

**The Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Acquisition Fund**

*The Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Acquisition Fund was established in memory of the first President of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council, the founding President of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, and a past Regent of the Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.*

*CPGC welcomes contributions to the DHS Fund in honor or in memory of a genealogist, or in support of Connecticut libraries which have genealogical collections. Please make your checks payable to the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council and put DHS Fund on the note line. Contributions are tax-deductible.*

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Hartford, Connecticut State Library, May 18, 2003: Richard Roberts, Head of the History and Genealogy Unit, and Kendall Wiggin, State Librarian of Connecticut, accept the fund's first grant from the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Rafford, Donna's successor as President of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council.

**About Donna Holt Siemiatkoski**

In addition to being the founding President of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council, Donna was the founding President of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, and a past Regent of the Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. An enthusiastic and dedicated friend to all genealogists, Donna was active in many other Connecticut genealogical and lineage societies, serving for many years on the board of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. She participated in regional conferences and formed a travel company to provide local-to-international genealogical tours. Donna was nationally recognized as a specialist in the families of ancient Windsor, Connecticut, and the Connecticut River Valley. Donna's many lectures and publications included presentations on the Spencer, Loomis, and Lyman families, and on Connecticut's early Welsh community.

**Genesis of the Fund**

On June 23, 2001, when the group learned of Donna Holt Siemiatkoski's terminal illness, the members of CPGC decided to create a permanent memorial to Donna in recognition of her commitment to Connecticut genealogical work. On Tuesday, July 24, 2001, CPGC's President Robert Rafford and Vice President Dianne Lenti visited Donna at her home in Windsor less than a month before her death to tell her of the establishment of this Fund in her honor and to present her with a Certificate of Honor. Donna was touched and honored by this legacy established by her friends and colleagues. The DHS Fund continues as a lasting tribute to Donna's memory and her work.

**The Fund carries a 501 (c) 3 designation.**

**Grants Awarded 2003-2017**

**Connecticut State Library**

2003, 2007, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2016

**Godfrey Memorial Library**

2004

**The Connecticut Historical Society**

2005, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013

**19 libraries receive Court Records resource book**

2006

**12 libraries receive Revolutionary War Town Records two-volume book set**

2011

**6 libraries receive the seven-volume Welles Genealogy**

2017

**Ongoing Maintenance of Fund**

At the time of Donna's passing memorial given to the DHS Fund amounted to over \$5,000. This enabled CPGC to begin giving awards annually in support of Connecticut genealogical repositories. In order to continue funding these annual awards, CPGC developed the Ancestor Road Show.

An Ancestor Road Show comes about when a local host facility (such as a library, town hall, or society) contributes \$250 to the DHS Fund and provides space on a given day and time. On the day of the event four to six CPGC members volunteer their time to provide half-hour one-on-one genealogy consultations to the attending public. One hundred percent of the money given to the fund is used to purchase genealogical materials to be donated to area repositories.

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