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CITIZENS OF 17TH CENTURY SIMSBURY

While searching for our ancestors we often become so enamoured with dates and places that we forget they were living, breathing human beings with many of the same problems facing us in our daily lives. The early settlers of Simsbury faced many trials in settling the land often referred to as the first western frontier over the mountain from the Connecticut River Valley.

Coming from Windsor, they sought land and employment in the pitch and tar manufactory being fueled by the abundant pine forests of what is now Simsbury. The "halfway covenant", which allowed members of the Anglican communion to participate in the state endorsed Congregationalism, was not honored by the minister in Windsor and drove many to seek a more welcoming faith in the verdant Farmington River Valley. The settlement at Massacoh (now Simsbury) brought together many families whose descendants still live in the area. Other descendants traveled further west through New York with detours in other New England states.

In an effort to bring to life these early settlers, we will be including in our newsletters brief sketches and genealogical data for these 17th century Simsbury citizens. In this issue we feature John Case and Joshua Holcomb.

This month:

JOHN CASE
and
JOSHUA
HOLCOMB

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Recent Acquisitions - Books

Colonial Families of the Southern States of America, by Stella Pickett Hardy.

History of Columbia Country, New York, by Captain Franklin Ellis.

History of Putnam County, New York, by William S. Pelletreau.

Maine Families in 1790, Ruth Gray et al., editors.

Massachusetts and Maine Families, by Walter Goodwin Davis.

New England Marriages Prior to 1700, by Clarence Almon Torrey.

The North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register, J.R.B. Hathaway, ed.

Official Members and Other Officers Eligible to the Society of the Cincinnati: 1738-1938, by Bruce Metcalf.

Old Churches, Ministers, and Families of Virginia, by Bishop William Meade.

Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots of the Revolutionary War-Vermont, by Major General Carleton Edward Fisher and Sue Gray Fisher.

Recent Acquisitions - Microfiche

Connecticut

Farmington Church Records: 1652-1678.

Hartford City Directory: 1799.

Oxford Church Records.

Town and City of Waterbury: Genealogies.

New London County Cemetery Records (selected).

Pomfret Cemetery Inscriptions: 1713-1933.

Massachusetts

Vital Records of Deerfield, Rehoboth and West Springfield to 1850.

Rhode Island

Vital Records to 1850 for:

Burrillville	Glocester	Richmond
Charlestown	Hopkinton	Scituate
Coventry	Jamestown	Smithfield
Cumberland	Middletown	South Kingstown
East Greenwich	Newport	Tiverton
Exeter	New Shoreham	Warren
Foster	North Kingstown	Westerly
		West Greenwich

• Genie hint:

Check used
book stores
when you travel.
Often, they have
local histories &
genealogies.

JOHN CASE 1616(?) - 1703

John Case, was born in Aylesham, England. His date of birth is unknown but estimated to be about 1616 by his descendants. Originally John settled in Windsor and lived there until 1669 when he "removed" to the "Weatogue" area of Simsbury. He married **Sarah Spencer**, daughter of William and Agnes Spencer of Hartford, CT prior to 1658 and they had 10 children. Five of them born in Windsor and five in Simsbury. Sarah died in 1691 at the age of 55 and John remarried **Elizabeth Moore Loomis**, widow of Nathaniel Loomis, with whom he had no issue.

John was appointed Constable for Massacoh by the General Court Oct. 14, 1669. He represented Simsbury at the General Court in 1670 and several times afterwards.

His children were:

1. **Elizabeth** b 1658 (Windsor) d. 9 Oct 1718 m. **Joseph Lewis**
2. **Mary** b 22 June 1660 (Windsor) d. 22 Aug 1725 m. (1) **William Alderman** and (2) **James Hilliard**
3. **John, Jr.** b. 5 Nov 1662 (Windsor) d. 22 May 1733 (Simsbury)
m. (1) **Mary Alcott** 12 Sept 1684 (2) **Sarah Holcomb** 1693
4. **William** b. 5 Jun 1665 (Windsor) d. 31 Mar 1700 (Simsbury)
m. **Elizabeth Holcomb**
5. **Samuel** b. 1667 (Windsor) d. 30 Jul 1725 m. (1) **Mary Westover**
(2) **Elizabeth Thrall**
6. **Richard** b. 27 Apr/Aug 1669 (Simsbury) d. 27 Apr 1746 (Simsbury)
m. **Amy Reed**.
7. **Bartholomew** b. 1 Oct 1670 (Simsbury) d. 25 Oct 1725 (Simsbury)
m. **Mary Humphrey**.
8. **Joseph** b. 6 Apr 1674 (Simsbury) d. 11 Aug 1748 (Simsbury)
m. **Anna Eno**.
9. **Sarah** b. 20 April 1676 (Simsbury) d. 2 May 1704
m. **Joseph Phelps, Jr.**
10. **Abigail** b. 4 May 1682 (Simsbury) m. **Jonah Westover, Jr.**

It is interesting to note two Case sons marry two Holcomb daughters. What would be the relationship of their children?

(Double first cousins)

Summer Hours: 10 AM - 3 PM Thursday, Friday and Saturday

JOSHUA HOLCOMB 1640 - 1690

Joshua Holcomb was the eldest son of **Thomas Holcomb**, who emigrated to Windsor and died there in 1657/8. Joshua was born in April 1640. By 1667, he is living at Massacoh and was granted original land in Simsbury by King Charles II, April 23, 1687. He died the 1st of September 1690 in Simsbury.

He married **Ruth Sherwood** (possibly the daughter of **Thomas Sherwood** of Fairfield, CT) with whom he had ten children. His land was on the east side of the Farmington River near Terry's Plain. He was known to be "one of the sound, substantial men of his time" and was active in civil and religious affairs.

Their children were:

*Currently on
loan to the
Library are 4 deeds
from
18th century
Simsbury. One
signed by a Joshua
Holcomb, prob.
grandson of this
original patentee is
reproduced on
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1. **Ruth** b.26 May 1664 m. **John Porter**
2. **Thomas II** b. 30 Mar 1666 d. 1731 m. (1) **Elizabeth Terry**
(2) **Rebecca Pettibone**
3. **Sarah** b. 23 Jun 1668 d. 1763 m (1) **Isaac Owens**
(2) **John Case**
4. **Elizabeth** b. 1670 d. 1762 m. (1) **William Case** (2) **John Slater** (3) **Samuel Marshall**
5. **Joshua II** b. 1672 d. 1727 m. (1) **Hannah Carrington**
(2) **Mary Hoskins**
6. **Deborah** b. 1675 m. **Daniel Porter** (Carter?)
7. **Mary** b. 1676 d. 1745 m.(1) **John Barber** (2) **Ephraim Buell**
8. **Mindwell** b. 1678 m. **Theophilus Cook**
9. **Hannah** b. 1680 d. 1740 m. **Samuel Buel**
10. **Moses III** b. 1686 d. 1699

Among the sources consulted for the preparation of the Case and Holcomb articles were works by Ruth Cost Duncan, Henry R. Stiles, Deanna Holcomb Bowman and, Lucius Barber. Many thanks to Don Shaw for his invaluable help in preparing this.

SIMSBURY, CT MARRIAGES 1850/1851

**Listed in the same order as in the original book in Simsbury Town Records.*

Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Feb 26 1851	Henry L. Brown		Painter	Canton
	Annis F. Humphrey			Simsbury
Jun 10 1851	Curtis Case	29	Farmer	Bloomfield
	Eliza Hoskins	30		Simsbury
	James B. Hoskins	23	Farmer	Simsbury
	J.S. Dibble	20		Granby
Feb 11 1851	John J. Brown	26	Farmer	Simsbury
	Harriet Nott Bacon	24		"
Mar 15 1851	Zera B. Brown	23	Farmer	Simsbury
	Lydia S. Beckwith	20		"
Apr 9 1851	Lucien Bacon	23	Farmer	Granby
	Amorett Hall	23		Blanford Mss
Nov 13 1850	Oliver C. Higley	23	Farmer	Canton
	Mary P. Rice	20		Granby
Nov 27 1850	Augustin Wilcox	27	Farmer	Granby
	Sarah M. Holcomb	20		Simsbury
Nov 28 1850	Peter C. Stockwell	Between	Farmer	Canton
	Sarah Ann Mills	30 & 40		"
Nov 24 1850	Joseph Brockway 2nd		Laborer	Simsbury
	Adaline Andrus			"
Nov 28 1850	George S. Evarts	21	Blacksmith	Guilford
	Harriet L. Humphrey	17		Simsbury
May 6 1851	Arthur Beach	28	Weaver	England
	Elizabeth Ball	24		"
Sept 16 1851	Alfred Gardner	25	Stone Mason	England
	E. Hannah	20		Ireland
Dec 2 1850	George H. Underwood	22	Pattern Designer	England
	Hannah Darby	22		"
April 7 1851	Thomas Donley	22	Joiner	New York
	Mary Ann Brown	20		Glasgow, Scotland
Feb 27 1851	Robert P. McKnight	25	Weaver	Newhamphshire
	Hannah R. Highway	22		England
Jan 20 1851	A.L.F. Thurston	29	Inn Keeper	Franklin Mass
	Sarah Thurston	39		Shelbourn Mass
Nov 17 1870	Alfred Pettibone	24	Tin Smith	Granby CT
	Ellen Haynes	18		Lowell Mass
July 1 1851	James Farrin	29	Weaver	Scotland
	Jane Cross (?)	25		"
Dec 3 1850	Patrick Conner	23	Laborer	Ireland
	Bridgett Flanery	23		"

1800 Census of Simsbury, Connecticut

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Solon Everist
Reuben Humphry
Sarah Humphry
Wm Stone (?)
Amos Larkum
Saml Humphry Jun
Jacob Foot
Joseph Foot
Jacob Foot Jun
Asher Humphry
Nathl Ives
Jedediah Mills Jun
Jared Mills
Jared Trest (?)
Dyer C. Daly
Abesha Forbs
Abraham Hosford
Gad Curtifs
Agustas Humphry
Elisha Case

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Danl Case
Agustas Humphry
Darias Case
James Alderman
Micah Phillips
Saml Newel
Theodore Shelden
Ruggles Humphry
Frederick Shelden
Lois Hill
Silas Case
Abraham Moses
Jabez O. Gleason
Abel Case
Sylvanus Case
Edward Case
Cyrus Humphry
Uriah Case
Eli Case
Jabez Hamlin
Charles Humphry

**We have all
Federal
Censuses for
CT 1790-1870
and Hartford
County
through 1920.**



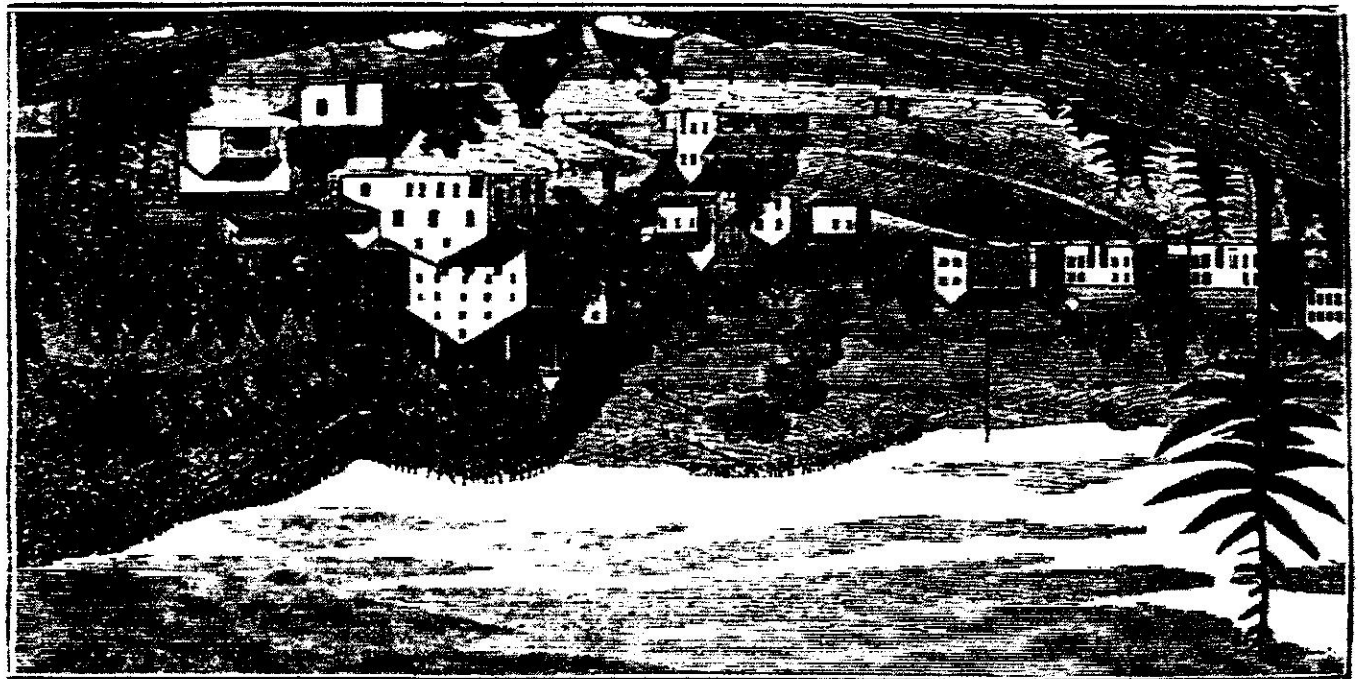
Mrs. Paul W. Leak and her daughter, Margaret Leak Zwick admire the computer system purchased in part with monies from the Paul W. Leak Fund at a reception held on March 23rd. Donations are still coming in and will be used for upcoming projects. Checks should be made payable to *Simsbury Free Library*.

To all ~~English~~ people to whom these presents shall come
 greeting know ye that we Caleb Holcomb and Joshua Holcomb
 both of Simsbury in the County of Hartford and Colony
 of Connecticut in New-England for Divers good Causes and Consider-
 ations hereunto moving but Specials for the sum of
 one pound well and Truly paid or Secured in the Land by
 Joseph Woodford of Farmington in the County and Colony above
 said the Receipt whereof we do acknowledge and are fully satisfied
 and Contented and so there fore acquit and discharged him the
 Joseph Woodford his heirs and assigns for Ever thus these
 Rules granted bargained sold aliend conveyed and confirmed and so
 by these presents fully Vested and absolutely free Grant bargain
 sell Convey and Confirm unto him the said Joseph Woodford his heirs
 and assigns for Ever one certain Tract or parcel of Land lying and
 being with in the Town of Farmington on the East Side of
 the River at a place called Nod and is a piece of Land on land
 and is better and known as toloethy ~~Southward~~ North of said
 Woodfords own land with on the high way and East on the river
 on all sides against Hartford and Windsor and South on land that was
 formerly in Simon Swarthams Containing by Estimation
 about seven acres but more or less to have and to hold
 and granted premises with all the privileges and appurtenances there
 unto belonging to or in any wise appertaining to him the said
 Joseph Woodford his heirs and assigns for Ever to him and their
 heirs forever the benefit and be host for Ever and we the said
 Caleb Holcomb and Joshua Holcomb for us and each of our
 to and with him the said Joseph Woodford that at the En-
 joy and Delivery here of we are the true legal and Lawfull
 owners of the above said granted and bargained premises and
 one Lawfully seized and possessed of the same in our own
 proper Right and have in our selves full power
 Lawfull authority to Convey and Confirm said bargained premises
 Woodford his heirs and assigns - shall and may from time to time
 and at all times for they have after Lawfully and peaceably
 have hold use occupy possess and in buy the same further more
 we the said Caleb Holcomb and Joshua Holcomb for ever Selues by
 each of our Heirs Executors and Administrators do Covenant and in-
 gage the aforesaid premises to him the said Joseph Woodford
 his heirs and assigns for Ever against the Lawfull Claims or de-
 mands of any person or persons what so Ever for Ever here
 after to warrant secure and defend in witness where of we do
 Seal of us here unto set to our hands and seals this tenth
 day of June in the year one Thousand seven hundred and Twenty
 and Eight in the first year of his majesties reign
 Bona fide and delivered in presence of us
 Benjamin Johnson
 Joseph Woodford
 Jonathan Woodford
 Jonathan Woodford
 Caleb Holcomb
 Joshua Holcomb
 Caleb Holcomb
 Joshua Holcomb

... yesterday and today

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Sketch of town of Simsbury, about 1850



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