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Scots-Irish in Connecticut

Initiates two new features:

Connecticut Towns and Cities Series
Question & Answer Column



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President's Message



'TIS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE. As the holidays approach we hear this message more and more frequently. Historically, I have found genealogists to be among the most giving people. Those of you who started to research B.C. (before computers) remember

well pouring over various inquiry columns and writing to offer and/or request more information. After sending off all our letters, we waited by the mailbox for the latest letter from our distant "cousins". It was through the generosity of our scattered "family" that we were able to access the collections of remote repositories. One distant cousin even sent me a copy of the complete Revolutionary Pension File for one of our common ancestors.

The tools have changed in the last 35 years – we no longer write letters – we dash off e-mail. We frequently log onto our computers before we go off on a research trip. However the generosity of genealogists has not changed. Although good and bad information abounds on the Internet (just as it could in all of our long letters of the past), the quality and quantity of Internet information is constantly improving. A large part of this increase is due to the many hours other devoted genealogists have spent posting their information on line. Many of us turned to Rootsweb in the past to access transcriptions entered by others from across the country.

Many organizations are working to post on line indexes and images of records in various collections and repositories. Consider continuing this spirit of giving by contributing time to any of the various indexing/transcription projects underway. Two major organizations, actively seeking indexers are Ancestry.com (World Archives Project) and Familysearch.com (Worldwide Indexing Project). Currently Ancestry has 35 projects in progress, while there are over 40 projects just pertaining to the United States at Familysearch.

You can participate in any of these projects from the comfort of your own home. Many are ranked as to difficulty and there are online guides to assist. Time commitments are not large. I recently participated one project where a "session" (indexing 30 records) took me about 20 minutes.

For those interested in giving a little closer to home, CSG is developing our own online index/transcription project. By the time you receive this issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News*, our Technical Committee should have everything in place to begin data entry. You can contact the CSG Office for more information and to volunteer.

Remember the generosity of all of the genealogists who came before us by giving a gift to those of the future.

Edwin W. Strickland II
President

Editorial

The BIG news for this issue is the announcement that CSG members can access, search and print original documents from the collection of *footnote.com* using their home computers (See page 3 for what's available in the collection). You must be registered on the CSG website to obtain access (See page 15 for "How to Use the CSG Website").

In this issue we take a look at the French-Canadian in Connecticut. Once again, Paul Keroack, is a major author, as he was for the "Irish" issue. Paul, who is active in the Connecticut French-Canadian Society, contributed "Influence of France Felt Early in Connecticut History, Culminating in a Large French Canadian Emigration" and "Quebec Genealogical Research in Connecticut." CSG Governor Nora Galvin authored "Genealogy Resources at the Library and Archives of Canada" and R.G. Tomlinson continued the "By the Numbers" series. Their help with this issue is most appreciated.

In the Fall issue we inadvertently left out ordering information for Will & Rudi Ottery's book, *A Man Called Sampson*. It is included in this issue, see page 24.

Stephanie Hyland
Editor (Acting)

Frederick T. Strong - "Governor Emeritus"

Frederick T. Strong (CSG # 3091) has been designated the Society's first "Governor Emeritus" in recognition of his many years of service to CSG and his contributions to genealogy. In 2008 he received Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition from the Board.

He has been a member of the CSG Board of Governors since 1976 and was the 6th President of the Society, providing outstanding leadership during a critical period. He has been actively involved in genealogical organizations since the early 60's including the Mayflower Society, where he is a past Governor of the Connecticut Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Descendants and Founders of Ancient Windsor, the Society of the Cincinnati, the Founders and Patriots Society, the Strong Family Association, and the Hotchkiss Family Association. He was appointed the first Historian for the town of Woodbury in 1988. He is active in North Congregational Church in Woodbury where he has been Historian for many years. For more than 60 years he has been a member of The Woodbury Cemetery Association, including 50 years as President. He is the co-author of three books including *Homes of Old Woodbury*. Fred will celebrate his 99th birthday in May 2010.

On-line Access to **footnote.com** for CSG Members!

We are proud to announce that a tremendous resource is now available to the members of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists.

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. has entered into an agreement with footnote.com to provide remote access for its members through the CSG web site. Members will be able to search, download and print documents from their home computer.

Footnote.com is a three-year old company that has digitized and indexed original documents from the National Archives and other sources. It currently has more than sixty million images in its database and adds more than a million per month. Some of these records have never been available on-line before.

Just a few of the records of interest to genealogists include:

Revolutionary War Service Records

These are compiled service records for the regular soldiers of the Continental Army, and for the militia, volunteers, and others who served with them. The records are arranged under the designation "Continental Troops" or a state name, then by organization, and then alphabetically by a soldier's surname. Records consist of card abstracts of entries relating to each soldier from original records. Also included are regimental lists including muster rolls, pay lists, and caption cards. This series of images consists of more than compiled military service records of soldiers who served in the American Revolutionary War. They include service records for the Continental Army, State Troops, and some state and local militias. They include the service records of infantry, artillery, cavalry, and other units. Also included are records that relate to the unit, rather than to the individual soldier.

Civil War and Later Veterans Pension Index

This publication contains index cards for pension applications of veterans who served in the U.S. Army between 1861 and 1917, including wars other than the Civil War. Records are sorted by units within regiments from each state in the Union. Find a soldier by searching on his name or browse by regiment. Learn about his term of service, and use the information to request his pension record. Unique to

this series of records are death dates and locations for many of the veterans who died after the war.

Census - U.S. Federal 1860

Browse the 1860 U.S. census by state, county, and civil division. This particular census is especially helpful in researching the Civil War era and the soldiers who fought in the imminent conflict. Information about each member of a household as of June 1, 1860, includes age, race, occupation, real and personal estate values, birth place, if married within the year, and if a person was deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict. Relationships are not detailed until the 1880 census.

Census - U.S. Federal 1930

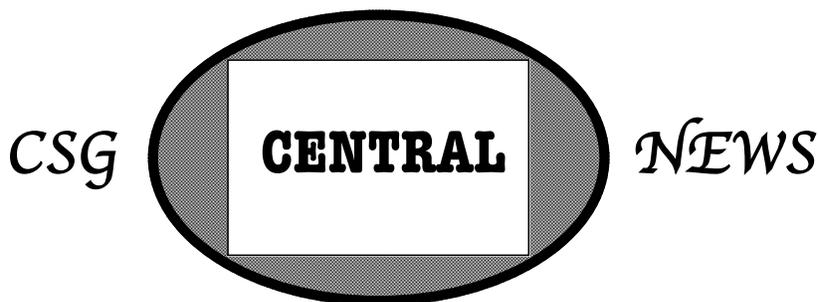
The 1930 census schedules are arranged by state or territory and then by county. All 48 states are included, plus the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, as well as the District of Columbia and U.S. possessions like Puerto Rico. This is an interactive treatment that links to multiple databases.

Passport Applications, 1795-1905

These are letters and form applications for U.S. passports. An application may include supporting letters and affidavits from friends and relatives concerning the applicant's citizenship, residence, and character. It also may contain information regarding the applicant's immediate family, date and place of birth, occupation, physical characteristics, and (if foreign) of naturalization. Images are ordered by the surname initial, then by application date, yet not alphabetically beyond the surname initial.



CSG members who are registered on the CSG website at www.csgetc.org can obtain access to footnote.com.



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SAVE THIS SECTION – WINTER, 2009

Please mark your calendar or save this page in a handy place with your other active calendars and datebooks.

The Programs Committee has arranged a set of events that cover a variety of genealogical interests, along with some how-to talks that members have requested over the past year. Meeting on a regular basis from September through May on the third Saturday of every month except December and January, our members and friends are given many opportunities for learning and camaraderie. **Mark your calendar for these coming events through Spring, 2010:**

20 February – “*Computers for Dummies: Computer Techniques, How-To’s and Other Problem-Solving Issues.*” Attendees: bring your problems. Presenters will be CSG President Edwin W. Strickland, II and Technology Committee Chair, Lisa Vasas. **Place:** CSG Library. **Time:** 1:30p.m. **Cost:** \$3.00 for members, \$5.00 non-members.

20 March – “*Scrapbooking for Genealogists*” with speaker Joan Clapp. Pick up useful ideas for the embellishment of your genealogical reports. **Place:** CSG Library, 175 Maple Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. **Time:** 1:30p.m. **Cost:** \$3.00 members, \$5.00 non-members.

17 April – “*Understanding DNA as an Aid in our Ancestral Research.*” Presented by Nora Galvin, this is a user-friendly talk, in layman’s language. **Place:** CSG Library. **Time:** 1:30p.m. **Cost:** \$3.00 for members, \$5.00 non-members.

15 May – **Annual Meeting.** Morning activities begin at 9:30am with Annual Reports, Election of Officers and Governors and presentation of the Annual CSG Literary Awards (see application herein). Following Luncheon at Noon, our speakers will be Damien Cregeau, and his wife, Pam, who perform enactments of various events during the Revolutionary War era. Even if your ancestors did not participate directly in the Revolution, you will enjoy this, See page 12 for more information

This event will be held at THE HAWTHORNE INN at Berlin, CT. Meal choices, costs and driving directions will be

included in the next issue of *CT Genealogy News*, on the CSG website and in a special mailing in connection with dues renewals and Annual Meeting details.

Advanced reservations are required for all programs. Please contact the CSG Office.

SPECIAL EVENT MARCH 2010

An added event, in March, 2010 will take place at the HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE in Bridgeport, Connecticut. CSG is working on collaboration with the College, to present a one-day genealogical symposium. Specific date/time, topics, and costs are under study, and will be announced on the CSG web site.

BUS TRIP TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY IN BOSTON 26 JUNE 2010

Three pick-up stops in the Greater Hartford Area, all at official Commuter Lots, are **7:00am** at Wethersfield: Jordan Lane at Wolcott Hill Road; **7:20am** at Manchester Park & Ride; and **7:40am** at Willington: Exit 69 off Route I-84 east. For the return, we will leave the Boston facility promptly at 5:00pm, and arrival time at the three stops depends largely on traffic (figure around 2 hours). For non-members of NEHGS, there is an additional \$15research fee. Cost per person to CSG for the bus is \$35.00. Please save the date. You will find registration forms on the CSG web site, and in the next *Connecticut Genealogy News*.

2010 Literary Awards Contest

The 2010 Literary Awards Contest is in full swing. See the full guidelines and entry form on page 13. Copies of this form are acceptable. Forms, including the Fledgling Essay Contest for students in grades 9-12, may also be obtained from the CSG website. Entry deadline is Feb. 15, 2010.

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

CSG ANNUAL MEETING - 15 MAY 2010

Join the fun and meet your genealogical friends. Exchange information, win some prizes, celebrate with the Literary Award winners and become involved in CSG's exciting future plans.

Historian Damien Cregeau, who traces his ancestry back to early Wethersfield, CT's original settler, Nathaniel Foote, and his wife, Pam, will present historical re-enactments. These re-enactments are improvisational, which adds to the fun and makes the event enacted come alive for the audience.

Cregeau is a member of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and is actively involved with the Wethersfield Historical Society and the Foote Family Association.

**SPECIAL OFFER FROM
CONNECTICUT EXPLORED**

CSG members receive a discount on subscriptions to *Connecticut Explored* (formerly *Hog River Journal*), the magazine of Connecticut history. If you subscribe or give a gift subscription for the holidays before December 31, 2009, the subscription will include two free additional issues (a \$10.50 value). A one year subscription (normally four issues) will extend to six issues. CSG members may subscribe for \$18.00 per year, a \$3 discount off the regular subscription price. To subscribe, please visit www.ctexplored.org.

**CONNECTICUT OLMSTED HERITAGE
ALLIANCE TO HOST OLMSTED DAY**

The Connecticut Olmsted Heritage Alliance (COHA), which incorporated in 2005, is planning a celebration of the life of Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903). April 2010 is the target date.

Long recognized as the "Father of Landscape Architecture in the United States," Olmsted is known for his designs in Bushnell Park, Hartford, and Central Park, New York City, among others. The Alliance plans to conduct an inventory of the Olmsted projects in Connecticut. and that the conference will become an annual event.

Descendants (and/or cousins) of Frederick Law Olmsted are invited to submit genealogical notes and materials to CSG, as a contribution to Olmsted's life story. Please submit your data to *Olmsted Story, CT Society of Genealogists; P.O. Box 435; Glastonbury, CT 06033* by January 11, 2010,

for inclusion in our Spring magazine. Kindly note name, address, and e-mail address of submitter.

For more information on the Alliance, please visit the website at www.ctolmsted.org, or write to P.O. Box 724; Ridgefield, CT 06877

BOARD -- NEVER BORED!

Current officers of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., installed at the Annual Meeting in May, 2009, are: Edwin W. Strickland, President; James H. Leatherbee, Vice President; Margaret H. "Peg" Limbacher, Secretary; Gregory E. Thompson, Treasurer; David A. Strong, Assistant Treasurer. These Officers and following Governors serving At-Large constitute the full Board. At-Large Governors Elizabeth Abbe, Judith A. Bowen, Nora Galvin, Francis J. "Bud" Hewitt, Diane LeMay, Noreen Manzella, Donald A. Naples, Olivia Patch, Frederick T. Strong, Richard G. Tomlinson, and Lisa M. Vasas.

The Board of Governors meets for about two hours on the morning of every Program Date, and on other occasions, as needed. It is their collective responsibility to know the needs of the Society and its offerings, and to act to nurture and maintain a thriving organization. In this light, they individually serve as Chairs of various committees (members of these committees need not be from the Board; only the Chair). For a brief bio of the qualifications and personal interests of each of our Governors, we invite you to visit the CSG web site at www.csginc.org.

If you have an interest in serving as an Officer, Governor or Committee Member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists or if you would like to recommend someone for any of these roles, please contact the CSG office.

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This exciting resource contains more than 60 million images of original documents from the National Archives and other sources with more than one million new records added every month. These include Revolutionary War Service Records, U.S. Army Pension Records from 1861-1917, Passport Applications from 1795-1905, the 1860 Census, the 1930 Census Records with novel interactive features, and much, much more.

LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST MAY 2010

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST

The Grand Prize of \$1000 is awarded to the best Genealogy!

**Two First Prizes of \$500 each are awarded for the best Family History
and Genealogical Resource Publication!**

Entry Rules for Categories of "Genealogy," "Family History," and "Resource Publication"

- 1.) Entry Categories are:
 - a.) **Genealogy**, related to New England (begins with someone in the past and moves forward in time through his/her descendants).
 - b.) **Family History**, related to New England (begins with someone living today or recently and moves backward in time).
 - c.) **Genealogical Resource** related to New England (might include cemetery abstracts, compilations, court records, etc.)
- 2.) Entries must have been published in the past five (5) years.
- 3.) An Entry fee of \$20, together with **TWO** copies of the publications (one copy will be added to the CSG Library and the other donated to the Connecticut State Library-the author may request one copy to be returned) must be submitted with each Entry Form.
- 4.) Entries must be received in CSG's Office by February 15, 2010.
- 5.) Entry is open to anyone and everyone except CSG staff and the current/sitting CSG Board of Governors. Entry is **not** restricted to CSG members.
- 6.) Submit completed Entry Form to CSG at address(es) shown above.
- 7.) Photocopies of the Entry Form are welcomed.

Entries will be evaluated on a variety of criteria including, but not limited to, the quality of: title page; table of contents; index; page numbers; format (logical, readable, interesting arrangement); sentence structure; grammar; and presentation (typographical/spelling errors). Where applicable, evaluation will also be based on: numbering system; quality of references; bibliography; and narrative. Books should be bound; both hard cover and soft cover are acceptable. All entries will be retained in our library and available for research. The second copy (unless specifically requested back by the entrant, will be offered to the CT State Library).

Winning entries will be formally announced at CSG's Annual Meeting in May, winners will be notified by April 1, 2010.

ENTRY FORM IS ON REVERSE SIDE

Entry Form For

LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST MAY 2010
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST

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Please Print or Type

Title of Publication

Category (Circle **one**): GENEALOGY FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCE PUBLICATION
(Note: CSG reserves the right to reclassify Category)

Author's/Authors' Name(s) Year of Publication

Address(es) (including PO Box(es) if applicable) Date Submitted

Town/City, State, Zip+4 Purchase Price

Telephone Number(s) E-mail Address(es) CSG Member Number(s) (if applicable)

Name(s) of Person(s) Submitting This Entry [if different from Author(s)]

Address(es) (including PO Box(es) if applicable), Town/City, State, Zip+4

Telephone Number(s) E-mail Address(es) CSG Member Number(s) (if applicable)

Publisher

Address(es) (including PO Box(es) if applicable), Town/City, State, Zip+4

Telephone Number(s) E-mail Address(es) Contact Person

Photocopies of this Entry Form are welcomed. We encourage you to photocopy this Entry Form and pass it on.