



Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council
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MAY 1997

NEWSLETTER & MINUTES

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 WE ARE OPEN TO ALL THOSE WHO PROVIDE GENEALOGY FOR OTHERS OR MANAGE COLLECTIONS OF RECORDS  
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NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY JUNE 5, 1997 10:00 A.M.

** CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY **

HISTORY & GENEALOGY UNIT

231 CAPITOL AVE. HARTFORD CT

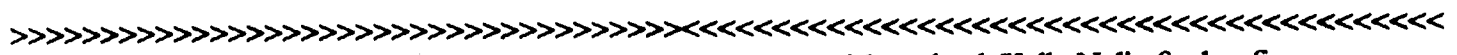
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SUBJECT: CT STATE LIBRARY UPDATE

SPEAKER: RICHARD ROBERTS, HEAD OF THE HISTORY & GENEALOGY UNIT

Also: KATE FITZPATRICK, "TOURISM EFFORTS RE-ACTIVATED"

General discussion and summary of options available to CPGC to reactivate the tourism issue.



MAY 1997 PROGRAM: CIVIL WAR MANUSCRIPTS. We wish to thank Kelly Nolin for her fine presentation regarding Civil War manuscripts that are held at the Connecticut Historical Society. Kelly, a Librarian at the society, had reviewed over three hundred manuscript collections in preparation for this presentation. She is analyzing the content of these manuscripts, and others, with an aim toward publishing a bibliography. Her analysis revealed that time and poor quality ink or pencil along with blots, blotches and/or dirt have taken their toll on some of the manuscript materials. Paper was very scarce during the war and Kelly found letters that were written on every bit of available space; including the edges.

She told us about the experiences and private thoughts conveyed by the soldiers to their families and loved ones back home. One such soldier was Frederick Hooker of Farmington CT, who was turned down for the draft at New Haven. He set off to New London and got accepted for the draft on his third try. He served with the 2nd CT Heavy Artillery in Cold Harbor, Petersburg and beyond. Then there is the story of Charles Doyle of New Haven CT, who served with the 15th CT Volunteers. He wrote home about seeing a local "belle" smoke a clay pipe, African-American workers who were very industrious, and area black women who would walk many miles to pick up the soldier's wash for five cents each. In January 1864 seventy men died of yellow fever; including Charles Doyle.

Another was John Crosby, a barber, of Middletown CT, who began his service one and a half years after the war commenced. He served with the 24th CT Volunteers; traveled down the Mississippi River; writing of Port Hudson and Irish Bend LA. John Kusner of Hartford CT, age eighteen, wrote to his fiancée "Ellen" of his service with the 16th CT Volunteers; of their capture and time served at Andersonville. The men of the 16th ripped their flag into shreds and pieces were given to each of them. Later these pieces were collected and put together in a shield; now on display at the CT State Capitol.

A smaller manuscript collection, such as the "Brooks Family Papers" may contain letters like the one to Sophronia Barber from Albion Brooks of Bridgeport, Henry Sexton and Isaac Tuller of Canton CT, thanking her for the knitted mittens. Later all three were killed in the war.

If you wish to see one of the Civil War manuscript collections at the Connecticut Historical Society, ask for the manuscript by regiment, then search within the regiment.

SPEAKER LIST - CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS COUNCIL

Speaker	Topic	Duration
<p>Robert (Bob) E. Bamford P.O. Box 3114 Bristol, CT 06011 (860) 589-7141 e-mail bob@hertge.com</p>	<p>“Introduction to Genealogy” “Introduction to Computer Genealogy” “Computer Resources for the Genealogist” “Genealogy on the Internet”</p>	<p>60 - 90 minutes 90 minutes 90 minutes 60 - 90 minutes</p>
<p>Warren D. Buchanan P.O. Box 757 Watertown, CT 06795 (203) 573-8824 e-mail mmatika@snet.net</p>	<p>“CT Genealogical Resources Offer Many Research Routes” “Good News for the Genealogist Researcher: The 1850 Census!” “CT Town Records”</p>	<p>40 minutes 25 minutes 25 minutes</p>
<p>Harlan R. Jessup 25 Taunton Ridge Rd. Newtown, CT 06470 (203) 270-7887</p>	<p>“Genealogical Fact and Fiction” “The Painful News I have to Write: Civil War Letters and Diaries of a Virginia Family with Three Sons Killed in the Stonewall Brigade and a Survivor in Robert E. Lee’s Bodyguard” “When the Records are Wrong” “Supplementing the Vital Records”</p>	<p>30 - 60 minutes for each topic plus question & answer period.</p>
<p>Dianne B. Lenti 41 Haystack Rd. Manchester, CT 06040 (860) 643-0429/FAX 647-9311 e-mail DBLSearch@aol.com</p>	<p>“Tracking Immigrants in Connecticut” “19th & 20th Century Immigrants; Tips & Tales”</p>	<p>Duration: 60 minutes each topic plus question and answer period</p>

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<p>Dr Robert L. Rafford 57 Clear View Knoll Middlebury, CT 06762 (203) 758-9798 e-mail robraff@snet.net</p>	<p>"Climbing Your Family Tree"</p>	<p>45 minute presentation with additional discussion as time permits</p>
<p>Donna Holt Siemiakoski P.O. Box 605 Windsor, CT 06095 (860) 688-6822 e-mail etherserv@juno.com or e-mail DonnaSiem@aol.com</p>	<p>"Basic Connecticut Research" "Connecticut Church Records" "Primary Records in Connecticut" "Stuck in Early Connecticut" "Non-English in Early New England" "Why & How to do Family History Research"</p>	<p>Duration: 60 minutes each topic plus question and answer period</p>

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SEEING YOUR NAME ADDED TO THIS LIST ???
IF SO, PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, ALONG WITH A LIST OF TOPICS AND LENGTH OF DURATION FOR EACH TO CPGC, PO BOX 4273, HARTFORD, CT 06147-4273

COMING EVENTS

- June 5, 1997 - CPGC Meeting; CT State Library, 10:00 a.m.
- July 19, 1997 - Trip to NEHGS; CSG / CT Heritage Tours
- July 25-26, 1997 - NEHGS/NYG&BS Conference, Tarrytown NY
- August 6-20 - King Arthur Country Tour (England & Wales); CT Heritage Tours
- September 3-6, 1997 - National Conference at Dallas TX; sponsored by FGS & DGS
- September 12-13 - NEHGS, Third Irish Genealogical Conference, Andover MA

REMINDER: CHANGE OF ADDRESS, E-MAIL OR FAX NO?? Please let us know..

TIPS AND HINTS:

WORLD WAR DRAFT REGISTRATION RECORDS:

WWI DRAFT REGISTRATION records for New England are available on microfilm at the New England Regional Archives in Waltham, MA. Those who registered for the draft were born between 1873 and 1900. These records are helpful if you have a "missing person" during that time period. There is not an index for these records, but they are arranged by state, county and draft board(s) within the county.

- June 5, 1917 - All men aged twenty-one to thirty-one. These records list the place of birth, occupation, dependents, if bald, married or single, previous military service and grounds for exemption.
- June 5, 1918 - All men who had become twenty-one years old since the previous registration. These records list the birthplace and father's birthplace.
- August 24, 1918 - All men who had become twenty-one years of age after June 5, 1918. List items same as above.
- September 12, 1918 - All men age eighteen to twenty-one and thirty-one to forty-five. These records list occupation and whether an Indian or non-citizen.

WWII DRAFT REGISTRATION cards for men ages forty-five to sixty-five; born between 28 April 1877 and 16 February 1897, are on file at the New England National Archives branch in Waltham MA. Any remaining registrations for WWII are at the federal records centers and are in the custody of the Selective Service System. Selective Service records from 1940-1975 are in ledger books and are available to the public. They give name, birthdate and military status. If anyone would like this information; write to National Headquarters, Selective Service System, Washington DC 20435.

WWII RECORDS AT THE CT STATE ARCHIVES. Located in RG 12; as follows:

- Gold Star Lists, 1940-1945; listing person who died in the service.
- Card List of WWII dead; 1940-1945; gives name, address, age, rank, date and place of death, plus other data.
- Correspondence, administrative papers and data files; 1944-1957.
- WWII Honor Rolls, 1945-1966.
- Service Records; 1940-45. Listed by town and then by surname.
- Additional records; see RG 12 at CT State Library.

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MEETING AT CT STATE LIBRARY THIS MONTH...
DIFFERENT MEETING PLACE..... SEE ABOVE...
JOIN US TO HEAR AN UPDATE ON THE CT STATE LIBRARY
** ALSO TO DISCUSS CPGC'S TOURISM EFFORTS...
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE....
CONFERENCE ROOM AT CT STATE LIBRARY

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