

# SIMSBURY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL RESEARCH LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER



## MARCH 1994

749 Hopmeadow Street  
P.O. Box 484  
Simsbury, Connecticut 06070

Since our re-organization last May, the number of patrons has increased steadily. New books, microfilm, microfiche and other research materials are being added weekly. The co-operative efforts of the Board of Trustees, volunteers and numerous others have been of immeasurable help to your librarian. To continue our progress, we need more input from you, our members. Please call, write or stop by with your suggestions.

We have numerous and varied tasks ahead of us, so if you have some spare time, and would like to help, we would very much appreciate your volunteer services. Also, we are here to assist you in your genealogical research. Learning about your heritage is an exciting adventure.

*Stephen E. Simon*  
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Librarian

## LIBRARY HOURS

Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you are coming from a distance, please call ahead. Another day will be added in the near future. Please let us know which day to open. Also, let us know about our present hours. We want to be able to help as many people as possible. Your suggestions are valuable.

## SIMSBURY METHODIST CHURCH RECORDS

Through the efforts of Donald H. Shaw, we have acquired copies of the records of the Simsbury Methodist Church. Catherine Sherman has made a second copy (notebook size) of all the records. This is an important resource for genealogists doing late 19th and 20th century Simsbury area research.

## CENSUS FORMS

We have U.S. Census forms for recording data directly from the microfilm. These cover all the available census records from 1790 through 1920. Blanks for Soundex data are also included. Paul W. Leak has designed and produced several forms for use with the Canadian Census reels. These are valuable organizational tools for research.

## BOOK CATALOGING & PROCESSING

Close to half the book collection has been cataloged using the Dewey Decimal System. Each book has an author card. Subject and title cards will be added later. Catherine Sherman is entering the books in the accession record. All books are receiving new bookplates. Betty Shaw is working on that project.

## MICROFILM COLLECTION

Our microfilm collection has grown tremendously since last June. We now have the complete set of Connecticut U.S. Census reels for 1800 through 1850. Many New York reels have been added. We are also purchasing some Quebec and Ontario films. New acquisitions are arriving every about every two weeks. Margaret Lindauer is typing new labels for all inadequately marked microfilm.

## MICROFILM LOANS & PURCHASES

Microfilm can be rented for \$3 per reel for 30 days if our total order is under 10 items. If the order is 10 or more, the cost is \$2.50 per reel. Reels can be purchased for 1/3 the library purchase cost. We deal with several organizations with varying prices. Ask the librarian or volunteers for more details. Help us add to our collection. Tell us what microfilm you need.

## NEW MICROFICHE

Becket, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.  
Great Barrington, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.  
Lee, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.  
Richmond, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.  
Sandisfield, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.  
Washington, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.  
Williamstown, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.  
Windsor, Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.

## NOBLE FAMILY

Mason Noble of Simsbury is in the process of copying his extensive collection of Noble family information. His ancestry includes many early Connecticut families. This data is most welcome. Anyone who has family history manuscripts or charts is urged to donate copies to our library. You can use our copy machine at no charge if making copies for our files.

## ANCESTOR CHARTS

Please fill out the enclosed chart and return it to our library. These charts will be on file for research purposes. They will be invaluable for present and future genealogists. Thank you for your cooperation.

PEDIGREE CHART

Chart No. \_\_\_\_

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Concord to 1850 (Massachusetts Vital Records).  
Tewksbury to 1849 (Massachusetts Vital Records).  
Inscriptions from Burial Grounds of the Nashaway Towns, by  
Esther Whitcomb, ed.  
The East Haven Register , by Stephen Dodd.  
Bristol, Rhode Island Early Settlers, by Dorothy Saunders.  
The Descendants of William and Elizabeth Tuttle, by George F.  
Tuttle.  
The Remarkable Records of Rev. Gideon Bostwick, 1770-1793,  
by Kelly.  
St. Paul's Lutheran Ch., Rhinebeck, NY (Wurtemberg), by Kelly.  
The Old United Empire Loyalists List.  
Families of Early Guilford, Connecticut, by Talcott.  
Genealogical Data from Colonial New Haven Newspapers.  
German Genealogical Research, by Schweitzer.  
New York in the Revolution, as Colony and State, by J. Roberts.  
Columbia County, NY Gravestone Inscriptions, by Al Divine.  
In Search of Your British & Irish Roots, by Angus Baxter.  
Gallatin Reformed Church, Gallatinville, NY, by Kelly.  
The Palatine Families of New York, by H. Jones.  
More Palatine Families, by H. Jones.  
1800 New York Census Index, by B. Armstrong.  
Atlantic Bridge to Germany: Hessen, Rhineland-Pfalz, by  
Charles Hall.  
Clans and Families of Ireland and Scotland: An Ethnography of  
the Gael, A.D. 500 to 1750, compiled by C. Thomas Cairney.  
Germantown, Gallatin, Copake, & Hillsdale Reformed Church,  
by Kelly.  
Massachusetts Genealogical Research, by Schweitzer.  
Burlington Cemetery Records, by Leonard Alderman.  
New England Families.

NEW BOOKS: June 1993 to  
March 1994-Purchases

- The Story of the Early Settlers of Stamford, Connecticut, by  
Jeanne Majdalany.
- A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families,  
by David W. Hoyt.
- Valentine Prentice: His Origins and the Descendant of His  
Grandsons John, Jonathan, Stephen and Thomas, by Linus  
Joseph Dewald, Jr..
- Early New Englanders and Kin, by Roy Burgess.  
Colonial Ancestors.  
History of Stamford, Connecticut.  
Vermont Families in 1791.
- The Ancestors and Descendants of Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth  
and his wife Abigail Wolcott and the story of Elmwood, their  
Homestead, by Donna Holt Siemiatkoski.
- Burying Grounds of Sharon, CT, Amenia and North East, NY,  
Inscriptions from 30 Cemeteries, by Van Alstyne.
- Thomas Holcomb and Other Simsbury, Connecticut Families:  
5 Generations, by Deanna H. Bowman.
- Connecticut Signer: William Williams, by Bruce P. Stark.
- Connecticut Congressman: Samuel Huntington, by Larry R. Gerlach.
- Connecticut's Young Man of the Revolution: Oliver Ellsworth,  
by Ronald John Lettieri.
- Connecticut Hero: Israel Putnam, by John Niven.
- Connecticut's First Family: William Pitkin and his Connections,  
by Bruce Colin Daniels.
- Connecticut's Yankee Patriot: Roger Sherman, by John G. Rommel.
- Connecticut's Revolutionary: Eliphalet Dyer, by William F.  
Willingham.
- Connecticut Militia General: Gold Selleck Silliman, by  
Katharine Hewitt Cummin.
- Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, by William Dollarhide.
- History of Norwich, by Caulkins.
- Diary of Joshua Hempstead.
- The History of Ridgefield, Connecticut.



## QUERIES

If you have any queries regarding you ancestors, please send them to the library. We will print them in an upcoming newsletter. Limit one per newsletter. Be as specific and concise as possible.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our membership chairperson, Mary Jane Springman, reports that we have topped the 100 member mark. A current list is attached to this newsletter. New membership cards, designed by Paul W. Leak and Stephen E. Simon, have been mailed to all members. A membership blank is included in this newsletter. Give it to a relative or friend.

NOTE: There is a \$3 donation per visit for nonmembers.

Other contributions are always welcome.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print your name as you want letters addressed to you.

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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