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A RECAP OF OUR SEPTEMBER 29 FALL PROGRAM AND ANNUAL MEETING

Forty-seven DFAW members and friends trekked to the Windsor Historical Society on a beautiful late-September day for our Fall Program and Annual Meeting.



The day began at 9:30 with registration and a social time during which attendees shopped at the DFAW sales table staffed by Ruth Shapleigh-Brown and the DFAW Cousin Finder notebooks and displays prepared by Olivia Patch and Joan Clapp. At 10:00 a Memorial Service was led by President Richard Roberts, who reflected on sermons of the Rev. Jonathan Edwards (see page 2). Hymns were accompanied by our Genealogist, Edwin Strickland. During the service, there was a special remembrance time as the names of DFAW members who have passed on were read (see page 3). Our morning program was an illustrated lecture by William Hosley (left) on "The Great River: Art & Society of the Connecticut Valley."

Our buffet luncheon (right), catered by Kane's Market of Simsbury, included our perennial favorite, the butternut squash bake. Following the luncheon, Richard Roberts led our business meeting. The minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting held Saturday, September 23, 2017 were approved as presented, and we heard reports from the Board (see page 9 for the Membership Report, page 10 for the Genealogist's Report, and page 11 for the Registrar's Report).



The oldest person present was Terry Arnold of Enfield, Connecticut, and the youngest persons were Bree Berner of Glastonbury and Diane Lindgren of Newington. The newest member present was Dayna Drake-Walker of Plantsville. The person living the farthest away was Nell Bouton Taylor of Washington, DC; those driving the farthest that day were Christina and Vance Barber of Woodhaven, New York. Others attending from out-of-state were Dwight and Mary Fitch of Townsend, Massachusetts and Lawrence and Naomi Lacasse of Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Carol Nelson of Vernon was the winner of the fall-themed basket.



Officers and Board members were elected for the ensuing year, October 2018-September 2019. A round of acknowledgement and applause was given to Dorothy Armstrong for her years on the Board and as DFAW Sales Chair and to Sandy McGraw for her most recent service as Secretary. Announcements included plans for the next New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC), "Family - a Link to the Past & a Bridge to the Future," to be held April 3-6, 2019 in Manchester, New Hampshire, of which DFAW will be one of the Participating Societies (see page 8). Following the business meeting, some attendees took advantage of the opportunity to undertake research in the Historical Society's library, while others attended Joan Clapp's informative presentation on East Windsor history (left).

Many thanks are extended to Windsor Historical Society Director Christine Ermenc and her staff for their assistance prior to and during our meeting. Thanks also go out to Joan Clapp, Paul Osborn, Olivia Patch, Pam Roberts, Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, and Ed Strickland for their contributions in making the day a success. Additional photos of the day's activities are available on DFAW's Facebook page (simply type "Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor" into the Facebook search box).

TREKING ACROSS THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Richard C. Roberts

“The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider or some loathsome insect, over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked; his wrath towards you burns like fire; he looks upon you as worthy or nothing else, but to be cast into the fire; he is of purer eyes than to bear to have you in his sight; you are ten thousand times so abominable in his eyes as the most hateful venomous serpent is in ours.”

The Rev. Jonathan Edwards, a fellow descendant of the Ancient Windsor's Founders, is best known today for his messages of fire and brimstone; of visions of the wicked being exposed to sudden unexpected destruction, when “their foot shall slide in due time.” Inherent in this vision was the need for his 18th century followers to be ready for the Lord. But several of his sermons focused on “generation” and “family,” continuity, and the passing of values from one generation to the next, values that continue to speak to us today as members of a hereditary society looking to the next generation to carry on our research and traditions.

In his sermon “Christians a Chosen Generation”, Edwards set forth several “things signified when the Scriptures speaks of a generation.” They include: “all that are together upon the face of the earth on the stage of action;” “those that are born at the same remove from a common progenitor;” the lineage from “those persons whom they originally proceeded from;” and what he termed “the generation of the righteous.” “The church,” he wrote, “is continued and propagated, as it were, by generation,” and “the people of God are begotten through the education, instructions, and endeavors of those that were of God’s people before.”

In 1741, Edwards elaborated on that theme in a brief message to “Heads of Families”. Seeing the family as the foundation of the community and the patriarchs of families as the heads of society, he implored “those that are heads of families, and have the care of the education of children” “to obey God’s ordinances and for God’s Spirit to provide society with comforts and blessings: the “flourishing of those moral, social virtues that make a people happy; their honor, beauty and delight in a church, state or a worshipping society; and temporal blessings. Those blessings, he said, are expressed in Psalm 144:12-15, "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones...."

A key part of Edwards' message is that our values and traditions are “continued and propagated, as it were, by

generation ... through the education, instructions, and endeavors of those that were of God’s people before.” Although his message was primarily religious in nature, Edwards’ urging of his followers to instruct their children in values and traditions still applies to us today.

With the holidays and New Year approaching, this is a perfect time to resolve to generate and propagate interest in your family’s heritage. Here are some suggestions on ways to share with children and grandchildren the parts of our lives and the traditions, lessons, and values that are important to us:

- Let other family members know why family history is important to you.
- Discuss what “generation” means – one child, two parents, four grandparents, etc.
- Share stories of what life was like when you were young and family stories that help teach the next generations how to be better persons.
- Record your personal history for your descendants. Include when and where you were born, where you lived, the name of your school, where you have worked, and what things you did. Illustrate it with photos or drawings and maps.
- Help your children and grandchildren fill out charts of their family tree. Help them draw a time line of United States history showing what important events you, your parents, your grandparents and your great-grandparents would have experienced.
- Explore old family photographs. Photocopy pictures of yourself, your family, your grandparents, etc. Help your children or grandchildren draw a tree or a chart and place the pictures in the right spots.
- Share cookbooks and family recipes that have been passed from generation to generation. Try helping family members cook something from the old family recipes and share how they are related to the person who wrote out the recipe.
- Share information about heirlooms and keepsakes of ancestors, and make new future heirlooms together.



Finally, resolve to “be a pattern” to others that the values and lessons from the past may become an inheritance to your children's children.

IN MEMORIAM

During our Memorial Service on September 29, we remembered the following members whose deaths were made known to us during the past year:

Charles Arthur Adams, #1013S L3 of Barrington, RI, joined March 1994, died 2 May 2010. A graduate of Windsor High School and the University of Hartford, he served in the Army for seven years and worked for Trans World Airlines for 27 years and later for United Parcel Service (UPS).

Earle F. Armstrong, #0757A L3 of South Windsor, CT, joined November 1998, died 27 May 2018. He was the husband of Dorothy (Schwager) Armstrong who served on DFAW's Board and as Sales Chair for many years, and Earle assisted Dottie at the sales table at many, many DFAW meetings. Earle grew up in the Buckland section of Manchester, Connecticut and served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. In addition to his involvement in DFAW, Earle was an active member of the Wapping Community Church, UCC.

Lester B. Bachman, M.D., #0874S L3 of San Marcos, CA, joined in April 1991, died 8 May 2018. After leaving the U.S. Public Health Service he served as Director of Rossmoor Clinic in Walnut Creek, California and was later in private practice while on staff at John Muir Hospital.

Elizabeth Buell Baldwin, #1154S A, of Garrett Park, MD joined in January 1998, died 16 March 2017. Throughout her life Betty loved to bird watch, garden, and read; in recent years she became interested in genealogy and family history.

Robert LeCron Clark, #0471S A, (Charter), joined in August 1984, d. 2 September 2002.

Clarence Richard "Dick" Dibble, #0605S A, of Sidney, NY, joined in October 1985, died 14 June 2017. He worked at American Plastics for 41 years, retiring as a Supervisor. He loved to ride motorcycles and enjoyed camping.

Marguerite (Merrick) Geis, #1031S A, of West Brookfield, MA, joined in August 1994, died 25 March 2017. She served as president of the Quaboag Historical Society from 1996 to 2001 and was its secretary from 2001 to 2006. She was a 50-year member of the NSDAR.

Florence Royal Hunstein, #1072S A, of Charlotte, NC, joined in October 1995, died 5 October 2009 aged 86 years, 6 months, 6 days.

Laurence John Resseguie, #0744S L3, of Corvallis, OR, joined in April 1988, died 28 January 2017.

Alice Marie Violante Rhode, #0728 of Idaho Falls, ID, joined in January 1987, died 10 January 2018.

Priscilla H. Silliman, #0008S L3 (Charter) of Windsor, CT, joined in November 1983, died February 24, 2018. See the Winter 2018 *Newsletter* for Priscilla's many contributions to DFAW over the years.

Lyle A. Strong, #0725S A, of Swartz Creek, MI, joined in October 1987, d. 22 February 2008.

Arthur W. Sweeton III, #0944 D L3, of Canton Center, CT, joined in March 1993, d. 27 September 2014.

Thelma M. (Eggleston) Valdez, #0618S A, of Deland, FL, formerly of Canandaigua, NY, joined in February 1986, d. 16 July 2000 aged 80 years, 4 months, 26 days.

Leroy C. Wright, #0313S A (Charter), of Enfield, CT, joined in January 1984, d. 5 October 2017. He was a 57-year member of the Enfield Congregational Church; his interests included gardening, travel, birding, and making stained glass creations.

With sadness we report the death of **Lorraine (Bowen) Clapp**, #0233 of South Windsor, who passed away on Friday, November 9, 2018 at the age of 92. Lorraine served on DFAW's Board as a member-at-large from 1991-1993, 2003-2005, and 2008-2018; as Corresponding Secretary from 1994-2002; and as Secretary from 2006-2007. Her late husband of 62 years, Talcott I. Clapp, who died in 2012, was a Charter member of DFAW, and her daughter Joan continues to serve on DFAW's Board. Lorraine earned a Bachelor's degree from Willimantic State Teachers College and a Master's degree from Central Connecticut State University. She taught elementary school for almost 30 years. Lorraine's interests were varied and wide-ranging. In addition to DFAW, she was active in 4-H, her church, the Grange, genealogy, travel, history, music, needlecraft, the senior center, gardening, photography, and more.



THREE MINISTERS WITH CONNECTIONS TO WINDSOR EAST OF THE GREAT RIVER

Richard C. Roberts

THE REV. TIMOTHY EDWARDS

The Rev. Timothy Edwards, the first minister of Windsor's East Parish on the east side of the Connecticut River, was born 27 January 1758 in Hartford, the son of Richard and Elizabeth (Tuthill) Edwards (Henry Reed Stiles, *The History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor: Including East Windsor, South Windsor, Bloomfield, Windsor Locks, and Ellington. 1635-1891* (Hartford, CT: Press of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, 1891-92), v. 2, p. 194. Hereinafter cited as Stiles) (Donald Lines Jacobus and Edgar Francis Waterman, *Hale, House and Related Families Mainly of the Connecticut River Valley* (Hartford, CT: The Connecticut Historical Society, 1952), p. 533. Hereinafter cited as *Hale, House.*) (Andrew B. Searle, "Esther and Her Daughters: A Matrilineal Study of Marriage and Vocation," *NEHGS NEXUS: The Newsmagazine of the New England Historic Genealogical Society*, vols. 15-16 (1998-9): v. 15, p. 107. Hereinafter cited as Searle.) (Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Memorial #9696248. Hereinafter cited as Find A Grave.).

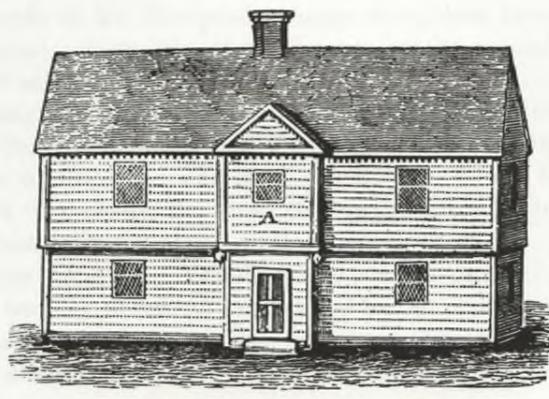
As a boy he experienced several "remarkable deliverances [and] recoveries: surviving after falling into a tub of water and nearly drowning; having a loaded gun misfire after he "wantonly" had aimed it at one of his schoolmates and pulled the trigger; falling out of a cherry tree but escaping without a broken neck; nearly going under the ice while skating; and nearly choking on a peach pit (Stiles, v. 2, p. 441).

He was educated at the grammar school in Hartford and pursued further studies under the Rev. Peletiah Grover of Springfield before entering Harvard College in 1687. He received both a Bachelor and Master of Arts on 4 July 1691 (Stiles, v. 2, p. 553). On 6 November 1694 he married Esther Stoddard, daughter of the Rev. Solomon and Esther (Warham) Stoddard of Northampton, Massachusetts (Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven* (1922-1932; reprint Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1997), v. VII-VIII, p. 1890. Hereinafter cited as *Ancient New Haven.*) (Stiles, v. 2, p. 194.) (*Hale, House*, p. 533.) (Searle, v. 15, p. 107.) and granddaughter of the Rev. John Warham of Windsor. She was born on 2 June 1672 at Northampton, (*Hale House.*, p. 533.) (Searle, v. 15, p. 106.) (Find A Grave, Memorial #10649724.).

After previous petitions had been denied, on 9 April 1694, "inhabitants of Windsor, on the east side Connecticut river," again petitioned for "liberty to procure and settle a minister...." This petition was granted by the General Court on 10 May 1694 (Stiles I:552). and Timothy Edwards arrived as a ministerial candidate in November 1694. Timothy and Esther, his new bride, settled at "Windsor Farmes" on 14 November 1694 (John A. Stoughton, "*Windsor Farmes*": *A Glimpse of an Old Parish....* Hartford: Clark & Smith, 1883, p. 41. Hereinafter cited as Stoughton; Stiles, v. 2, p. 553.), where he began preaching, probably initially at the home of Thomas Stoughton or in a barn prior to the erection of a meeting house (Stoughton, p. 29; Stiles, v. 2, p. 553). Rev. Edwards was settled "in the work of the ministry" on 25 September 1695 at which time it was voted that he receive "three score pounds a year for the two first years, seventy pounds per year for the next two years, and eighty pounds per year for the future, and his wood (Stoughton, p. 29; Stiles, v. 2, p. 555)."

The Second Society church was allowed to be gathered in May 1696, and in October 1696 those on the east side of the Connecticut River were granted "liberty 'in an orderly way, with the consent of neighbor churches,' to 'imbody themselves into church estate,'" thus becoming Windsor's Second Church (today the First Congregational Church in South Windsor) "and to proceed with the ordination of their minister (Stiles, I:556)."

On 3 May 1697 "it was voted to call Mr. Edwards to offis as soon as conveniently may be (Stoughton, p. 41)." However, separation from the First Church of Windsor was not finalized until 1698 (Stiles, v. 1, p. 557).



At about the time their wedding, Timothy's father, Richard Edwards, had purchased a farm on which he had a house built for of Timothy and Esther. According to historian John Stoughton "It was a plain, two-story house, built close to the ground. It was narrow and long, with a door in the middle of the front, which faced the west. The southwest room had a bench fastened to the wall around three sides. It was located on the east side of the main street, near the

residence of his brother-in-law, Capt. Thomas Stoughton, on a slight eminence, about a hundred rods north of Stoughton's Brook (Stoughton, p. 46)."

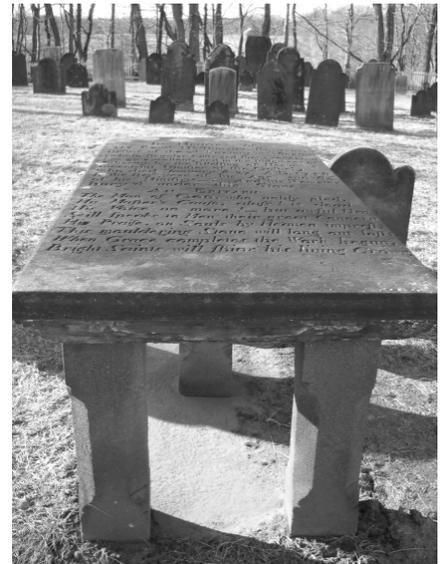
"The house was completed about Jan. 1, 1697. Its construction occupied about a year, the timbers being drawn from the distant mill during the winter season, when the farmers were more at leisure, and roads could be better drawn upon sleds. Corporal Joseph Stiles and John Hosford seem to have been the master workmen; and, a portion of the time, were boarded by the selectman, Capt. Stoughton, who charges Mr. Edward 'Sept. 25, 1696, for diatting Corporal Stiles and his son Joseph 4 days, 5s. 4d. Oct. 4th, for diatting John Hosford 1 week, 4s. 6d. Brick was brought from Podunk and clay to stop the interstices was used instead of mortar. The windows were of diamond-shaped panes set in lead (Stoughton, p. 47)."

Timothy Edwards was ordained in May 1698, after which an ordination ball was held at the Edwards' house, the provisions for which included rum, wine, butter, cheese, and eggs (Stiles, v. 1, p. 557; Stoughton, p. 51).

During Queen Anne's War, in 1709 Timothy Edwards served as a chaplain to the Connecticut troops as part of a planned expedition against Canada. His detachment reached Albany on 15 August following a march "full of toil and exposure." On the subsequent march to Wood Creek he was taken sick and on 4 September was taken by boat to Stillwater and then back to Albany "through the woods in a wagon, and on a bed." Following the failure of the expedition, during which many men from Windsor's East Parish died of disease, Edwards returned home with remaining troops (Stiles, v. I: 239).

Timothy and Esther had ten daughters, who he is said to have tutored in Greek and Latin (Searle, v. 15, p. 107). One of them, Martha, married the Rev. Moses Tuttle (see below). Their only son was the Rev. Jonathan Edwards.

Rev. Edwards served as minister of the South Windsor church for 62 years. Following his death on 27 January 1758 (Stiles, v. 2, p. 194), he was buried at Old South Windsor Cemetery ("God's Acre"), South Windsor, Connecticut (Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Memorial #9696248.). The congregation purchased an elaborate table stone in his memory (above, right). Esther died on 19 January 1770 at East Windsor, Connecticut (*Hale, House*, p. 533.) (Find A Grave, Memorial #10649724.) or on 19 January 1771 "in 99th yr." (Stiles, v. 2, p. 194.) (Searle, v. 15, p. 106.). She was buried at Old South Windsor Cemetery. (God's Acre), South Windsor, Connecticut (Find A Grave, Memorial #10649724.).



THE REV. JONATHAN EDWARDS



Jonathan Edwards, the son of the Rev. Timothy and Esther (Stoddard) Edwards, was born 5 October 1703 in his parents' house in that part of Windsor that was on the east side of the Connecticut River (Stiles, v. 2, p. 194.) (Jacobus and Waterman, *Hale, House*, p. 534.) (Searle, v. 15, p. 107.) (Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Memorial #1360.). He was is a descendant of Windsor's Founders through his great grandfather, the Rev. John Warham.

Jonathan graduated from Yale College in 1720. According to John Warner Barber, "In 1722 he went to New York, at the request of a small society of English Presbyterians, and preached a number of months. In 1724 he was appointed a tutor in Yale College, and he continued in that office, till he was invited in 1726 to preach in Northampton, Massachusetts (Barber, p. 80; Searle, v. 15, p. 107)."

On 28 July 1728 Edwards married Sarah Pierpont, daughter of the Rev. James Pierpont, at New Haven (Stiles, v. 2, p. 197.) (*Hale, House*, p. 534.) (Searle, p. 107.). They had eight daughters and three sons, and their grandchildren included U.S. Vice President Aaron Burr, Yale College President Timothy Dwight, and cotton gin inventor Eli Whitney's wife (Searle, v. 15, p. 107).

Edwards was ordained on 15 February 1727, and served as a minister in Northampton, with his grandfather, the Rev. Solomon Stoddard (Barber, p. 80). Beginning in 1733, he was at the center of a religious revival that began in Northampton and which, by 1739-1740 had grown into the evangelical movement known as the "First Great Awakening" that spread throughout New England. Jonathan Edwards was a leader in the Awakening, describing grace as creating a "new light" on sin and atonement. He and other "New Lights" emphasized salvation through a new birth of the heart, the mending of ways, and the confession of sins and embraced worship with more spirit and fervor. During this time

Jonathan Edwards preached his most famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." The Awakening led not only to divisions within congregations of the Congregational Church but to political factions within the New England colonies. Jonathan Edwards was dismissed from the Northampton congregation in 1750.

In August 1751, Edwards succeeded the Rev. John Sergeant as missionary to the Housatonic Indians at Stockbridge, Massachusetts. According to John Warner Barber, "Here he continued six years, preaching to the Indians and the white people; and as he found much leisure, he prosecuted his theological and metaphysical studies, and produced works which rendered his name famous throughout Europe (Barber, p. 80)."

In January 1758, he succeeded his son-in-law, the Rev. Aaron Burr (father of U.S. Vice President Aaron Burr) as president of Nassau Hall College (now Princeton University) in New Jersey (Barber, p. 81). However, soon after his arrival a smallpox outbreak led him to be inoculated, which led to his death on 22 March 1758, in the fifty fifth year of his age (Barber, p. 81; Searle, v. 15, p. 107) at Princeton, Mercer Co., New Jersey (Stiles, v. 2, p. 196.) (*Hale, House*, p. 534.) (Searle, v. 15, p. 107.) (Find A Grave, Memorial #1360.). He was buried at Princeton Cemetery, Princeton, Mercer Co., New Jersey (Ibid.). Sarah died on 25 October 1758 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania "in 49th year" (Stiles, v. 2, p. 197.). She was buried at Princeton Cemetery, Princeton, New Jersey (Find A Grave, Memorial #11603.).

THE REV. MOSES TUTTLE

The Rev. Moses Tuttle, the second minister at Wapping, was born 25 June 1715 in New Haven, Connecticut, the sixth and youngest child of John and Hannah (Humiston) Tuttle (Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven* (1922-1932; reprint Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1997), v. VII-VIII, p. 1890. Hereinafter cited as *Ancient New Haven*.) (George Frederick Tuttle, *The Descendants of William and Elizabeth Tuttle: Who Came from Old to New England in 1635....* (Rutland, VT: Tuttle & Co., 1883), p. 172. Hereinafter cited as Tuttle.) (*Hale, House*, p. 535.) (Searle, v. 16, p. 23.) (New Haven, CT Vital Records: v. 1, p. 217, as recorded in the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, Connecticut State Library.). He was baptized 24 September 1739 at First Congregational Church, New Haven (*Ancient New Haven*, v. VII-VIII, p. 1890.) (Tuttle, p. 172.) (Searle, v. 16, p. 23.).

In his boyhood he went to sea (Albion B. Wilson, *History of Granville, Massachusetts*. Hartford?, 1954. Reprint Salem, MA, Higginson Book Company, p. 164. Hereinafter cited as Wilson.). He attended Yale College and graduated in the class of 1745, at the age of 30 (Wilson, p. 164; Stiles, v. 1, p. 621). After his graduation, he taught at the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, where he was teaching when called to the church being formed in the plantation of Bedford, (now Granville), Massachusetts in 1746. At the time he was not yet ordained; his ordination took place in January 1746/7 (Wilson, p. 164). His settling lot included the first meeting house, "supposed to have been on the knoll west of Blandford Road about half way between West Cemetery and North Cemetery (Gary Boyd Roberts and Judith McGhan. *Genealogies of Connecticut Families from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1983, v. 1, p. 370)."

The Rev. Timothy Mather Cooley wrote that Rev. Tuttle "was an orthodox, and faithful minister, and his short ministry, of six years, was blessed with prosperity and peace (Timothy Mather Cooley, *The Granville Jubilee: Celebrated at Granville, Mass., August 27 and 28, 1845*. Springfield: H. S. Taylor, 1845, p. 47)".

In 1746 he married his second cousin Martha Edwards, daughter of the Rev. Timothy and Esther (Stoddard) Edwards and sister of the Rev. Jonathan Edwards at East Parish, Windsor, Connecticut (*Hale, House*, p. 535.) (Tuttle, p. 172.), making him not only Jonathan Edwards' second cousin through William (ca. 1609-1673) and Elizabeth (--?--) (ca. 1610-30 December 1684) Tuttle but Jonathan's brother-in-law. Martha was born on 5 January 1718 at East Parish, Windsor, Connecticut (*Ancient New Haven*, v. VII-VIII, p. 1890.) (Stiles, v. 2, p. 194.) (*Hale, House*, p. 535.) (Searle, v. 15, p. 107; v. 16, p. 21.).

After leaving Granville in 1753, Rev. Tuttle returned to New Haven (Searle, v. XVI, p. 23). In May 1756 he was serving a Presbyterian church in Kent Co., Delaware, and "appears on the lists of the Presbytery of Lewes, Sussex Co. Del., through Sept. 1762 (Searle, p. 23). In the summer of 1762, while of Worcester Co., Maryland, he sold land in New Haven. After having had his house burned twice during the French and Indian War, in November 1763 the Corporation for the Relief of Poor and Distressed Ministers paid him £25 (Searle, v. 16, p. 23). From May 1764 through May 1769 he is listed on the New York Synod's rolls (Searle, v. 16, p. 23).

Moses died on 21 November 1785 at Southold, Long Island, New York in his 78th year (Jacobus, *Ancient New Haven*, v. VII-VIII, p. 1890.) (*Hale, House*, p. 535.) (Searle, v. XVI, p. 23.). Martha died in February 1794 at Wapping Society, in what was then East Windsor (now South Windsor), Connecticut, aged nearly 77 years (Stiles, v. 2, p. 194.) (Tuttle, p. 172.) (*Hale, House*, p. 535.) (Searle, v. 16, p. 21.).

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Edwards table stone photo by Joan Clapp.

EDWARDS BURYING GROUND, OR "GOD'S ACRE"

Although the Charles R. Hale materials in State Archives Record Group 72 refer to it as "Center Cemetery" (and the better-known Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions refers to it as "Old South Windsor Cemetery"), former DFAW Board Member Lorraine Clapp always wanted others to know that the cemetery is better known as "God's Acre" or the "Edwards Burying Ground" as it is located not far from where Jonathan Edwards was born.

In addition to many impressive gravestones, the cemetery is notable for an impressive gateway designed by architect Richard Dana of New York and dedicated on June 25, 1929 with over 400 in attendance. The east front of the north pillar is dedicated to the Rev. Timothy Edwards, 1669-1758, the first minister of Windsor's East Parish, and his wife, Esther Stoddard. Both are buried in the cemetery.



The east front of the south pillar is dedicated to Timothy's son, the Rev. Jonathan Edwards, best known for his sermon "Sinners at the Hands of an Angry God." The plaque reads, "Jonathan Edwards, 1703-1758, born at East Windsor, died at Princeton (New Jersey), pastor and theologian, tutor in Yale College, president College of New Jersey, and one of the leaders in the 'Great Awakening,' the first spontaneous movement in the religious life of the of the American people."

Connecticut gravestone expert James Slater remarked that, "If one had to choose only one burying ground to visit in the entire Connecticut Valley, it would be difficult not to choose this wonderful site" and goes on to provide examples of most important

headstones by a number of prominent Connecticut gravestone carvers.

For more information on the cemetery, see:

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15TH NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE: *FAMILY ~ A LINK TO THE PAST & A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE*

The 15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference, "Family - a Link to the Past & a Bridge to the Future," will be held 3-6 April 2019 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Featured speakers are Blaine Bettinger, well known for his work with genetic genealogy; Dr. Thomas Jones, PhD, an award-winning genealogical researcher, writer, editor, and educator; and Cyndi Ingle, the developer and owner of "Cyndi's List". The Conference Committee has planned pre-Conference tracks and other events on Wednesday, regular Conference presentations on Thursday through Saturday, as well as an Exhibit Hall, Ancestors Road Show, Society Fair, and other events.

The Conference is being held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel (formerly the Radisson) situated just one hour north of Boston; one hour west of Portsmouth; two hours north of Providence; two and a half hours north of Springfield and Hartford; and three hours south of Burlington.



NERGC 2019 will bring together genealogists and family historians from a variety of backgrounds. Whether you are just beginning the search for your family, are already an advanced researcher, or even a professional genealogist, the conference will provide you with an ideal opportunity to advance your knowledge and research skills. In addition to the wealth of knowledge shared by expert genealogists, there will be opportunities to explore the Exhibit Hall (look for DFAW in Booth #405); to make new connections at the Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show; and to meet hundreds of other attendees at the Conference who share your love for family history.

In fulfillment of one of the requirements as a NERGC 2019 Participating Society, DFAW is sponsoring as its speaker Edwin W. Strickland II (left), who will be presenting S-114, "Land Records: More than Metes the Eye." Ed is a self-taught genealogist with over 40 years' experience. He is a Charter member of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor and has served as President and as Genealogist for nearly 30 years; is currently a Governor of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists and is a Past Vice President and Past President; and is a Charter member of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council, for which he is a consultant for their Ancestors Road Shows.

Registration for the "full conference" — Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — is \$125 before February 28, 2019; \$155 after March 1, 2019. Sessions start on Thursday, April 4, 2019. The 2019 Conference will also feature many activities on Wednesday, April 3 at additional cost including DNA Day, Librarians Day, Professionals Day, Society Day, Tech Day, Military Day, and a tour of several southern New Hampshire research facilities. Registering for any of the Wednesday activities does not require registering for the "full conference".

To find more details about the conference, visit www.NERGC.org.

To download the conference brochure, go to

<http://www.nergc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/.../NERGC-2019.pdf>.

After exploring the brochure, register online at http://bit.ly/REG_NERGC_2019.

DFAW PARTICIPATION IN THE NERGC 2019 EXHIBIT HALL

Pam Roberts, Delegate; Dwight Fitch, Alternate Delegate

The decision is made – DFAW will indeed be present in the Exhibit Hall at the 15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference. Dwight Fitch, your DFAW Alternate Delegate to the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, will coordinate the set up and volunteer presence for DFAW in BOOTH #405. Dwight is recruiting DFAW members to help set up the Booth sometime between 3:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3 and seeking volunteers in shifts for coverage at the booth during Exhibit Hall open hours Thursday and Friday (April 4 and 5) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday (April 6) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with break down and pack up session starting at 4:00 p.m. **Contact Dwight Fitch (dw_fitch1@comcast.net) to schedule your volunteer time at Booth #405!** Past volunteers at the booth have enjoyed the interaction with others while sharing the scrapbooks, stories, maps and publications in the display about those first settlers of Windsor. Please share ideas of items to add to our Booth's Door Prize Drawing.

DFAW PARTICIPATES IN 2018 "MASSING OF THE COLORS"

Genealogist Edwin Strickland (right) and President Richard Roberts represented DFAW at this year's "Massing of the Colors of the Hereditary and Patriotic Societies of Connecticut." This annual event brings together many of Connecticut's hereditary and patriotic societies for a procession of flags, a short service, and a reception and social time. This year's program, held Saturday, November 3 at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in East Hartford, was hosted by the Kellogg-Atwater Chapter, Daughters of the Union 1861-1865.



2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Pamela L. Roberts, Membership Secretary

Greetings to our DFAW members. Here is a snapshot of our membership status as we move forward into the 2018-2019 DFAW Member year.

Membership statistic:

As of December 12, 2018, our active DFAW mailing list includes 315 Life member households and 238 Annual member households in addition to 19 libraries or societies that post or make available our newsletter and flyers as complementary Institutional members.

Since my last report near the end of the 4th quarter of the 2017-2018 year, just prior to our 2018 Fall Annual Meeting on September 29, 80 annual dues renewals were received, 2 members paid full Life membership dues, and 5 members or households paid one of the three consecutive year dues toward full Life membership. The total of dues recorded as deposited is \$ \$2,376.00.

What can you do? To help keep our membership up to date, please check your label on this Newsletter:

- If the second number in the label first line is 0/2019 or above (ex. 0/2020) you are indeed a member in good standing for the 2018-2019 membership year ending September 30, 2019. Congratulations and THANK YOU for your continued support.
- If your label shows 0/2018 or below (ex. 0/2017), your Annual dues are outstanding. We would so appreciate receiving your payment of your 2018-2019 dues as follows:
 - Renewal for an Individual member, shown by an "S A" after your membership number, is \$15.
 - Dual Annual members, shown by "A A" or "B A" after the membership number, owe \$23.
 - As is typical, DFAW gives a 1-year grace period. A second dues notice for those with outstanding 2018-2019 dues will go out in February of 2019 along with the program announcement for the Spring meeting typically held on the 4th Saturday of March.
- If you still owe dues, you may pay anytime now. Can't find your "slip" indicating the amount due? Just use the information above and send your check made out to "DFAW" for \$15 (individual membership) or \$23 (dual membership) to:

DFAW Membership, Pamela Roberts, 596 Gurleyville Road, Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268-1408.

Questions? Simply call or text 860 428-2406 or email DFAW1633@yahoo.com.

Help us meet the goal of 80% of our Annual dues paid by March 1.

GIFTING:

During the Holidays and for the New Year, if you are interested in "gifting" a Junior membership to someone under age 18, or an Annual or Life membership to others in your family, just send your request via DFAW1633@yahoo.com or fill out the contact form at www.ancientwindsor.org and I will respond with information for your "gift" order.

Lineage Form requests: As a member you have the option of submitting your line to a Founder with documentation for review and possible award of a certificate of descent. Request extra forms from me as Membership Secretary using the contact information above. Assisting members to fully receive ALL the benefits of membership is my job. Remember to keep us informed of address changes.

Contact: Pamela Roberts, Membership Secretary
596 Gurleyville Road, Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268-1408 Email: DFAW1633@yahoo.com, or call 860 428-2406.

GENEALOGIST'S ANNUAL REPORT

29 September 2018

Edwin W. Strickland II

Over the past 35 years DFAW's database has existed in many forms: handwritten master family group sheets (1983–c1987), Family Roots (c1988-1998), and the Master Genealogist (1998-2018), with a version in Roots Magic (2014-2018) for use by the Registrar and the Windsor Historical Society. My energies as genealogist have focused on approving lineages for our current members, deceased and inactive members, and updating our old records in TMG.

Work breaks down to new members (4-6 hours, 4 times a month); review of hardcopy prior to 1999, family group sheets de-accessioned by Windsor Historical Society and corresponding document files (4-6, twice a month); review of articles in our newsletter, *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, and the *New England Historical Genealogical Register* (4-6 hours, twice a month); processing lineages for deceased/inactive member (4-6 hours twice a month) and work on "Some Descendants of Hon. Daniel Clark" (4-6 hours twice a month).

For current members, I am working on lineages for 5 members with no lineages in the pending pile! 13 new lineages for 10 active members have been approved since last annual meeting. Three lineages have been rejected.

Deceased and inactive members have been sorted by founder claimed. I am working on descendants of William Filley. New lineages have been verified for 5 members.

Previously approved lineages (at least one line) have been reviewed for 43 members. These are taken from the review of the old database and/or lineages sheets from Windsor Historical Society.

Currently I have a private tree online for Daniel Clark which I'm using to improve documentation and source citation, and to fill in gaps. This tree currently has 3001 people (descendants and spouses), with 2790 record hints. These hints could be from good or bad databases or for the wrong people and the count changes daily.

Statistics for our database in The Master Genealogist (the real workhorse and official database) are below.

DATA TYPE	RECORDS	AVERAGE/PERSON
People	73,912	
Names	101,709	1.38
Events	158,254	2.14
Witnesses	196,940	2.66
Places	17,138	0.23
Relationships	87,066	1.18
Citations	191,633	2.59
Sources	9,326	0.13
Repository Links	6,579	0.09
Repositories	5,355	0.07
Exhibits	465	0.01
Research Tasks	0	0.00
Timeline Locks	0	0.00
Tag Types	1470	0.00
Source Elements	160	0.00
DNA Fingerprints	0	0.00

In addition, we use RootsMagic To-Go to provide access to the date for the Windsor Historical Society and our Registrar, Olivia Patch. They are receiving the latest version today.

DFAW SALES REMINDERS

Here are some items to consider as part of your holiday shopping. For a complete listing of DFAW sales items, see the complete four-page catalog included in the Summer issue of the *Newsletter*.

MEMBERSHIP PIN. Made of raised silver base metal in the shape of our shield, our pin is one inch high and bears the DFAW logo in dark blue on a white background. A great conversation starter! \$5.00 + \$1.50 p&h - **\$6.50***

The Daughter Towns of Windsor, Connecticut* by Homer W. Scott.** Traces the evolution of Windsor's "Daughter Towns," with references to the people who moved out to settle in and organize them. Based on the series of articles in the DFAW *Newsletter* but revised and added to for this collection. \$15.00 + \$4.00 p&h - **\$19.00

The Settlement of Windsor, Connecticut* by Kent C. L. Avery, Donna Holt Siemiakoski, and Robert Silliman.** Revised 4th Edition, 2008. \$4.00 + \$2.00 p&h - **\$6.00

*CT residents: Please add 6.35% Sales Tax to total order.

Send orders c/o DFAW Sales, PO Box 39, Windsor, CT 06095-0039.

DFAW REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Olivia Patch

September 29, 2018

Since our Spring Luncheon meeting, I have received nine lineage applications. They are professionally organized, and a pleasure to review. The last three received are still waiting my review -- one has a few pages that are quite illegible and too light for me to read accurately.

I urge members submitting their lineage applications to make sure their documentation is legible and readable; if it is not, please make and provide a transcription for us. Thank you.

COUSIN FINDERS EXCHANGE

Olivia Patch, Chair

Since our Spring Luncheon meeting, we now have eight new members participating in our Cousin Finders Exchange. These new cousins are from California, New York State, Florida (three), Minnesota, Connecticut, and Arizona.

Perusing through the Cousin Exchange Permission Forms, I am amazed on the number of cousins that descend from so many of our Founders.

There are still quite a few Founders with descendants that have not participated in our project. Even if you have researched and documented all your Founder ancestors, you could be helpful to those cousins that need help. Some do not live near facilities with good genealogical collections. Indeed, we here in Connecticut are so fortunate to have so many good libraries!! The Internet does not have information on all our ancestors, and many do not provide sources.

Through correspondence, you may uncover some new interesting information on your family. I encourage all of you to share whenever you can.

DFAW COUSIN EXCHANGE

To participate in the Cousin Exchange and be put in touch with other "cousins" researching your DFAW lines, you must be a DFAW member. Return your completed form, including complete mailing address with ZIP code + 4, *and a self-addressed, stamped envelope* to Olivia Patch, DFAW Registrar, 83 Cedar Swamp Rd., Tolland, CT 06084. Once part of the Exchange, your name and the names of the Founders you are researching are "carried forward" across your years of DFAW membership. We hope this benefit of DFAW membership continues to be popular and rewarding!

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Cousin Exchange Permission Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP+4:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

DFAW Membership Number _____

I am interested in sharing with cousins descended from the following Founders:

I grant permission to give my name, address, and e-mail to others participating in the DFAW Cousin Exchange:

Signature _____ **Date:** _____



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REGISTRATION FOR NERGC 2019 IS NOW OPEN!

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