

Genealogy – What’s New... With What's Old?

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Getting Started

Connecticut State Library Home Page: www.cslib.org

History and Genealogy Unit: <http://www.cslib.org/handg.htm>

Includes links to Connecticut historical museums, historical societies, municipal historians, cities and towns, genealogical societies, and hereditary societies.

Connecticut State Library Research Resources Page: <http://www.cslib.org/faq.htm>

Includes links to Archives, History, Genealogy, and Newspaper resources pages and more.

Cyndi’s List: www.cyndislist.com

Provides over 240,000 links to information about genealogical records and organizations, ethnic groups, family names, heraldry, and more.

U.S. GenWeb: <http://usgenweb.org/>

Serves as the portal for the Gen Web Project. Volunteers from all over the United States post genealogical records and other information pertaining to their states. This site explains the project and provides links to the state sites, including [Connecticut](#).

RootsWeb: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

Provides links to information on getting started in genealogy, family trees, message boards (surnames, localities, topics), research templates, and other resources including the Social Security Death Index (SSDI).

Social Security Death Index: <http://ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

The Social Security Death Index is generated from the U.S. Social Security Administration’s Death Master File. It contains the records of deceased persons who possessed Social Security numbers and whose death had been reported to the SSA. This free version of the index is presented on Rootsweb.

Searchable Databases

CSL Produced Databases...: <http://www.cslib.org/csllmade.htm>

Includes several searchable databases including:

- Fitch’s Home for Soldiers
- Wethersfield Prison Records
- World War I Veterans

Also, digital collections including:

- Aerial photographs
- WPA architectural survey

FamilySearch: <http://www.familysearch.org/>

The "Search for Ancestors" section includes Ancestral File, the International Genealogical Index, and indexes to the 1880 United States, 1881 British, and 1881 Canadian censuses; the "Search Genealogy Records & Library" section includes a link to the Family History Library catalog; and the "Library" tab includes contact information on Family History Centers worldwide.

Ancestry (Subscription database)

Library Edition, available at the State Library, includes records from the United States Census, military records, court, land and probate records, vital and church records, directories, passenger lists and more. Connecticut resources include the Connecticut Marriage Index, 1949-2001; Connecticut Marriage Index, 1959-2001; and portions of the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records.

HeritageQuest: www.heritagequestonline.com (Subscription database)

Available at the State Library. Heritage Quest can also be accessed remotely through [iCONN](#), the CT Digital Library, using a current State Library card or a library card from any Connecticut library. Collection of genealogical and historical material including family histories, genealogical serials, local histories, and primary sources (including indexes and images of the U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1930).

New England Ancestors (Subscription database)

Available at the State Library. Includes the full texts of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 1847-1994, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633*; and *Legislators of the Massachusetts General Court*, 1691-1780; vital records of many Massachusetts towns to 1850; and transcriptions of manuscripts and diaries, military records, Bible records, and church records.

Newspapers

Research Guide to Connecticut Newspapers: <http://www.cslib.org/newspapers/>
Includes links to:

- Access Newspaper Archive
- Boston Globe
- Early American Newspapers
- Historical Hartford Courant
- New York Times

Other Organizations

National Archives and Records Administration: www.archives.gov
Includes contact information for all regional branches.

Connecticut Historical Society: www.chs.org

Godfrey Memorial Library: www.godfrey.org