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President's Message



Stories from the Past

"Grandpa, tell us a story about when you were a boy?" The question from my grandson and granddaughter came out of the blue and really caught me by surprise. I guess I was startled because we often think that young people don't care about the past.

I thought for a minute and said: "Let me tell you about when I caught my first big fish. I was

about four or five and my father took me fishing. We went to a little park near our summer cottage. Dad sat on the grass behind me and I sat on a low stone wall at the water's edge. For a while, I caught a few small sunfish. Suddenly, the little fish scattered and a large bass swooped in and grabbed my bait. It struck so hard that I was pulled off the wall and landed flat on my bottom on the sandy beach below the wall with my legs straight out in front of me. I still held tight to the rod and looked back at my father ... getting ready to cry. He said: So far the fish has done all the pulling. Why don't you pull?

I heaved with both hands and the bass flew out of the water and over my head, landing next to Dad. He put the fish on a stringer and we marched back to the cottage. I proudly passed close to every picnic table along the way so that people could admire my trophy. Dad nailed the fish's head to the garage door where it stayed on display ... probably for far too long."

The children genuinely enjoyed the story. That incident reminded me of three things. First, it is important to share family stories. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our grandparents, great-grandparents or beyond had written down and preserved some little stories from their lives. What a treasure that would be. So write down those little stories and save them. Someone in the future will be delighted. You don't have to publish a full book of your family's history (although it would be great if you did), but don't let those stories be lost. Don't fall victim to the genealogist's lament ... Oh, if I had only asked grandma when she was alive.

Secondly, it reminded me that kids love stories. Many students claim that they don't like history. I think that they don't like history as dates, battles and dry statistics. When they find out that history is really about stories ... they love it.

Thirdly, don't be one of those families that only talks about family history at weddings and funerals. The younger members may not appear to care, but they are listening.

Become an Author

There is another step available to you between privately

saving your family stories and publishing a book. CSG publications always are open to submissions. The *Connecticut Nutmegger* is our traditional journal of record for well-documented genealogical research and articles. *Connecticut Genealogy News* is the appropriate vehicle for more informal articles. We are open to experimentation and fresh, new material. We cover the gambit from deep penetration into the resources available from archives like those at the Connecticut State Library to lighter fare like Justin Piccirillo's "Heritage Humor." If you have an idea for a submission, but aren't certain if it fits with CSG's mission, send it in ... give us a try.

-Richard Tomlinson, President

Editorial

In this issue we are launching a new series called "People in Genealogy." We interviewed CSG assistant treasurer and long-time board member Diane LeMay and also discovered that the Simsbury Free Library, where she works as the genealogy librarian, has a wealth of genealogical information. We are continuing our series on use of census records, and profiles of Connecticut Civil War Medal of Honor winners. We're shining our spotlight in this issue on the town of Washington. Thank you to Nora Galvin, Noreen Manzella and Richard Tomlinson for those contributions. We are once again privileged to be able to include "Heritage Humor" by Justin Piccirillo and we have included the second half of the Connecticut State Library's "Connecticut Private Records." Thanks again to Richard Roberts for providing us with highlights of the resources at the Connecticut State Library. Also, thank you to all who donate to CSG. We couldn't continue to provide you with quality genealogical information without your support.

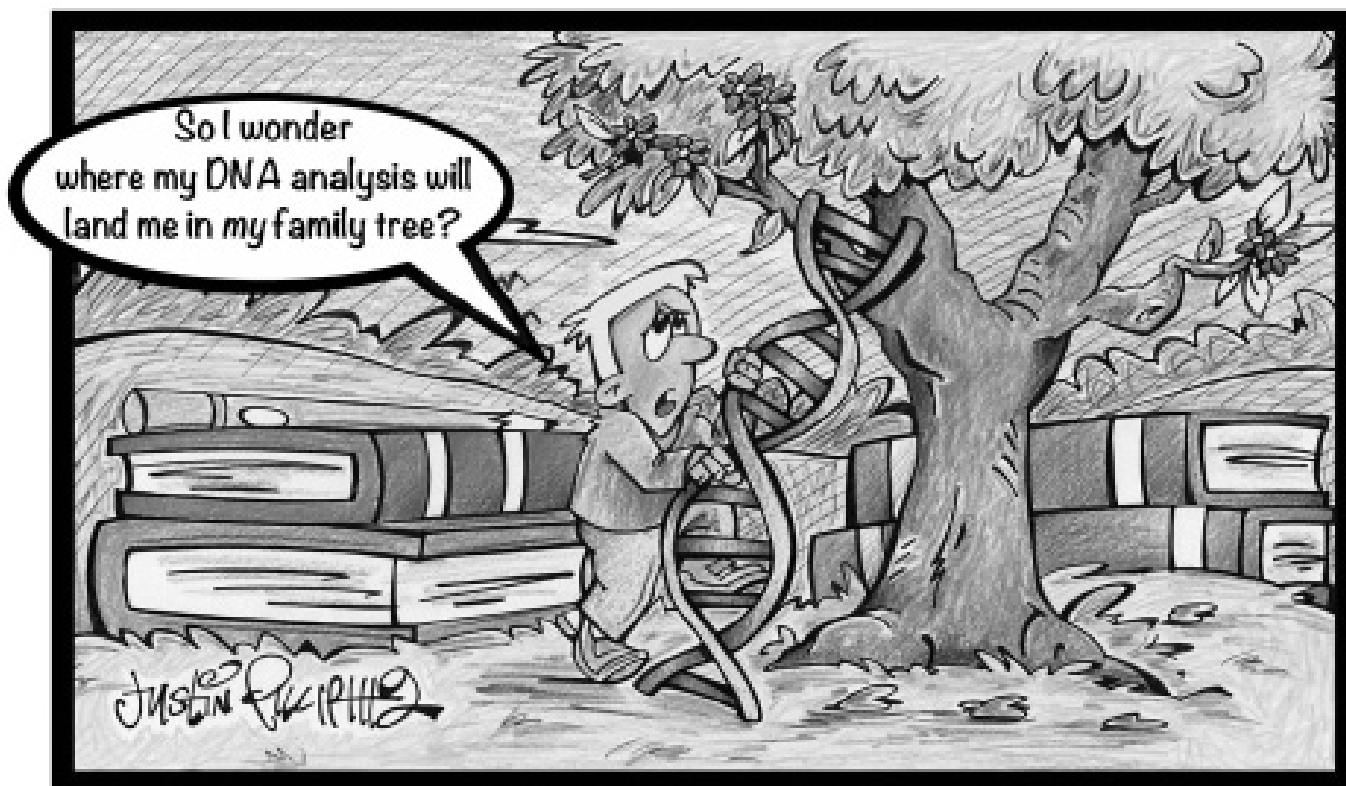
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-Stephanie Hyland, Editor

About the Cover

The monumental gravestone of Betsey and Abijah Tomlinson stands in the New Preston Village Cemetery in Washington, Conn. Abijah came from Derby, Conn. in 1800, attracted by the marble vein that runs through the town. The Tomlinson and allied families dominated the industry in Washington and Abijah was called the "dean of marble." Philo Tomlinson invented an improved method of cutting the stone. Local quarries soon closed as transportation made better, imported marble available, but the water-powered saw mills continued to operate until the 1850s. The obelisk of the Tomlinson monument is made of Italian marble and only the base is composed of local marble. Photo taken by Richard Tomlinson.

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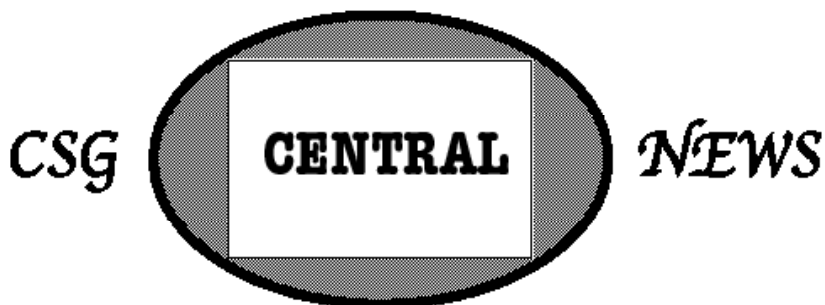
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16 November - "Milford Area Families"

Speaker: Gregory Thompson with Town Historians, Richard & Jane Platt.

Place: Milford Public Library, 57 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT 06460. **Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

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26 January - OPEN HOUSE at CSG, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT 06118. **Time:** 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

15 February - "Techniques for Interpreting Old Handwriting"

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Speaker: Edwin W. Strickland II

Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT

Time: 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

23 February - OPEN HOUSE at CSG, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT 06118. **Time:** 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

15 March - "Resources at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society in Danielson, CT."

Speaker: Marilyn Labbe, Executive Director

Place: TBA

Time: 1:30 p.m. **Cost:** FREE

30 March - OPEN HOUSE at CSG, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT 06118. **Time:** 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

12 April - "Resources at the Hartford Public Library"

Speaker: Jennifer Sharp, digital specialist & archivist or Bill Faudy, former director of The Old State House.

Place: Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St., Hartford, CT 06103. (There are "pay to park" lots in the vicinity, but we are working on getting more free parking in the library lot. Watch the CSG website and this page for updates on that).

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On 19 October 2013 at the Annual Family History Seminar, the Connecticut Society of Genealogists' presented Helen Schatvet Ullmann with Honorary Life Membership for her years of support and guidance for our publications.

Thank you, Helen

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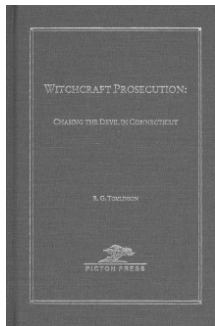
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by Richard G. Tomlinson

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- * The Connecticut Nutmegger which for more than 40 years has served as the "journal of record" for well-documented genealogies and genealogical research
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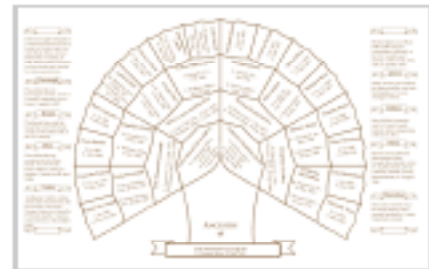
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