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JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING PROGRAM ON MARCH 23



This year's Spring Program and Luncheon will be held Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Simsbury United Methodist Church. Our speaker will be Christopher Pagliuco, whose presentation will be "The Great Escape of Edward Whalley and William Goffe: Smuggled Through Connecticut". After King Charles was beheaded in 1649, England became a commonwealth under the leadership of Oliver Cromwell for little more than a decade. When the monarchy was restored in 1660, Edward Whalley and William Goffe, who had signed King Charles' death warrant and were among those labeled "Regicides" (king killers), became hunted men and escaped to Connecticut. Don't miss this informative presentation about a little-known episode in Connecticut's early history! For more information about the "Regicides," see <https://westrocktrails.blogspot.com/p/on-trail-of-regicides.html>.

Our buffet luncheon will be catered by Kane's Market of Simsbury and includes: Lemon Chicken, Red Roasted Potatoes, Herbed Green Beans, Garden Salad, Fresh Rolls and Butter, Beverages, and Dessert.

During the morning coffee hour, the break following our morning program, and immediately after lunch you may purchase tickets (\$1 per ticket; six for \$5) for a door prize drawing featuring a spring-themed basket that will also include a DFAW Commemorative Plate. Proceeds assist with program costs.

In the afternoon, following our luncheon and a time of announcements and visiting (during which we'll announce the winner of the door prize drawing), you may visit the nearby Simsbury ("Hopmeadow") Cemetery (weather permitting) attend an orientation tour of the nearby Simsbury Genealogical & Historical Research Library, or meet with our genealogist, Edwin Strickland, who will be available to assist with the DFAW computer database.

The information below is shared to assist you in your planning. The recent First-Class mailing includes the program registration form. Although the deadline for mailed registrations will have passed by the time you receive this Newsletter, walk-ins for the presentation only are welcome; pay at the door. E-mail DFAW1633@yahoo.com or call 860-428-2406 for questions about meal availability; we may be able to accommodate you and/or your friends.

FULL SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; BRING A FRIEND!

What: **9:30 - 10:30** **Registration & Coffee Hour.** Visit with others, check out displays, and buy DFAW items, Discuss membership benefits with Membership Secretary Pam Roberts.
 10:30 - 11:30 **Program:** "The Great Escape of Edward Whalley and William Goffe: Smuggled Through Connecticut," Christopher Pagliuco.
 11:30 - 12:00 **Break.** Explore the DFAW tables.
 12:00 - 1:00 **Luncheon Buffet.**
 1:00 - 1:30 **Announcements and visiting.**
 1:30 - 3:00 **Afternoon Options:** visit Simsbury Cemetery, tour the nearby Simsbury Genealogical & Historical Research Library, explore the DFAW database with Genealogist Ed Strickland.

Where: Simsbury United Methodist Church, 799 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT 06070.

Registration: \$26.00 per person, including luncheon; \$7.00 per person program only. Make checks payable to "DFAW".

Mail to: Richard Roberts, 596 Gurleyville Rd., Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268-1408 by Friday, March 15, 2019.

Questions or dietary restrictions? E-mail: DFAW 1633@yahoo.com. with subject heading "DFAW Luncheon Special Request" and describe your dietary restriction and recommend a substitution to meet your needs.

TREKKING ACROSS THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Richard C. Roberts

Although the ground is still mostly covered with snow here in Connecticut, spring is on its way. With the change in seasons comes the opportunity to get out and about and attend some genealogical programs as well as a major genealogical conference.

Coming right up on Saturday, March 23 is DFAW's Spring Program featuring Christopher Pagliuco, whose presentation will be "The Great Escape of Edward Whalley and William Goffe: Smuggled Through Connecticut". We look forward to seeing many of our local members -- and even some from out of the area. The event is open to the public, so consider bringing a friend! Call 860-428-2406 to inquire about lunch availability.

This year's Connecticut Gravestone Network Symposium will be held Saturday March 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Saint Sebastian's Church, 155 Washington Street, Middletown, CT 06457. Admission is \$15 for general public or \$10 for CGN members - pay at the door. DFAW will be one of the exhibitors.

Coming up the first week of April is the Fifteenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference, *Family – a Link to the Past & a Bridge to the Future*, being held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown in Manchester, New Hampshire. DFAW is one of the Participating Societies. Many pre-conference all-day tracks including DNA Day, Librarians and Local Historians Day, Military Day, Professional Day, Society Day, and Technology Day are being held on Wednesday, April 3, followed by the conference itself on April 4 through 6.

A genealogy conference is the perfect place to meet others who share your love of genealogy. Whether in the lecture rooms, at the luncheons and banquets, on the hotel elevator, in the Exhibit Hall, you'll find lots of other folks with whom you can share information on ancestors and research.

This year's presenters include three outstanding featured speakers. Blaine Bettinger will be presenting at DNA Day on Wednesday, April 3; the Friday evening Banquet; as well as at Conference Sessions T-105, "Evaluating Genealogical Conclusions including DNA"; F-102, "Using Y_DNA and mtDNA to Explore Your Ancestry"; F-123, "Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries"; and S-124, "The Stories Behind the Segments".

Thomas Jones will be presenting at Professional Genealogist Day on Wednesday as well as at Conference Sessions T-109, "Kinship Determination"; T-114, "Reasonably Exhaustive Research"; F-127, "Inferential Genealogy: Deducing Ancestor Identities Indirectly"; S-101, "Writing About and Citing DNA Test Results"; and S-126 "Maximizing Your Use of Evidence".

Cyndi Ingle, the owner and webmaster of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet, will be presenting the Opening Session keynote presentation as well as Sessions

T-127, "Advanced Googling Your Grandma"; F-103, "Timelines: The Straight Line Between You and Your Ancestor"; F-141, "Be Your Own Digital Archivist: Preserve Your Research"; and S-159, "Evernote for Genealogists".

NERGC 2019 includes many lectures of special interest to those with New England roots. DFAW is sponsoring as its sponsored speaker our Genealogist, Edwin W. Strickland II, who will be presenting session 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 DFAW 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.

Other sessions focusing on New England research include T-124, "Adoption Research in New England: History, Genealogy, Legacy" with Michael Brophy; F-116, "New England Town Records: Advanced Strategies for Success" with Diane Gravel; F-134, "Prove Service for a New England Patriot" with Bryna O'Sullivan; S-105, "Finding Your New England Family in Divorce Records"; and S-137, "Finding Your Family in Connecticut Court Records" with Mel E. Smith of the Connecticut State Library; S-111, "Colonial Migration Patterns" with Ann G. Lawthers; S-112, "Pathways from New England to New York" with D. Joshua Taylor; and S-144, "Overview of New England Cemeteries and Their Records" with David Allen Lambert.

Genealogical, historical, and patriotic societies from all over New England will have a presence at the conference, offering information about their specialties. Some will have booths in the Exhibit Hall, which will be open to conference attendees -- as well as to the general public -- Thursday, April 4 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday, April 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. There are unopposed exhibitor times for browsing between lectures and meals. Look for DFAW in Booth 405 -- right "next door" to the booths of several other Connecticut genealogical organizations (see the Exhibit Hall map at <http://www.nergc.org/exhibitors/>). If you're going to the conference -- or even if you live in the Manchester, New Hampshire area or northeast Massachusetts but aren't registered for the conference -- please consider welcoming folks and serving as a sales assistant at our DFAW booth. For more information, see page 9 and the flyer in the recent First-Class mailing.

Other organizations will be participating in the Society Fair Thursday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. There you can chat with society representatives, pick up brochures and registration material, or perhaps even make a more permanent connection by joining. Also on Thursday

evening, Special Interest Groups will be meeting, open to anyone interested in a wide range of topics: England, Scotland Wales Research; French-Canadian Research; Irish-American Research; Jewish Genealogy; New Hampshire Research; Polish and Eastern European Research; Scandinavian Research; and Society Management. These get-togethers provide a great opportunity to meet other conference participants with similar interests. The Windsor Historical Society will be among the organizations having a presence at the Libraries and Archives Showcase on Friday and Saturday.

Do you have a "brick wall" problem that just refuses to be solved? You can 20 minutes with a skilled genealogist at the Ancestors Road Show, exploring ways to find the answer.

If you're planning to attend the Conference, don't delay in registering. Online registration ends March 29. The registration brochure is available in searchable PDF format at www.NERGC.org. It contains the full conference schedule, summaries of lectures, speaker biographies and information on available luncheons, banquets, and more. Check it out and start planning your conference experience! Then register online from the link on the NERGC web page, www.NERGC.org. This method lets you pay by either credit card or check. Or, to register by postal mail with payment by check, use the form on the last page of the conference brochure.

For more information about the conference, visit:

--The NERGC Website at www.NERGC.org,

--The NERGC blog at www.nergc.blogspot.com,

--The NERGC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/.

D.F.A.W. SALES REMINDERS

BEST SELLERS:

***The Daughter Towns of Ancient Windsor* 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*

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BOOKS BY DONNA HOLT SIEMIATKOSKI:

Resources for the Study of Windsor History. Includes a bibliography of Windsor-related resources, a list of repositories, and a list of family societies. Originally published in 1995, it has been updated by Richard C. Roberts. Second Ed., Revised 2013. 34 pp. \$10.00 (+\$3.00 p&h)- \$13.00

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SOME OF WINDSOR'S EARLY BUILDERS AND BUILDINGS

Richard C. Roberts

[This article is based in part on a portion of William N. Hosley, Jr.'s presentation at the September 29, 2018 meeting as well as additional sources. RCR]

THE EARLIEST STRUCTURES IN THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY

In June 1633 the Dutch established a trading post near "Adrian's Landing" in what later became Hartford and named it the "House of Good Hope", the first recorded European structure in what was to become Connecticut. The Dutch and Pequots



now controlled virtually all trade in the region [Johnson, p. 6]. The English settlers in the Plymouth Colony became concerned. At a joint conference held in Boston July 12-18, 1633, Plymouth representatives proposed to the Massachusetts Bay Colony a 50/50 venture for a trading post on the Connecticut River north of Hartford. However, the Bay Colony did not commit its support. The assessment of the Bay Colony's Governor, John Winthrop, was that it was "Not fitt for plantation" due to "3: or 4000: warlicke Indians," "a barre affordinge but 6 foot at high water," and because the river was impassible seven months of the year "by reason of the Ice & then the violent streme" [Winthrop, section titled, "July 12, 1633"].

Edward Winslow, aware of French attacks on trading posts in what is now Maine, needing to pay creditors in England, and now distrusting the Bay Colony, committed the Plymouth Colony to establishing a trading post on the Connecticut River on its own. He had already purchased land from Nattawanute [Podunks] & Sequasson (Hartford Tribe) in 1632 or 1633 [Cave, p. 83]. In August and September 1633, the frame and materials to cover a Plymouth Colony trading house were fabricated at Aputuxet (now Bourne, Massachusetts) and loaded onto a "New Barke" which pushed off in early September [Bradford, pp. 196-197]. On September 26, 1633, a party led by William Holmes landed at "Plymouth Meadow" in what later became Windsor and quickly erected the trading house near the confluence of what are now known as the Connecticut and Farmington Rivers. After the traders gathered saplings and palisaded it, the bark returned to Aputuxet.

Meanwhile, others, including a group in Dorchester in the Bay Colony, began contemplating a move to Connecticut River Valley [Burpee, p. 31]. In 1634, John Oldham, with eight or nine others, established a headquarters at what is now Wethersfield, Connecticut. An advance party from Dorchester, probably led by Roger Ludlow, set out for the Connecticut River Valley over land in June 1635 with permission from the Bay Colony and aiming to arrive below the rapids at what is now Enfield. After arriving at Matianuck (now Windsor), they began a settlement on the high ground near what is now Palisado Green, northwest of the Plymouth settlement. These summer arrivals are assumed to have built cabins in the upland area, and in September 1635 Dorchester surveyor Matthew Grant began to lay out the first lots in the Great Meadow and adjoining upland [Stiles, v. 1, p. 35].

A second group from Dorchester, including men, women, and children left on October 15, 1635 and, after a 14-day trek, arrived at Matianuck in late October or early November; they built "dug-outs" in the upland slopes [Stiles, p. 33]. Also, in the fall of 1635 William Pynchon, the merchant who founded Springfield, Massachusetts, sailed up the Connecticut River with a cargo that included the frame and other materials needed to erect a small dwelling [Great River, p. 63].

EARLY CARPENTERS AND JOINERS

William Hosley notes that "Although the trades of the first settlers of the river towns have not been accurately established, it is certain that a large number of them were joiners and blacksmiths whose labor and skills made it possible to clear, cultivate, and provide shelter on the new land [Great River, p. 63]. Some of those early builders include:

THE STILES FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES

About the time that the advance party from Dorchester was heading to Matianuck, a party led by Francis Stiles on behalf of Sir Richard Saltonstall and other "Lords and Gentlemen" including Viscount Say & Seal and Lord Brook was sailing around Cape Cod and up the Connecticut River.

Brothers Francis (before 1 August 1602-after 2 Mar 1653/4), Henry (before 27 November 1593-3 Nov 1651), John (before 25 Dec 1595-4 June 1662), and Thomas (before 7 Feb 1612/3-by 29 September 1683) Stiles were sons of Thomas and Marie (--?--) Stiles. Their father was a carpenter in Millbroke, Bedfordshire, England [Stiles, v. 2, p. 791], and Henry and

Francis had become “reputably established as master carpenters and builders” in London. There Francis was selected by Sir Richard Saltonstall “as his steward or manager to precede him hither [to Connecticut] and to prepare the necessary houses, grounds, etc. [Great River, p. 63; Stiles, v. 2, pp. 701-2].”

Claiming land west to the Pacific Ocean under the so-called “Warwick Patent,” Stiles had arrived in Boston on June 16th and left Boston June 26th, aiming for what was to become Windsor [Stiles, pp. 43]. However, the Stiles group had been detained in Boston long enough for the Dorchester group to secure the best land. Upon their arrival at Matianuck, the party was confronted by the Dorchester party, which ignored Stiles’ claims under the Warwick Patent. Francis Stiles reported to Sir Richard Saltonstall that the Dorchester group had begun apportioning lots where the Stiles’ party had “proposed to begin work [Stiles, p. 29].” The Stiles party was left with what they considered less desirable land near the northern end of the Great Meadow, the land just south of what is now Hayden Station, including what was to become the site of the Oliver Ellsworth homestead [Stiles, v. 1, p. 32].

On 28 March 1637 the Connecticut Court “ordered that Mr. Francis Stiles shall teach Geo[rge] Chapple, Tho[mas] Coop[er] & Tho[mas] Barber his servants in the trade of a carpenter according to his premise for their service of their term behind 4 days in a week only to saw & slit their own work that they are to frame themselves with their own hands together with himself or some other master workmen [Anderson, v. VI, p. 512; CCCR 1:8-9].

Sgt. Henry² Stiles (ca. 1629-), son of Sgt. John Stiles, was also a carpenter, and along with his son Joseph³ (d. 28 Aug 1736) and John Hosford was one of those who built the Rev. Timothy Edwards’ house at ‘Windsor Farmes’, now East Windsor [Stiles, v. 2, p. 703]. For more on this house, see the Fall 2018 issue of the *Newsletter*.

Windsor Founder John Reeves was also probably a carpenter, for on 1 November 1636 the Court “ordered tht Jo[hn] Reeves is to return to his master, Mr. Stiles, who hath his indenture & the said Mr. Stiles is to pay Will[ia]m Quicke 15s. for his passage, if not the court will take order in the same as they shall see meet [Anderson v. VI, p. 520, CCCR 1:6].

DEACON JOHN MOORE

Founder Deacon John Moore (ca. 1603-18 September 1677), beyond being at the center of a shop of woodworkers that produced chests, tables, boxes, and other furniture in the “Foliated Vine Group” tradition, received many contracts from the town, including those for work on the school house and framing the meetinghouse [Woodworkers, p. 11] and 12



separate commissions over a period of 17 years to repair the town’s ferry that provided passage across the Connecticut River. In 1669 he provided lumber and unspecified labor relating to “work on the meetinghouse” (Woodworkers, p. 13). He collaborated with woodworker Maj. Benjamin Newberry (say 1623-11 September 1689) to frame a house for Deacon Job Drake (15 June 1651-19 April 1733). His many apprentices included Quartermaster Thomas Bissell (ca. 1630-1635-31 July 1689), Ensign Nathaniel Bissell (24 September 1640-12 March 1713/14), Lt. Josiah Barber (15 February 1653-14 December 1729), and his own sons Deacon John Moore, Jr. (5 December 1645-21 Jun 1718) and Andrew (ca. 1649-29 November 1719) [Woodworkers, p. 12]. For the many family and professional interconnections between Deacon Moore and the Barber, Bissell, Drake, Griswold, Loomis, and Stoughton, see *The Woodworkers of Windsor*. Some sources suggest that the John Moore house in Windsor may date to as early as 1664; historian Henry Stiles suggests that it was

“presented – so says tradition – to his son John as a set-out on his marriage day” in 1690. Stiles described it as an example of “a class of houses, two stories high, containing two square large rooms above and below, with a chimney in the center, and steep roofs [Stiles, v. 1, p. 431].” Originally located on the west side of Windsor’s Broad Street Green, in the late eighteenth century the house was moved to become the kitchen ell of a new house. About 1897 then-owner Horace Clark separated the structures and moved the Moore House, with the gable end facing the street, to 37 Elm Street. It was later moved yet again to face Elm Street. Due to the many moves, it has long since lost its original central chimney.

THE BARBER FAMILY

When Founder Thomas Barber, Sr. died in 1662, his oldest son, Thomas Barber, Jr. inherited half of his woodworking tools and son Samuel received the other half. Samuel was only seventeen at the time, and so Connecticut’s General Court bound him as an apprentice to his brother Thomas. Their brother Josiah was trained in woodworking by Deacon John Moore [Woodworkers, p. 12]. Perhaps because Thomas, Sr. had been a member of the Stiles party, members of the Dorchester group never fully welcomed him into their community, and at his death his estate was valued at £132, well

below the £496 median of other first-generation Windsor woodworkers. Thomas, Jr. was also unable to make a successful foothold as a woodworker in Windsor, and in 1668 he removed to Massaco, which became Simsbury in 1672. There he received many building contracts, including those for a grist mill, saw mill, and the first meetinghouse. He rebuilt the meetinghouse after its destruction during King Philip's War, built the minister's house, and became Simsbury's largest landowner and wealthiest citizen [Woodworkers, p. 36]. William Hosley notes that the 1714 probate inventory of Thomas Barber, Jr. of Simsbury includes turners, carpenters, and joiners' tools [Great River, pp. 68, 71].

THE GRANT FAMILY

On 24 June 1658 Windsor Founder Matthew Grant gave to his son Samuel (12 Nov 1631-10 Sep 1718) a tract of land in what is now South Windsor originally granted to him by the town [Stiles, v. 1, p. 547]. Samuel Grant's "now house" still stood on this lot" in 1677 [Stiles, v. 1, p. 547]. Samuel apparently spent at least part of his time in the building trade, for in 1660 he was employed to "shingle the inside roof of the meeting house [Stiles, v. 2, p. 304]." Samuel's son, Samuel, Jr., (20 April 1659-8 May 1710) was a carpenter [Stiles, v. 2, p. 304]. He built a house on this site in 1695.



One of Samuel Jr's sons was Capt. Ebenezer Grant (20 October 1706-19 March 1797). Ebenezer was a 1726 graduate of Yale College. On 10 November 1737 he married Anne Ellsworth, daughter of John and Esther (White) Ellsworth [Stiles, v. 2, p. 306]. He became one of the Connecticut Valley's "merchant-oligarchs". He was part owner of several vessels and shipped horses, tobacco, bricks, and other products to the West Indies in exchange for sugar and rum. He also conducted trade with merchants in Boston and New York, selling luxury items from those ports at the shop adjacent to his home at East Windsor Hill in today's South Windsor [Stiles, v. 1, pp. 767-8; Great River, p. 84]. Ebenezer Grant was head of the building committee that included Erastus Wolcott and Joel Loomis for East Windsor's third meeting

house [1757-1761 [Stiles, v. 2, p. 307]. He and Anne are buried in the Edwards Cemetery (God's Acre) in what is now South Windsor.

In 1757-1758 Ebenezer had a new house built at what is now 1653 Main Street, just north of the junction of Oxbow Lane in the village of East Windsor Hill. The two and a half story home has been described as "one of the finest examples of regional colonial architecture in the state." Perhaps best known for its impressive "Connecticut Valley doorway," it also features an impressive entry hall and an elaborate central staircase with spiral balusters [Great River, p. 85]. Beyond its architectural significance, the house served as the place of confinement for British General Richard Prescott following his capture during the Revolutionary War [Stiles, v. 1, p. 769] and William Franklin, the Tory governor of New Jersey. The house was moved within its lot by about 25 feet in 1913. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

Aaron Grant [12 Dec 1724-31 Jan 1804] and Abiel Grant [12 April 1729-28 May 1762], sons of Sgt. Samuel Grant and nephews of Ebenezer Grant, were among the joiners paid for furnishing the paneling, stairs, and triangular window pediments for the Ebenezer Grant House and were the principal builders of the third East Windsor meetinghouse [Stiles, v. 2, p. 307; Great River, p. 85]. Aaron Grant's probate inventory includes joiner's tools [Great River, p. 85].

THOMAS HAYDEN

Lt. Thomas Hayden⁵ (14 Jan 1745-28 Nov 1817) of Windsor was in building trade [Great River, p. 66]. He was a carpenter, architect, and builder [Stiles, v. 2 p. 372]. "Two of the houses, built and owned by him, ... still stand.... One, located on Palisado Green, Windsor..." was in 1891, "owned and occupied by his grand-daughter, Mrs. Gen. Ambrose Fowler [Stiles, v. 2, p. 372]."

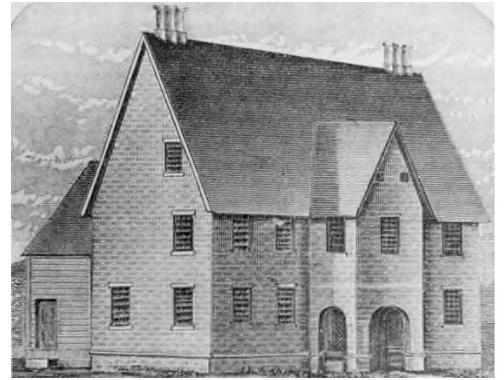
THE LOOMIS FAMILY

Timothy Loomis III (30 July 1724-19 December 1786), although best known as a furniture maker, produced doors cupboards, staircases, window sash, and ornamental woodwork [Great River, p. 68]. He built a staircase and finished a parlor and chamber for Elisha Moore, and between 1753 and 1755 did work on the stairs and other interior work at the private residence of the Rev. William Russell, the minister of Windsor's First Church, at what is now 101 Palisado Avenue [Great River, p. 68]. He also helped build and made sash for Windsor's meetinghouse in 1757 [Great River, p. 68].

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THE GRISWOLD FAMILY

Edward, George [d. 3 September 1704], and Matthew Griswold [ca. 1620-27 September 1698] operated the earliest of the Connecticut Valley's red sandstone quarries. Matthew has been credited with carving the marker for the Rev. Ephraim Huit in Windsor's Palisado Cemetery, and George Griswold's 1704 probate mentions "tools for engraving", gravestones, stone hammers, and other tools [Great River, p. 74]. For more on Matthew and George, see the Winter 2017 *Newsletter*.



Edward Griswold (ca. 1607-30 Aug 1691), the brother of Matthew and father of George, was a master mason. "In 1650 he built the 'Old Fort' at Springfield for Mr. Pynchon [Stiles, v. 2, p. 351]." He is also credited with work on the brick house built for Col. John Pynchon house in Springfield in 1659, for which he was paid at least 50 pounds [Great River, p. 74]. The house (above) has been described as the first "high-style brick dwelling in the Connecticut Valley before 1735 [Great River, p. 73]." The Pynchon house measured 42 by 21 feet. It "had two-over-two rooms with a large attic above and a gabled pavilion, called a 'porch' on the front [Great River, p. 73]." John Pynchon's inventory mentions a "parlor, parlor chamber, north parlor, Garrett, hall, and porch chamber [Great River, p. 74]." Joiners who worked on the Pynchon house included Samuel Buell and Samuel Grant of Windsor [Great River, p. 74].

NATHANIEL PHELPS

Nathaniel⁴ Phelps of Northampton (13 February 1692-14 October 1747) Dea. Nathaniel³, Dea. Nathaniel², William¹ was a mason. According to William Hosley, he "built chimneys for some of the most influential men in Hampshire County [Massachusetts]" and was "paid for his work on the Northampton meetinghouse [Great River, p. 69, 72]."

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Blaine Bettinger

Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., has been a genealogist for nearly 30 years and has specialized in DNA evidence since his first DNA test in 2003. He is the author of the long-running blog [The Genetic Genealogist](#), and frequently gives presentations and webinars to educate others about the use of DNA to explore their ancestry.

Dr. Thomas Jones, PhD

Tom is an award-winning writer, board-certified genealogist, editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, recipient of honors from genealogical organizations, and author of the textbooks *Mastering Genealogical Proof* and *Mastering Genealogical Documentation*. Using his nearly lifelong career in education as a springboard, he enjoys teaching at weeklong genealogy institutes, weekend seminars, and local, national, and international genealogy conferences.



Cyndi Ingle



Cyndi Ingle is the owner and webmaster of *Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet*, www.CyndisList.com, a categorized index to over 336,000 online resources. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 37 years, is the recipient of the 2016 National Genealogical Society President's Citation and Britain's Society of Genealogists 2018 Prince Michael of Kent Award. She is a past-member of the National Genealogical Society's board of directors. Cyndi is the author of a best-selling book for genealogical research on the Internet titled, *Netting Your Ancestors*, a printed version of her web site, *Cyndi's List*, and *Planting Your Family Tree Online: How to Create Your Own Family History Web Site*.

REGISTER FOR NERGC 2019 NOW

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/NERGC and www.NERGC.org.

DFAW PARTICIPATION IN THE NERGC 2019 EXHIBIT HALL

Pam Roberts, Delegate; Dwight Fitch, Alternate Delegate

As announced elsewhere in this issue and in the recent First-Class mailing, 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 beginning at 4:30 on Wednesday, April 3 and is seeking volunteers in shifts for coverage at our 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 starting at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. **Contact Dwight Fitch (dw_fitch1@comcast.net) to schedule your volunteer time at Booth #405!** You may volunteer whether or not you are registered for the conference, since the Exhibit Hall is open to the public. Please help. 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.

JOIN THE NERGC EVALUATION DATA ENTRY TEAM

Did you know that DFAW is a Participating Society for the 2019 New England Regional Genealogical Conference to be held in Manchester NH and committee work is required of each participating society? Are you fluent in using Excel workbooks, (sheets)?

NERGC has a tradition of making sure presenters get feedback from those attending. Even if you are not attending the conference, you can help DFAW and me by volunteering to accept a packet of raw feedback sheets and following easy instruction to confidentially enter the data for 3 to 5 Speaker Sessions returning completed worksheets to me. I have a good start of 22 people confirmed. I need 45 to 50 people completing data entry sometime between April 8 and May 17 at their own pace and convenience. Email: DFAW1633@yahoo.com to discuss your participation. **THIS IS A WAY** you can help DFAW earn their share of the proceeds of this amazing regional conference regardless of where you live.

Pamela L. Roberts, EdD, PT - Committee Co-chair for Onsite Evaluations

QUERIES

The *Newsletter* includes a Queries column as space permits. Members are invited to submit one or two queries per issue of the *Newsletter* to DFAW Newsletter Queries, P.O. Box 39, Windsor, CT 06095. All queries must relate directly to your descendency from Windsor Founders. To clarify this limitation, for purposes of DFAW, a Founder is any person who resided in Windsor by the end of 1641. Please submit your queries in standard genealogical form, i.e., begin by identifying known persons by name, date of event, and place of event. Once your people and places have been set, ask your question. All queries must also include a street or e-mail address of the submitter, as the DFAW Board cannot respond to queries.

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Perhaps in the course of your research you've discovered information that would be of general interest to the rest of the membership. Consider sharing it through the *Newsletter*! We're especially interested in receiving:

- Original, previously unpublished articles relating to the history and genealogy of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, their families, and their descendants.
- Extracts from Bible family registers and vital, land, probate, church, and other records pertaining to Windsor and its "daughter towns."
- Announcements of the activities of family associations and historical and patriotic organizations.
- Book reviews relating to "Ancient Windsor."
- Queries.
- Family recipes with a history.

Submissions may be mailed to the DFAW Newsletter Editor, PO Box 39, Windsor, CT 06095, but material composed in Microsoft Word and attached to an e-mail addressed to Rroberts1861@Charter.net is preferred. Ordinarily, submissions shouldn't exceed three pages in length. Please don't submit material which may be protected by copyright unless you obtain and submit permission in writing for it to be used. And note that your submissions may be edited for spelling, grammar, punctuation, and organization and may be shortened or reformatted as necessary to fit available space.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT, WINTER 2019

Pam Roberts Membership Secretary

The “State of Membership”

Our membership numbers vary with notifications of changes received from the post office, members themselves, and the family members of those now deceased as well as with the addition of new members. Administratively, members’ status changes to “inactive” when members have outstanding dues exceeding the DFAW policy of a one-year period of grace, when a member requests inactive status, and/or when mail is returned as undeliverable without updated address available.

How many new members have we recruited across the past few years?

We average between 15 and 20 new members per year (with 4-5 being Life members), with a total of over 80 new members in the past 6 years. The highest number of new members comes from person-to-person contact with someone becoming interested after attending a program and luncheon; others are referred by family members, and a growing number find us as a result of computerized hereditary society matches from researching for other organization such as the DAR or SAR. The visibility of the surnames on the DFAW Overview and Founders List displayed at other genealogical meetings and available on our web site, on file at our participating libraries who post information, and our relationship with the Windsor Historical Society where persons can access our DFAW records and our computerized Genealogical Database all contribute. Our membership materials will be distributed at our participation in the exhibit hall at the New England Regional Genealogical Conference and will contribute to our new member recruitment. YOU can also help us by talking about DFAW with others interested in genealogy, sharing interesting articles from our *Newsletter*, talking about your Founder(s) with friends and family, and liking and sharing information you find on the DFAW Facebook page.

How many members do we have?

Our Annual dues-paying members and Life member numbers seem to stay pretty stable even with all the fluctuations we see with inactive status due to death, returned undeliverable mail with no updates, and the implementation of our one-year grace period before non-payment ever results in removal from the active list. The percent of members who are “Life Members” hovers between 50% and 58% of about 580 total members depending on when we count. We hover between 215 and 230 Annual paying households, averaging at about 38 percent of those on our active mailing list at any one time. We have maintained numbers in spite of the fluctuations. The stability of our membership numbers does not reflect a static situation of no change. It reflects a dynamic interaction of growth in members and the passion and commitment of annually paying members to continue their support in spite of the increasing loss of our older aged early cohorts who joined in the mid-1980s as DFAW was birthed. The dynamic nature of our membership profile shows that DFAW is currently healthy.

WE can improve our renewal percentage for 2019 and reach a goal of greater than 80% renewals by our Spring *Newsletter*. If your label shows “0/2018”, your dues expired on September 30, 2018. Annually paying single members owe \$15 dues and dual members owe \$23. Between those dues that have come in but are not yet processed and the response we are getting now to our second dues notice in February, we CAN make it to the goal of greater than 80% renewals.

Thank you to all who have already sent in their 2018-2019 Annual dues. Life conversion is possible for any member.

Fortunately, my membership role is NOT all numbers. **I represent you all** as I welcome new members and celebrate the excitement of adding new generations in families who have interest in the stories and lives of the Founders and their descendants.

I look forward to seeing local DFAW members and perhaps some of our folks from further away at the 2019 Spring Program and Luncheon on March 23 in Simsbury, Connecticut. *See more details elsewhere in this Newsletter or refer to your mailing you received recently.* If you are planning a trip to Connecticut around the date of our Spring Program and Luncheon, do let me know. I’ll put on my “hospitality hat” to help you get the most out of your time in the area. Always feel free to be in touch so I can help you take full advantage of your DFAW membership benefits.

ACTIONS you may take if your last paid date as shown on your address label is any year earlier than 2019:

- If you have recently responded and sent dues in - Thank you so much! We appreciate your support. Your record is likely being updated as you read this *Newsletter*.
- If you have recently shared information questioning your last paid year, the correction may already be made on the label on this *Newsletter* OR I am currently working on the correction.
- If your label shows a “0/2018” or a “0/2017” in the first line after your membership number, paying the current year dues of \$15 for individuals or \$23 for dual 2019 renewals will be sufficient. No back dues are necessary. We so want to keep you among our active members and need your support.

I look forward to helping you take full advantage of your DFAW membership.

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

Questions or concerns? Feel free to e-mail me at: DFAW1633@yahoo.com or call 860-428-2406.

HOLD THE DATE!

Our Fall Program and Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, September 28, 2019. Our speaker will be Diana McCain, whose presentation will be “Fleshing Out the Facts: A Revolutionary Soldier’s Trials”.

REMINDERS FROM THE REGISTRAR

Olivia C. Patch

- You do not need to be a descendant of a Founder or have a lineage approved in order to become a member of DFAW; all those who support our purpose are invited to join. However, we do encourage active members with bloodline descent from one or more Founders to take a second step and fill out and submit a Lineage Form with standard proofs of descent. Receiving a Lineage Certificate is a benefit open only to active members.
- If you need a Lineage Form, please contact our Membership Secretary, Pamela Roberts.
- Please provide legible copies of submitted documentation, and take the time to transcribe hard-to-read documents.
- The pertinent data on each supporting document should be underlined or indicated with an arrow (please do not highlight).
- Before submitting your Lineage Form and supporting documentation, be sure to make copies for yourself.
- It is our Genealogist, Edwin Strickland, who completes final review of Lineage Forms and documentation, and, if approved by him, enters the information into the database and issues certificates.
- Please wait until you hear from our Genealogist indicating that your primary lineage has been approved before sending supplemental lineages.
- Our *Notes on Filling out the Lineage Form* provides additional instructions and tips. If you need a copy – or need a copy of the Founders List, contact our Membership Secretary.

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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Connecticut Gravestone Network Spring Symposium is March 30



The Connecticut Gravestone Network's Annual Spring Symposium will be held Saturday March 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Saint Sebastian's Church, 155 Washington Street, Middletown, CT 06457. Admission is \$15 for general public or \$10 for CGN members - pay at the door.

As always there will be a room full of vendors and displays – all on cemetery topics from genealogy to conservation issues; and four lectures with a lunch break in the middle. This annual event promotes preservation of historic cemeteries, earning and partnering to save our outdoor museums for future generations to appreciate.

For more information or to be on the list to receive Connecticut Gravestone newsletters and event information, contact Executive Director Ruthie Brown at ctgravelady@cox.net or 860-643-5652.