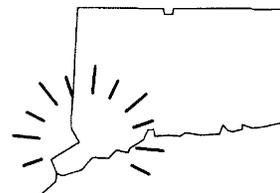
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Membership and Publications

*Promote genealogical scholarship
Preserve source records
Exchange family histories*



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