



**DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS OF ANCIENT WINDSOR**  
**2020 Fall Program and Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 26, 2020**

This year's Fall Program and Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 26 will be different than those of the past. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, it will be held entirely via Zoom. Our speaker will be Mel Smith, a reference librarian in the Connecticut State Library's History & Genealogy Unit, whose presentation will be "Going Beyond the Barbour Collection, One More Time!" (rescheduled from our cancelled March meeting).

Although we won't be able to gather together to share a luncheon buffet together, and we won't be conducting a full "Memorial Service," we will be remembering members whose deaths were reported or made known to us over the past year. If you are aware of the recent death of a member, please email [membership@DFAW.org](mailto:membership@DFAW.org).

Sometimes you have to go beyond vital records to find your elusive Connecticut ancestor. At times you may have to utilize multiple primary source records that are unique for a given family, community, or state. Please join Mel Smith as he outlines a wide range of underutilized resources that are found at the State Library, and perhaps right at your fingertips on your computer or mobile device. Records which may reveal information about your elusive Connecticut family. Such primary resources will include private family papers and bible records, court records with a special emphasis on divorce records, and specialized indexes that may provide information about the untimely death of your ancestor.

Mel E. Smith has spent the last twenty-plus years helping people find their ancestors. His extensive knowledge of the library's unique genealogical collections and his ability to clearly convey information about these resources to the public is well known. Mel was featured in the first season of "Who Do You Think You Are?" aiding actor Matthew Broderick in finding his Connecticut heritage, which led to a long-lost Civil War ancestor, and has assisted in the genealogical research for several other episodes. Mel has worked extensively with Connecticut primary source records and has created many index databases that showcase these materials.



Following Mel's presentation, we'll hold our Annual Meeting, to include reports of committees and election of officers and Board members for the 2020-2021 year.

**SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 (ALL TIMES EASTERN)**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; INVITE A FRIEND!**

**What:**            1:30 -            **Chat Box Opens.** Meet other DFAW members via Zoom Chat.  
                       2:00 - 2:05        **Welcoming Remarks** by President Richard Roberts  
                       2:05 - 3:05        **Program:** "Going Beyond the Barbour Collection, One More Time!", Mel E. Smith  
                       3:05 - 3:30        **Annual Business Meeting**

**Where:**            Your home, via Zoom.

**Registration:** \$8.00 per person. Those registered will receive a link to the Zoom meeting prior to September 26.

**To register by mail, complete the form below, make your check payable to "DFAW", and mail to:**  
 Richard Roberts, 596 Gurleyville Rd., Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268-1408 by Friday, September 25, 2020.

**To register online, visit us at [www.DFAW.org](http://www.DFAW.org).**

If you can't attend the meeting but want to help keep the stories and history of Ancient Windsor alive, please consider making a donation, either by using the form below or online at [www.DFAW.org](http://www.DFAW.org).

**Questions?** E-mail: [membership@DFAW.org](mailto:membership@DFAW.org) with the subject heading "DFAW Annual Meeting".

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