

## Fairfield County Families in 1790 Introducing A 1790 United States Census Project

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*The Board of Directors of Connecticut Ancestry Society is pleased to announce a project to research and record information about residents of Fairfield County who appeared on the first United States Census in 1790. This project is similar to 1790 projects under way for Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Western Massachusetts. Our project inaugurates the effort in Connecticut.*

When the first United States census was taken, there had been European settlers in our region for 150 years. Many of the families counted on that census had been present in the area for over five generations and even today have living descendants in the county—a long history, indeed. Other families may have arrived from other states or from overseas relatively recently. Still others may have stayed for only a generation or less before moving on. Some of these families are the subjects of large bodies of literature already published. Others have not been recorded at all in the annals of genealogical writing.

CAS is setting out to gather information on as many residents as possible. This will give us a portrait of the population and will act as a resource for researchers attempting to track ancestors back to their earliest homes in America.

### Goals

The goal of the project is to produce a sketch about each head of household and his/her family on the census. A sketch is a short essay containing biographical information about the head of household, spouse(s), parents and children. (See following page for an example.) With over 6,000 households enumerated, this is certainly a long-term and ambitious project. We will publish many of the sketches in *Connecticut Ancestry*, and as the accumulated sketches attain a certain threshold, we hope to publish them as books, as well. We will be focusing on families that have not been previously published, but we are interested in sketches for as many families as possible.

There are several issues that we are trying to clarify with this project. First, who are those families who have never been published? Second, after a century and a half the region was becoming populous and land was getting worn out from over-farming. Some of the people living in Fairfield County in 1790 moved west to new settlements in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and beyond. Our sketches will include information about migration so that they can be a resource for researchers trying to track their ancestors back to New England. Third, the enumerator for Stamford and Norwalk did not list the residents of those two towns separately, and it appears that some Greenwich residents may have been lumped into the Stamford-Norwalk category, as well. Therefore, another goal for this project is to determine in which town the families in that large group actually lived. Finally, there is the desire to add life to the lists of names from 1790, to make an attempt to recreate the communities and look at each resident as an individual.

### Who will be contributing?

We are introducing this project to our membership first, and asking you to contribute sketches. When we have processed that first wave of submissions, we will begin soliciting sketches from other researchers by placing articles in *Connecticut Genealogy News* (Connecticut Society of Genealogists) and *American Ancestors* (New England Historic Genealogical Society). Submitters need not be descendants of the subject of a sketch. If you are interested in writing a sketch, pick someone from the census list to write about.

### Format

Sketches included in this project will contain relevant information but will not be heavy on details. For example, there might be a statement that a man served in the Revolutionary War. The man's unit would be included, but not every bit of action that the unit saw, since this information is readily available elsewhere. A sketch is not intended to be a lengthy narrative about the family. It should give the basic information but also be a guide to sources of additional information on the subject family(ies).

### How to write and submit a sketch

This edition of *Connecticut Ancestry* includes general submission guidelines. Our first two sketches serve as examples for other submitters. More detailed guidelines can be found at our Web site <http://www.connecticutancestry.org/projects/1790-profiles/>. Final formatting will be done by the editors, but please adhere to the order of information as shown in the guidelines. Documentation of facts is essential. Completed sketches can be emailed to [editor@connecticutancestry.org](mailto:editor@connecticutancestry.org). We would also appreciate hearing from you if you are thinking of writing a sketch, or actually working on one, so we can avoid duplication and have an idea of what is coming for publication. Feel free to write us with any questions about this project.

### Census statistics: Our challenge

So, all of you with ancestors on the 1790 census, look up your notes and write a sketch. Those of you with no 1790 ancestor, look for an "orphan" from this census and add to the literature. There were 6,421 households in Fairfield County on this census, 25,858 men, women and children, black, white, slave and freedman. Let's see how many we can publish for the world to see.

<u>Town</u>	<u># Households</u>
Brookfield	189
Danbury	563
Fairfield	708
Greenwich	321
Huntington	476
New Fairfield	277
Newtown	446
Norwalk + Stamford	1,840
Redding	264
Ridgefield	352
Stratford	548
<u>Weston</u>	<u>437</u>
Total	6,421

## General Guidelines for Sketches

<p><b>PARTRICK, JOHN</b> ← 2 - 1 - 3 - 0 - 0 ← Norwalk, p. 311, col 1</p> <p><b>JOHN PARTRICK</b> was born, ca. 1719,<sup>1</sup> the eldest child of Richard and Mary (Monrow/Munro) Partrick,<sup>2</sup> who were married 18 Dec 1718 at Swansea, MA.<sup>3</sup> John Partrick died at Norwalk, CT, before 2 August 1808 when probate was initiated by his son-in-law Daniel Hurlburt of Wilton.<sup>4</sup></p> <p>He married, in 1740, <b>BETHIA</b> (___?___). She died between 9 June 1759 (the date of birth of her youngest child) and about 1772.<sup>5</sup> Bethia's son Samuel Partrick was bonded as her administrator on 2 Aug 1808.<sup>6</sup></p> <p>Richard and John Partrick were among 42 Norwalk members of the Church of England who signed a petition addressed to the General Assembly in 1738,<sup>7</sup> and they were among some 50 Norwalk men who belonged to the Church of England in 1742.<sup>8</sup></p> <p>In his first Norwalk land purchase in dated 24 Apr 1746, John bought 5 ½ acres at Old Hill [west of the Saugatauk River, now in Westport]. It was bounded partially by land owned by his father Richard Patrick.<sup>9</sup></p> <p>Members of the household in 1790: One of the adult males was John. One of the females was Deborah, John's wife, and a second was their daughter Deborah who was still single. The other three members of the household have not been identified.</p> <p>Children of John Partrick/Patrick and Bethia (___?___), all births recorded in Norwalk:<sup>10</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>JOHN W. PARTRICK</b>, b. 29 June 1741; d. before 26 Apr 1822 when appraisers were appointed to inventory his estate.<sup>11</sup> m. Jemima Tyler 4 June 1766, Church of Christ, So. Salem, Westchester Co., NY.<sup>12</sup> Migrated to Putnam County.</li> <li>ii. Susanna Partrick, b. 25 Apr 1753; death date and place unknown, but probably in the Fishkill, Dutchess County, NY area; m. 16 Dec 1771 William Russeque/Ruscoe/ Ressique at Weston, CT.<sup>13</sup> Susanna and William had six children.</li> </ul> <p><sup>1</sup> Approximate birth year calculated from the marriage date of his parents. He was born no later than 1722 because he signed a petition as a member of the Church of England in 1738 and had to be age 16 to qualify. See discussion and footnote later in text.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Haslam, Patricia L., <i>Richard Patrick or Partrick of Norwalk, CT &amp; Some of His Descendants</i>, Barre, Vermont: Northlight Studio Press, 1978, p. 12.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Rounds, H. L. Peter, compiler, <i>Vital Records of Swansea, MA to 1850</i>, 1992, p. 201..</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, Vol. 2:27.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 19:6 left; Family History Library microfilm 0,005,009, Connecticut State Library. Year (only) of marriage to Bethia; birth dates of her 10 children, the youngest, Samuel, on 14 Feb 1761; birth of Deborah Patrick on 3 June 1773, presumably (due to large time gap) to John's second wife Deborah who appeared later in land records (see below). An allowance for a 9-month pregnancy after marriage would place their nuptials in 1772..</p> <p><sup>6</sup> Norwalk Probate Records, 2:34; FHL microfilm 0,004,494, CSL.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Haslam, P. L., <i>Richard Patrick or Partrick of Norwalk, CT &amp; Some of His Descendants</i>, p. 89.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Ullmann, Helen Schatvet, transcriber, "Some Fairfield County, Connecticut Anglican Church Records," <i>New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i>, vol. 153, Jan. 1999, p.120.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 9:490, Bradley to Partrick; FHL microfilm 0,005,004, CSL.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> Norwalk Land Records 19:6 left.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> Will #324, Surrogate Court, Carmel, Putnam County, NY, dated 1 Feb 1821.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> <i>New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i>, 31:87.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> Jacobus, Donald Lines, compiler and editor, <i>History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield</i>, Vol. II, Fairfield, CT: The Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, Daughters of the America Revolution, 1932, p. 743.</p>	<p><b>Head of household</b></p> <p><b>Household population and town of residence in 1790</b></p> <p><b>Head of household birth and death information</b></p> <p><b>Marriage information followed by paragraph about spouse; repeated for additional spouse(s)</b></p> <p><b>Brief biographical information about the couple</b></p> <p><b>Members of 1790 household</b></p> <p><b>List of their children, including name of spouse, place of residence, and number of children.</b></p> <p><b>Documentation for all fact</b></p>
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