

SIMSBURY

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I can remember the first day I walked in to the Simsbury Genealogical and Historical Research Library in 1992. New to town and looking to pick up the threads of my genealogical research, I had stumbled upon this marvelous facility. Dee Depuis was serving as Librarian and quickly oriented me to the Library and helped me get back on track with my research. Suddenly, I had a connection with our new town and learned that my Hutchins family had been in Simsbury in the 1840's.

Then came our current Librarian, Stephen Simon and a very special volunteer, Paul Leak. He devoted so much of his time to helping researchers like myself especially with my tangled Canadian trails. He took on a custodianship for the Library and pushed us into the computer age. Paul's death left a great void both in the lives of his friends and family as well as in the running of the Library. Some people have said I stepped into Paul's shoes and became the head volunteer. Encouraging all the rearrangement of media to help patrons more easily use the Library meant a lot of moving and shifting and rearranging. I am sure there were days when Stephen was glad that I couldn't come in and "help."

There were genealogy classes and seminars to teach, out of town research trips to take and so many beginners to encourage to take that first step on the long and all consuming road to finding their roots. We shared so many joyous discoveries and consoled each other when the scent ran cold. We never did get that 12 step program started for all of us genealogy addicts who were happy to abandon everything while following a new lead.

As many of you know, I was elected President of the Simsbury Historical Society last November. This volunteer position has turned into a full-time commitment for me as I oversee a long deferred capital improvement project, the Probate Court Building Restoration, fundraisers like Dream Auction '98, purchasing the Town Garage Property and the myriad details of reorganizing that organization. The Trustees of the Library have come to my rescue and cajoled Mary Jane Springman into taking over the editorship of this newsletter while I am otherwise engaged. Meanwhile, I'll just be up the road at the Phelps House and hope you will all keep in touch and come visit our Archives on Wednesdays from 10AM-3PM. You may recognize our new part-time Librarian. . . Stephen Simon.

Happy 10th Birthday, SGHRL!

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QUERIES

Seeking relationship: **George Schnorr** (m. **Clementine Gross** in 1886) to Leiningers of Germany & the Tartters and Brieres of France. Moved NYC 1800's then Salem, CT abt.1900. *Reply to: Margaret O'Brien, 201 Fairway Drive, East Windsor, CT 06088.*

Seeking additional information and ancestry of **Elisha Harrington** who married **Sarah Messenger Jones** on 30 June 1754 in Simsbury. Was he the father of **Hezekiah Harrington** born to **Judith Alderman** ca. 1742-45? *Reply to: Phyllis H. Ahlf, P.O. Box 7118, Santa Rosa, CA 95407-0166.*

Preparing the Porter Genealogy Book and seeking related families: **Boynton, Lemere, Gilbert, Hendee, Mann, West, Tarbox, Dean, Butler, Stanley** and **White**. *Reply to: Margaret O'Brien, 201 Fairway Drive, East Windsor, CT 06088.*

Seeking ancestry of **Roderick Adams**, born ca. 1750, Simsbury, CT, married **Isabel Case**, 28 January 1773 in Simsbury. Children: **Roderick, Elizabeth, Ambrose, Rosanna, Luther, Harvey, Luke, Levi** and **Lucy**. Roderick d. 18 December 1829 in his 77th year at Onondaga, New York. *Reply to: Roderick O. Adams, 269 Spruce, Highland, MI 48357.*

Do you have a query you would like to see published? Send it to Stephen E. Simon or e-mail us at "genehist@micro-net.com"

Summer is the ideal time to take those short trips to gather original sources for your genealogical research. Sometimes, an afternoon at the Town Hall or local historical society or library, can fill in the blanks. Always look at wills, probate records, land records, tax lists, city directories and other vital records with an eye towards everyone of your surname and check all spelling variations. Make copies of everything, if feasible, because you are bound to discover links later on that you were not aware of when you first began. There is nothing more frustrating than realizing you were right there but did not know about "Great Uncle Fred's" connection.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771 edited by Bettye Hobbe Pruitt.

American Place names of Long Ago by Gilbert S. Bahn.

New Englanders on the Ohio Frontier: Migration and Settlement of Worthington, Ohio
by Virginia E. McCormick and Robert W. McCormick.

Thomas Barnes of Hartford, Connecticut & 1776 Descendants: 1615-1994, by Frederic
Wagner Barnes and Edna Cleo (Bauer) Barnes.

The Holcomb(e) Genealogy by Jesse Seaver.

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records by Peter S. Mallett.

Putney, Vermont Vital Records by Ken Stevens.

*The Drake Family in England and America, 1360-1895 and the Descendants of Thomas
Drake of Weymouth, Mass 1635-1691* by Louis Stoughton Drake.

The Chaffee Genealogy by William H. Chaffee.

*The McCleers and the Birneys - Irish Immigrant Families - Into Michigan and the California
Gold Fields, 1820-1893*, by Robert E. Stack.

History of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania by Emily C. Blackman (on loan)

Proper Family History by Lewis G. Proper.

The donation of a book or the funds to purchase a specific item is the ideal way to remember someone special. We always have a wish list of books or microfilm or fiche that would be a much needed addition to the collection. Ask for a peak at the list next time you are in to use the Library.

SIMSBURY MARRIAGES

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	BP
Jan. 1, 1855	Edward Bradley Sarah Foxwell	21 16		Ireland New York
Jan. 4, 1855	Jeremiah B. Eno Faitha L. Holcomb	26 21		Simsbury "
Jan. 9, 1855	William W. Wooster Clarissa E. Allen	28 29		Goshen Simsbury
Jan. 27, 1855	James Hayse Bridget Hastings	28 24		Ireland "
Feb. 12, 1855	Amos W. Woodford Esther M. Hoskins	25 23		Avon, Ct Simsbury
Mar. 26, 1855	Joseph M. Potter Mifs Mary A. LeFargue	32 20		Tolland, MA Sheffield, "
Apr. 1, 1855	Leonard Simpson Mifs Elisa George	35 23		Hartford Simsbury
May 9, 1855	James R. Dewey Elisa J. Eells	24 22		Westfield, MA Ohio
Aug. 23, 1855	Horace J. Nelson Adaline Griswold	24 26		Canton, Ct Weathersfield
Sep. 22, 1855	Joseph Forsythe Winford Caroll	22 24		Ireland Ireland
Nov. 2, 1855	John Myan Mary Crining	24 21		Ireland Ireland
Nov. 11, 1855	Thomas Darby Persila Davis	30 24		England England
Dec 1, 1855	Lawrence McCullin Anna Horan	30 25		Ireland Ireland
Jan. 17, 1856	George G. Chapin Wiltha A. Vining	21 21		Canton Simsbury

DATE	NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	BP
Jan. 24, 1856	Duitt (?) R. Rising Caroline A. Kilbourne	25 22		Southwick, MA Simsbury
May 11, 1856	Henry O. Wilcox Louisa L. Gillett	34 36		Simsbury Simsbury
May 1, 1856	Levent (?) F. Webster Harriott E. Moses	37 22		Avon Simsbury
Aug 20, 1856	John M. Peck Catharine J. Turnbull	26 23		Fall River, MA Lowell, MA
Sept. 21, 1856	John Mahar Maria Cunningham	26 22		Ireland "
Nov. 12, 1856	William Rutherford Bridget Mack	21 27		Ireland "
Nov. 29, 1856	Timothy Hollon Bridget Clifford	22 23		Ireland "
Dec. 16, 1856	Gift Adams Mrs. Mary Gillett	70 63		Simsbury Colebrook
Jan. 13, 1857	William W. Case Lucy Ann Wells	50 22	Farmer	Bloomfield
Jan. 20, 1857	Michael Kelly Balle Lagan	30 30	laborer	Ireland "
Jan. 22, 1857	Wm Clayton Mather Jane C. Brockett	25 24	Farmer	Simsbury "
Feb. 23, 1857	Thomas Handlon Julia Clark	40 30	laborer	Ireland "
Apr. 2, 1857	Horton B. Sisson Mary Jane Wilcox	26 24	Farmer	Windsor Simsbury
Apr. 7, 1857	Francis A. Hill Mary J. McRoy	27 22	Painter	So. Windsor Simsbury
Apr. 27, 1857	Americus Wilbreham Margaret Forsyth	23 20		Thompsonville Simsbury
Jun. 2, 1857	Frederick W. Hart Jenny M. Bassett	34 24		New Britian New Britian

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