

MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT MUSEUM

Information Resources

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**MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT MUSEUM AND
RESEARCH CENTER
Research Department**

Bibliography of Historical Sources

Introduction

This bibliography contains selected items in the Research Department that have been gathered throughout the years. This material has been utilized by museum researchers to create museum exhibits, author research articles, and to study the Pequot community as well as Southern New England native communities as a whole. The collection has also been utilized by authors, scholars, and doctoral students. The Research Department's historical sources have been gathered from archives, libraries, and historical societies throughout southern New England and include many key records necessary for anthropological, genealogical, and historical research regarding New England's communities of color particularly those of Eastern Connecticut.

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I Government Documents

A Federal

Atlas of Connecticut Topographical Maps

Federal Recognition Papers:

Selected materials submitted to the BIA for federal recognition, includes final report.

Σ Mashantucket Pequot

Σ Eastern Pequot

Σ Mohegan

Σ Narragansett

Σ Brothertown

US Federal Census 1st (1790) - 15th (1930) :

With special emphasis on 'Persons of Color' residing in Eastern Connecticut as well as Europeans residing in the 'Lake of Isles' project area.

Other US Census Material: Selected Ohio / New York / Rhode Island Schedules

US Federal Agricultural Census : 1850 - 1870

The Census of Agriculture is the primary data source for statistics related to agricultural activities in the United States. No agricultural data was gathered during the early years of the census, 1790-1830. The Census of Agriculture was published as part of the Decennial Census, from 1840 to 1950. Beginning with 1860, it was published as a separate volume within each of the decennial censuses.

B Colony and State

Early Connecticut Census 1754, 1762, 1774, 1782

'Blue Books' - Historical Pequot Documents - 9 Volumes :

Compilation of historical documents from a wide range of sources used for research, writing, and exhibits.

- A. 1600 - 1630 Pre-Contact
- B. 1630 - 1637 Pequot War
- C. 1638 - 1650
- D. 1651 - 1665 Noank Grant & Occupation
- E. 1666 - 1674 Mashantucket Grant / Settlement / Indian Scare
- F. 1675 - 1677 King Phillips War / Mohantic Fort
- G. 1678 - 1720 King Phillips War Aftermath / Adjustment to life at Mashantucket, Noak
- H. 1721 - 1740 Land Loss at Noank / Christian Conversion Begins
- I. 1741 - 1792 Pre-Brothertown
- J. 1793 - 1974

CSL RG001 Connecticut Archives : Indians "The Indian Papers" 9 Volumes / 2 Finding Aids :

This is a complete reproduction of the 'Connecticut Archives, RG001 Early General Records, Indians, Series 1 & 2' collection housed at the Connecticut State Library popularly known as the Indian Papers. These documents range from the late 17th c. through 1813. All Mashantucket and Eastern Pequot documents have been transcribed and many other documents relating to other tribes have been transcribed as well.

- A. First Series, Volume 1A
- B. First Series, Volume 1B
- C. First Series, Volume 1C
- D. First Series, Volume 2A
- E. First Series, Volume 2B
- F. Second Series, Volume 1
- G. Second Series, Volume 2
- H. Other Indian Paper Sources - MA Archives / CHS / RG001 Towns & Lands
- I. CT Park & Forest Commission

CSL RG001 Connecticut Archives - Court Papers 1649 - 1709:

Selected documents from the Court of Assistance.

CSL RG001 Connecticut Archives - Crimes & Misdemeanors:

Selected documents from the Crimes & Misdemeanors Series I 1662 - 1789 & Series II 1671 - 1820.

CSL RG002 General Assembly - Rejected Bills

These records, which follow chronologically the "Connecticut Archives", consist of bill rejected by the General Assembly. The material selected specifically involves persons of color.

CSL RG003 New London County Court / Superior Court - Papers by Subject : Indians

"Overseers Records" - 20 Volumes :

This is a complete collection of New London County Court records housed at the Connecticut State Library popularly known as 'Overseer Records.' 'RG003, Records of the Judicial Department, New London County Superior

County Court / Superior Court - Papers by Subject : Indians' contains daily accounts, tribal lists, and petitions of Connecticut's Indian tribes from 1813 through the early 20th c. The majority of Mashantucket and Eastern Pequot documents have been transcribed and many other documents relating to other tribes have been transcribed as well.

A. Origin of the Overseer System - 1 Folder

B. Mohegan 1710 - 1840 Photographs

Mohegan 1850 - 1880 Photographs

Mohegan Transcribed OV Documents

C. Niantic OV Documents

D. Eastern Pequot Photographs

Eastern Pequot Transcribed OV Documents

E. Turkey Hill / Golden Hill Paugussett OV Documents

F. State of Connecticut Parks & Forest Commission Documents

G. Mashantucket Pequot

Transcribed OV Documents 1725 - 1825 / OV Photos 1725 - 1825

Transcribed OV Documents 1825 - 1835 / OV Photos 1825 - 1835

Transcribed OV Documents 1835 - 1856 / OV Photos 1835 - 1856

Transcribed OV Documents 1856 - 1866 / OV Photos 1856 - 1866

Transcribed OV Documents 1866 - 1930 / OV Photos 1866 - 1887

H. OV Documents on TMS [The Museum System]

CSL RG003 New London Superior Court Records:

Selected County Court documents from the New London Superior Court records: Trials, Files, Inquests, & Justice of the Peace

CSL RG003 New London County Court Records:

Selected County Court documents from the New London County Court records: Trials, Files, & Inquests

CSL RG003 Records of the Particular Court 1639 - 1663:

Selected material from the Records of the Particular Court 1639 - 1663, published by the Connecticut Historical Society & the Society of Colonial Wars, 1928.

CSL RG003 New London County Court Records Native Americans 1698 - 1774: 2 Boxes. The New London County Court Native Americans Collection is an artificial collection consisting of photocopies of cases involving Native Americans from the Files series of New London County Court records for the period up to the American Revolution.

CSL RG003 New London County Court Records African Americans 1701 - 1774: 1 Box currently, 2 others in progress. New London Court African Americans Collection is an artificial collection consisting of photocopies of cases involving African Americans from the Files series of the New London County Court for the period between 1701 - 1774.

CSL RG079 : 018 Department of Environmental Protection, Office of American Indian Affairs: Correspondence & Pequot Tribe Genealogy as well as other material related to the Pequot Tribe of Indians in Connecticut.

Records of the Collector of Customs for the District of New London, CT, 1789-1938 (M1162, RG 26) - Ongoing Research Currently 9 Volumes:

The Records of the Collectors of Customs of New London Seamen's consists of 12 rolls of National Archives microfilm containing the following document collections:

Registers of Seamen:	1796-1829, 1833-1878
Crew Lists of Outgoing Vessels:	1803-1807, 1809-1813, 1815-1817, 1822-1878
Crew Lists Surrendered:	1892-1818, 1821-1885, 1887-1888

The Registers of Seamen includes Seamen Protection Certificates which were used to identify United States mariners and to be used as protection from impressments by foreign powers upon their vessels. These records contain detailed information regarding individual seamen's birthplace, resident, age, race, and distinctive features.

- A) Reel #46 Register of Seamen July 1796 - Dec 1829 / Mar 1833 - Nov 1878, Crew Lists of Outgoing Vessels April 1815 - Dec 1817 / January 1822 - Dec 1825
- B) Reel #46 Crew Lists of Outgoing Vessels 1824 - Nov 1829
- C) Reel #47 Crew Lists Surrendered 1792 - 1888 1) 1792 - 1818 / 1821 - 1822
- D) Reel #47 Crew Lists Surrendered 1792 - 1888 2) 1822 - 1827
- E) Reel #47 Crew Lists Surrendered 1792 - 1888 3) 1829 - 1834
- F) Reel #48 Crew Lists Surrendered 1835 - 1845 / 1845 - 1847 1) 1835 - 1843
- G) Reel #48 Crew Lists Surrendered 1835 - 1845 / 1845 - 1847 2) 1843 - 1847
- H) Reel #49 Crew Lists Surrendered 1835 - 1845 / 1845 - 1847 1)
- I) Reel #49 Crew Lists Surrendered 1835 - 1845 / 1845 - 1847 2)

Vital Records - 9 Volumes:

This collection contains birth, death, & marriage records of 'Persons of Color' from Eastern Connecticut and Rhode Island towns.

- Cemetery Records - used to supplement death records, material is from various cities and towns
- New London - Norwich - Voluntown - Mystic - Westerly Vitals
- Groton Vitals
- Ledyard Vitals
- North Stonington Vitals I & II
- Preston Vitals I & II
- Stonington Vitals

1917 CT Military Census: Selected documents.

In February 1917 the Connecticut General Assembly directed Governor Marcus H. Holcomb "to procure certain information relative to the resources of the State," especially about "men and materials available for use in the event of war." Known as the Military Census, the most significant part was a manpower census of all male inhabitants over the age of sixteen taken in 1917-1918. However, additional surveys included such things as farms, crops, livestock, automobiles, doctors, nurses, and factories.

Sanborn Fire Maps - Stonington & Norwich: This collection consists selected maps from the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company which is a collection of a uniform series of large-scale detailed maps, dating from 1867 through 1969 and depicting the commercial, industrial, and residential sections of cities. The maps

were designed by surveyor D.A. Sanborn in 1866 to assist fire insurance agents in determining the degree of hazard associated with a particular property.

II Local History

Land Records : Organized Alphabetically

Selected Land records relating to persons of color, the Mashantucket Pequot tribe & European individuals in the Lake of Isles project area. The majority are from Eastern Connecticut, primarily New London County. This group of records also contains Emancipation and Slave Purchase records.

Probate Records : Organized Alphabetically

Selected Probate records relating to persons of color, the Mashantucket Pequot tribe & individuals in the Lake of Isles project area. The majority are from Eastern Connecticut, primarily New London County.

1855-1856 Pequot Land Sale : Document collection relating to the 1855 - 1856 Mashantucket Land Sales

Tax Records : Selected tax records related to persons of color or individuals renting Pequot land

1790-1804 Stonington Grand List

1835-1858 Ledyard Grand List

Cemetery Records:

General information regarding Eastern Connecticut and Rhode Island cemeteries and headstone inscriptions.

New London County Church Records:

Selected material pertaining to persons of color.

Indentures & Runaway Slave Records:

Documents collected from various sources pertaining to Indentured Servants and Runaway Slaves. Sources included Newspapers, Probate & Land Records, materials from the Connecticut Historical Society, as well as secondary sources.

Local Diaries & Personal Papers :

A variety of diaries and papers collected from local historical societies, the Connecticut State Library, and the Connecticut Historical Society

Local History & Historical Sketches :

Documents that have been useful for southern New England research

Native Historical Documents & Sketches:

Documents that have been useful for southern New England research

Historical Town Sketches & Other Documents :

Material that has been useful in understanding the incorporation and background of southern New England cities and towns.

III Research Materials

Research Finding Aids : Bound finding aids for State and Federal Archives
Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society Index
Microfilm Holdings of Mormon Genealogy Center

Databases : The following databases were created using Microsoft Office Access 2003.

American Prisoners, Old Jersey Prison Ship Access Database: This searchable, electronic database contains the names of persons of color who were held as prisoners aboard the Old Jersey prison ship during the Revolutionary War.

Civil War Sailors of Color Access Database: This searchable, electronic database contains the names of persons of color who served as sailors in the Union Navy during the Civil War 1861 - 1865.

Civil War Soldiers of Color Access Database: This searchable, electronic database contains the names of persons of color who served as sailors in the Union Navy during the Civil War 1861 - 1865.

Revolutionary War Enlistments Access Database: This searchable, electronic database contains over 1,400 cited entries regarding Revolutionary War veterans of color from the State of Connecticut.

Account Books:

John Avery, Clockmaker, Silversmith, Jeweler, Account Books, Volume I 1763 - 1776, Volume II 1766 - 1810 Preston, CT : Connecticut Historical Society

Captain William Avery, Letter Copy Book, 1789 - 1810 Preston, CT : Connecticut Historical Society

Norman Brown Ledger Book, 1821 - 1834 Ledyard, CT : Ledyard Town Hall

Journal of David Coates 1711 - 1766 Book I

Journal of David Coates 1760 - 1829 Book II : North Stonington Historical Society

Nathaniel Dean Account Book June 1729 - March 1738 : Connecticut Historical Society

Peleg Denison, Account Ledger Book, 1822 - 1828, Stonington, CT : Connecticut Historical Society

James Geer, Account Book, 1834 - 1855, Groton, CT : Connecticut State Library

Hyde Ledger 1808 - 1811 : Indian & Colonial Research Center, Old Mystic, CT

Luther Palmer Account Book, 1802 - 1822, North Stonington, CT : Anna Coit, North Stonington, CT

Punderson Store Account Books, 1722 - 1811 Preston, CT : Connecticut Historical Society

Stonington Justice Court Book of Records, William Williams Letter Book 1784 : Connecticut Historical Society

John Swan Account Book 1750 - 1813 : North Stonington Historical Society

Jonathan Wheeler Account Book, Volume I & II 1708 - 1796 : Connecticut Historical Society

William Williams Accounts 1755 - 1779 : Bill Library, Ledyard, CT

Other Records :

Connecticut Historical Society, Slavery Documents 1751 - 1861 :

A complete collection of the microfilm copy of Slavery Documents 1751 - 1861 housed at the Connecticut Historical Society

Military Records : Documents from various sources specific to particular American conflicts.

Includes Rosters / Research / Pensions / Historical Sketches

Σ Pequot War 1636 - 1638

Σ King Philip's War 1675 - 1676

Σ Inter-Colonial Wars

Σ Seven Years War / French & Indian War 1754 - 1763

Σ Revolutionary War 1775 - 1783

Σ War of 1812 - 1814

Σ Civil War 1861 - 1865

Σ Spanish - American - Cuban - Pilipino War 1898

Her Majesty's State Paper Office' Material :

The majority of documents focus upon the King Philips War era.

Maritime Records :

Material from various sources concerning persons of color and vessels on which they served.

Ezra Stiles Papers :

Selected copies of material from the Ezra Stiles Papers housed at Yale University. Microfilm copies are available in the Research Library.

William Samuel Johnson Papers :

Selected material from the William Samuel Johnson papers from the Connecticut Historical Society.

Eva Butler Papers :

Selected documents from the Eva Butler collection housed at the Indian & Colonial Research Center.

Individual Profiles / Family Biographies :

Material relating to specific individuals or families associated with both the Mashantucket and Lake of Isles communities. Includes land, probate, vital, and tax records.

Mashantucket Pequot Ethnohistory Project :

Material includes land records, probate records, title searches, and reconstructed deeds.

Archaeological Research Material : Articles, Journals, and Papers utilized by the Archaeology department.

Frank Speck Anthropological Material : Documents related to southern New England native communities.

Bound Thesis / Dissertations / Unpublished Works : A variety of scholarly research projects.

John Milton Earl Report

IV Other Southern New England Tribal Materials

Massachusetts Guardianship Records :

Similar to State of Connecticut Overseer Records, incomplete, selected documents.

Σ Grafton & Natick Indians

Σ Dudley Indians

Σ Public Documents

Narragansett Material - 7 Volumes : Selected Narragansett documents

Account Books

Copy Books

Ledgers

Brothertown Research : Selected Brothertown related documents.

Praying Town Material : Selected information on Connecticut and Massachusetts praying towns.