

Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc.

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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 runs June 1 to May 31. We do not pro-rate our year. For dues received prior to March 1, the member will receive a full volume year of journals beginning with the past August issue. Subscriptions received after March 1 will be enrolled for the following membership year.

Membership Benefits

- Four quarterly issues of *Connecticut Ancestry*
- Free publication of queries
- Additional access to Connecticut vital records
- Notification of Society meetings and programs
- Networking and camaraderie
- Members-only area of website
 - Back issues of *Connecticut Ancestry*
 - Other Society publications

Meetings

A genealogical program is included with the Society's annual meeting each May. In addition, we host meetings at least six additional times per year. Programs for these meetings are in the form of lectures, workshops, or discussion groups. The meetings are held both online (via Zoom) and, when allowed, in person at various Fairfield County libraries, museums, or historical societies. Meeting notices are sent via e-mail.

Connecticut Ancestry

Initially published as the *Bulletin* in 1958, the Society's periodical has been titled *Connecticut Ancestry* since 1971 and now averages 40 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 instructional articles on genealogical topics. 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.

Communication and Website

E-mails are sent to members with notices and access instructions to online meetings. Information about Society activities is posted on our website (www.connecticutancestry.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ConnecticutAncestrySociety).

Members of the board can be contacted through the website. The website makes available publicly the journal every-name indexes and table of contents. A private area exclusive to members contains a full run of electronic journal back issues and other content in searchable .pdf format.

Repositories

The Ferguson Library in Stamford houses our collection of books and journals from other societies in the Stamford Room. Our manuscript collections are primarily housed at the New Canaan Historical Society, though we have facilitated member donations to other historical societies in Fairfield County.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Join online at www.connecticutancestry.org
via Paypal, but no fee to member nor Paypal account required

Annual Memberships (June-May):

Access to electronic journal

Individual \$25
 Sustaining \$50
 Patron \$75

Additional for Printing:

Printed journal (US only) \$10

Additional Family Member:

Add'l Member(s) \$10 each

Lives at same postal address, receives add'l membership card only

Lifetime Memberships:

Access to electronic journal

Lifetime Individual \$750
 Add'l Member \$300

Lives at same postal address, receives add'l membership card only

Org. Subscription (June-May):

Library/Society (US only) \$35
Receives printed journal

Donations

(Tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization)

Total

Send this form with check or money order in US Funds to:

Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc.

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Stamford, CT 06904-0249

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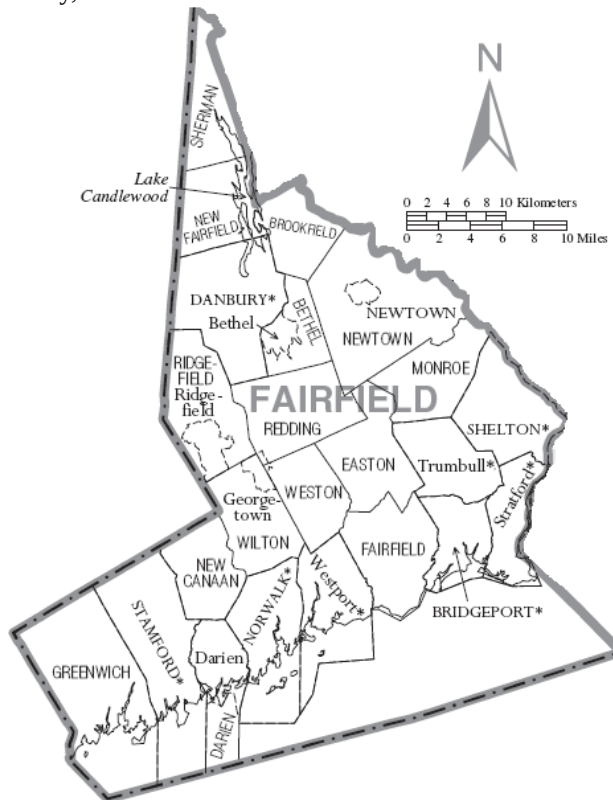
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Fairfield County

Our primary focus is on the towns and cities in Fairfield County, Connecticut.



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Bethel, Bridgeport, Brookfield, Danbury, Darien, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Monroe, New Canaan, New Fairfield, Newtown, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Shelton, Sherman, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, Wilton

Surrounding Communities

We are also interested in the bordering communities of Litchfield and New Haven counties in Connecticut:

Ansonia, Bridgewater, Derby, Kent, Milford, New Milford, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Southbury

Include the bordering communities in Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester counties of New York:

Dover, Harrison, Lewisboro, North Castle, North Salem, Patterson, Pawling, Port Chester, Pound Ridge, Rye Brook, Southeast

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.

Donations

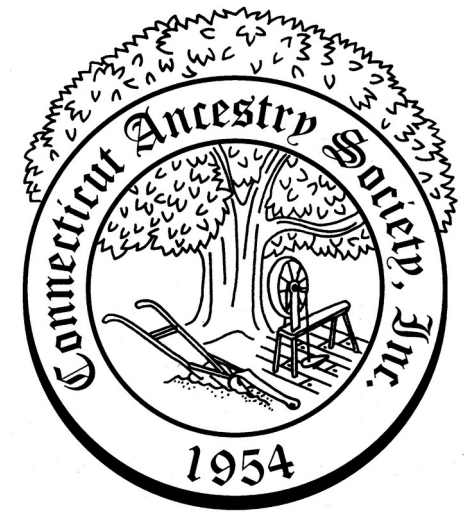
Connecticut Ancestry Society Inc. is qualified as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Cash donations in excess of membership dues are deductible charitable expenses. Donations in the form of genealogical materials such as books, manuscripts, diaries, and family 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. We are a charter member of the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, which holds a major biennial conference in New England. Society board members take an active role in addressing issues of vital records access and other concerns of genealogists.

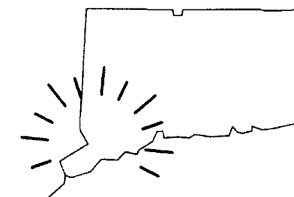
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Membership and Activities

*Promote genealogical scholarship
Preserve source records
Exchange family histories*



**Focused on
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