

Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc.

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.

History

The Society was founded in 1954 as the Stamford Genealogical Society and is the oldest genealogical society in Connecticut. The organization's name was changed to Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc. in 1989. 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. Dues received after March 1 will be enrolled for the subsequent membership year.

Membership Benefits

- ▶ Four quarterly issues of *Connecticut Ancestry*
- ▶ Notification of Society meetings and programs
- ▶ Additional access to Connecticut vital records
- ▶ Networking and camaraderie
- ▶ Members-only area of website

Donations

The Society is qualified as a tax exempt charitable organization, 501(c)(3), welcoming genealogical materials and/or monies. Materials are shared with the community at one of several local repositories.

See more at

www.connecticutancestry.org

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 original source material, and instructional articles on genealogical topics. Members are encouraged to submit the results of their own research projects for publication. Since 1985, an every-name index is in the May issue of each volume year.

Meetings

The Society holds its annual business meeting each May (in person and online). We host online meetings (via Zoom) at least six additional times per year. Programs for all these meetings are in the form of lectures, workshops, or discussion groups. Meeting notices are sent via e-mail.



Hybrid annual meeting at the Fairfield Museum and History Center on May 11, 2024.

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, close relatives, but also adult (age 18+) members of designated genealogical societies, like our Society. Contact the specific town clerk or registrar to confirm local rules concerning method and/or time of access.

Community

The Society maintains active contact with historical societies and libraries that have significant genealogical and local history collections relating to southwestern Connecticut. The Ferguson Library in its Stamford Room houses our collection of books and journals from other societies. Donations in the form of genealogical materials such as books, manuscripts, diaries, and family Bible records are made available to the public at our partner repositories.

NERGC

The Society is a charter member of the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, which holds a major biennial conference in New England.



Some board members in the Society booth at the New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Springfield, MA (May 2023).

Website

The journal every-name indexes and tables of contents are made available publicly along with advertisements for our upcoming events.

A private, members-exclusive area contains a full run of electronic journal back issues and other content in searchable PDF format along with the latest program recording and handout.

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Membership Form

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Annual Memberships (June-May):

Membership card, electronic journal, meetings, website

☐ Individual	\$25
☐ Sustaining	\$50
☐ Patron	\$75
☐ Youth (under 18)	\$15
☐ Student (full-time)	\$20
☐ Student school	

where you are currently enrolled

Add-on Annual Options:

☐ Printed Journal (US)	\$10
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☐ Joint Membership	\$10
(own card; must reside at same postal address)	

Donation

Tax-exempt 501(c)3 charitable organization

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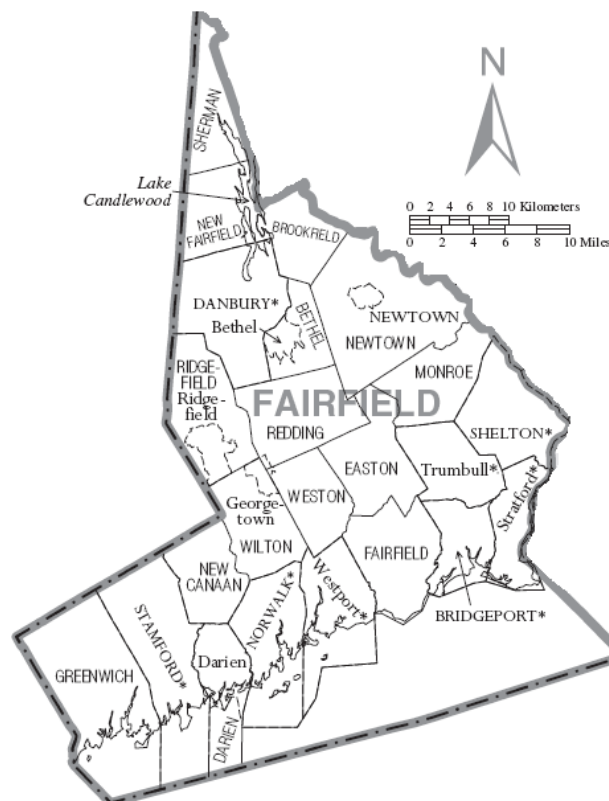
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Fairfield County (southwestern Connecticut)

Our primary focus is on the towns and cities in Fairfield County, Connecticut: Bethel, Bridgeport, Brookfield, Danbury, Darien, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Monroe, New Canaan, New Fairfield, Newtown, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Shelton, Sherman, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, and Wilton.



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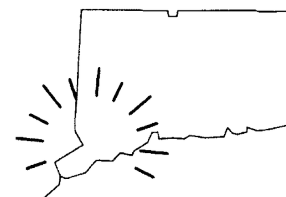
Given the movement of borders and individuals, our scope includes the neighboring communities in both New York and Connecticut along with descendants of Fairfield County families everywhere.

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Membership and Activities

Promote genealogical scholarship
Preserve source records
Exchange family histories



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southwestern
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Oldest Genealogical Society in Connecticut