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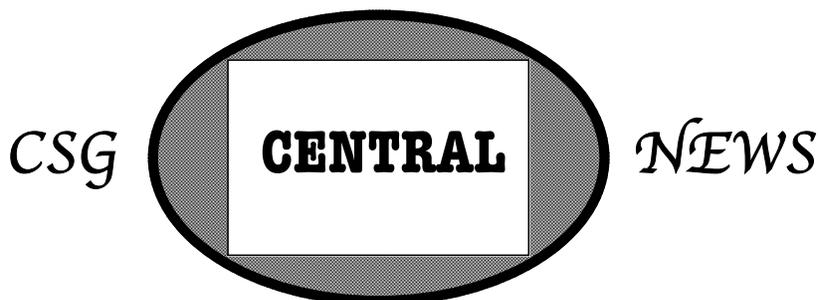
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SAVE THIS SECTION – SPRING 2010

Please mark your calendar or save this page in a handy place with your other active calendars and datebooks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2010

The Program Committee, chaired by Olivia Patch, with members Francis Hewitt, Margaret Jenkins, Edwin Strickland, and Janet Wallace are constantly at work to provide timely and informative programs intended to increase our members' knowledge and ease of studies within the genealogical field. All events are open to the public, and most are free. In each instance, please pre-register with the CSG Office, so we can plan appropriately.

June 26 – Special Event: BUS TRIP to New England Historic & Genealogical Society at Boston. Please see details and registration form on Page 15 of Central News.

July 10, 17, 24 and 31 – “Introduction to Genealogy.” Series of four classes. 🐣

September 18 – “Hook ‘em While They’re Young: Getting Children Involved in Family History.” Sandwich Luncheon and Program, beginning at 12:00 Noon, at South End Senior Center, 70 Canterbury St, East Hartford, CT. Our speaker is Catherine Zahn, noted teacher and genealogist. This program is geared to parents, grandparents, teachers, home-schoolers and scout leaders. Cost is \$15 per person, includes program plus light lunch (choice of Ham & Cheese or Turkey, on a Hard Roll, with a side of red bliss potato salad, fresh fruit and cookies). A cold beverage will be provided. Please contact the office with questions or to register. Deadline is Monday, September 16th.

October 16 – ANNUAL ALL-DAY GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR: “Following Ancestral Trails,” will be held at Holiday Inn, North Haven. From 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Four topics will include speakers Leslie Huber (two talks), David Mishkin, and Crawford Westbrook. Hot luncheon will be served. Please see Fall 2010 issue of *CT Genealogy News* for more details. Please mark your calendar now. This event will also be posted on the CSG web site.

November 20 – “The U.S. Census—More Than Just Painting by Numbers,” with CSG President, Edwin W. Strickland, II.

Location: CSG Library, 175 Maple St., East Hartford, CT at 1:30 p.m. More details to follow in Fall 2010 issue.

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. *presents*

Introduction to Genealogy with CSG President, Edwin W. Strickland II

Saturdays in July beginning July 10th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Research time will be available from 11 a.m. to Noon

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Place: CSG Library, 175 Maple St, East Hartford, CT.
Cost: \$15 per session or \$50 for all four sessions

Session 1: Brief History of Genealogy; Everything
July 10th You Can Do Wrong; Names and Dates (changes in the calendar); Forms; Sources You May Have in Your Possession.

Session 2: Vital Records; Bible Records; Church
July 17th Records; Cemetery Records.

Session 3: Probate Records; Land Records, Census
July 24th Records; Immigration/Naturalization Records.

Session 4: City Directories; Newspapers; Military
July 31st Records; Internet Resources and Genealogy Software.

To register, contact the CSG Office at 860-569-0002 or at csginc@csginc.org. Make checks payable and mail to: CSG, Inc., P.O. Box 435, Glastonbury, CT 06033

(MasterCard & Visa accepted)

A Message from the Society Treasurer Gregory E. Thompson, CSG # 12873

Critical Expenses ~ Volunteer Opportunities

The last few years have been financially challenging with the rising costs of labor, utilities, insurance and all other expenses incurred in keeping the society running. For the last three years, the society has been operating in the red, due to these increased costs.

Membership growth is difficult as it is for many societies in this period of economic instability. Our Society no longer can survive on our membership fees alone. We are relying heavily on the generosity of our members who give to us throughout the year. The Annual Appeal which is held each year in September has brought in a substantial amount of money to help keep our operations going. We added new member-ship classes, specifically the Endowment Class where a portion of the membership fee is added to our endowment fund. This is critical in providing funds for emergencies as well as funding for the many ongoing projects to improve our website. We are working on providing more databases online that are unique to Connecticut and the New England area.

Postage has been another major expense. The cost of mailing the *Connecticut Genealogy News* and *The Connecticut Nutmegger* has been increasing each and every year. We initiated the option to our members to receive *The Connecticut Nutmegger* online, and that has substantially reduced our expenses in that area. We are now in the process of creating a contact list where we can communicate with our members via email, instead of incurring a large cost to mail communications via the postal service. We are thankful to our members for working with us on these major initiatives.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our many transcription projects, helping in the office, or doing book reviews. If you have a couple of hours where you can help, it would be appreciated.

This year we received a most generous donation from the estate of Patricia Jane Waite, who remembered our society and others in her will. We are appreciative to our members for these types of donations, as it helps keep the Society financially healthy. Please consider leaving us a portion of your estate, so that we can continue to provide top quality genealogical materials to our members and insure the health of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. Please contact the office with any questions you may have.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC)

All of our CSG members, worldwide, are invited and encouraged to attend these conferences, which are held every second or third year, in New England, with host sites rotating for each event. Our next one will be in Springfield, Massachusetts, in April, 2011. These multi-day seminars comprise several tracks of one-hour programs, interspersed with opportunities for visiting the Exhibit Area to shop or to learn about other genealogical societies and/or genealogical software. The conference pricing package allows for selection of one or two days, or full conference, with meals and workshops priced separately. Hotel rooms are set at reduced rates for attendees, and you would make those reservations directly with the hotel(s). Conferences are a great opportunity to expand one's knowledge of methods and processes in genealogy, and you will find great camaraderie with our fellow researchers. Rank beginners are made most welcome, and always fit in perfectly with those in the most advanced circles - *all are one in this setting*. In addition to attending and taking in all there is to offer, you will find opportunities to give something back to the genealogical community we love so much. All are asked to volunteer (even one hour), during the conference time. Such needs may include introducing speakers, serving at the registration desk, directing 'traffic' or putting up signs.

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists is a Charter Member of the Consortium, which was founded in 1984. As part of our membership, CSG has placed seed money with the Consortium, and we send delegates to conference planning meetings every several months. In addition to the above, participation in any particular conference requires a member society to meet certain requirements, i.e., provide at least one page of advertising materials in the conference syllabus, supply a speaker for one of the conference lectures, and engage volunteers for pre-conference planning, and for on-site conference service. In return for compliance with these mandates, participating societies, in a given conference, have the opportunity to share in the proceeds of that conference.

Please visit www.nergc.org for full details, including program brochure and registration form. Please consider joining with members of genealogical groups throughout New England and beyond. Once you've submitted that conference registration form, please remember to contact the CSG office, and put your name on the volunteer list. *Thank You.*

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BUS TRIP TO THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (NEHGS) IN BOSTON, MA

June 26, 2010

NEHGS advances genealogical scholarship and develops the capabilities of both new and experienced researchers of family history by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and communicating in a variety of accessible formats, reliable genealogical data with emphasis on families and communities connected to New England.

NEHGS is the oldest genealogical society in the country. For over 150 years, NEHGS has helped new and experienced researchers trace their heritage in New England and around the world. Source: NewEnglandAncestors.org (NEHGS website).

REGISTER TODAY - SPACE IS LIMITED

DEPARTS: Wethersfield Jordan Lane/DOT Park & Ride at 7 a.m.
 Manchester Buckland/DOT Park & Ride at 7:20 a.m.
 Willington Commuter Lot: Exit 69 at 7:40.

For questions, call or E-mail the CSG Office. Directions will be provided. You will be required to sign a liability release form to participate in this trip.

LEAVING BOSTON: 5 p.m.

COST: \$35.00 per person. Lunch is on your own. There is a separate \$15.00 admission charge for non-NEHGS members, payable at the door.

WE MUST HAVE 30 PARTICIPANTS BY JUNE 4TH TO ENSURE OUR BUS RESERVATION. PENDING AVAILABILITY, REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO 12 NOON ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010.



Please make checks payable and mail to: CSG, Inc., P.O. Box 435, Glastonbury, CT 06033

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CSG Committees at Work

Dick Tomlinson, Chair of the Publications Committee, reports that the office is now the proud owner of a new iMac computer, which was used for the June 2010 issue of *The Connecticut Nutmegger* as well as this Summer edition of *Connecticut Genealogy News*. We have also upgraded our desktop publishing software, InDesign Creative Suite 3 to InDesign Creative Suite CS4. The staff and production team members are getting well acclimated to the in-house publishing world.

In connection to publications, a meeting of the Organizational Partners of *CT Explored* magazine (published by the Hartford Public Library) was held in mid-April in the new History Center of the Hartford Public Library. This group includes many historical societies, museums and cultural arts centers through the state. Members of this group work together to uncover "the state's cultural (and genealogical) heritage with the aim of revealing connections between our past, present and future." Partners shared their plans and marketing ideas. Results of a Readers' Survey by *CT Explored* were presented; over 90% of the readers belong to their local historical societies. Newspapers are well-used; over 80% read the Hartford Courant. CSG renewed our partnership with *CT Explored* for another year. *CT Explored* magazine is published quarterly and members of CSG may enjoy a discount off the regular subscription price. Orders must be placed through *CT Explored* at: Hartford Public Library/*Connecticut Explored* Subscriptions, P.O. Box 271561, West Hartford, CT 06127-1561 or visit www.ctexplored.org.

DUES REMINDER: Membership Committee offers this gentle reminder for each of us who have not already paid their dues for 2010-2011 should renew soon. The grace period runs from May 1st to May 31st; after that, you will be assessed a \$3 late fee to cover the costs of additional processing that happens within the office when dues are processed after June 1st. CSG accepts payment by check



This may be your last opportunity to purchase your very own CSG multi-purpose mug! The fine CSG 40th anniversary logo stands out in white against a deep blue marbled background. Many of us already enjoy our morning coffee, or afternoon tea in the special company of this vessel. Better yet, use it every moment of the day on your desk, as a pencil and pen holder. Sturdy enough to also hold up heavy scissors, rulers, and/or magnifying glasses, etc. This treasure (not too many remaining) indicates your pride in membership at CSG, and your interest in genealogy. Cost \$3 plus P&H \$2 (CT residents please add 6% sales tax). Please order quickly to avoid disappointment.

money order mailed to the office, by VISA or MasterCard when ordering by phone, or by PayPal through our website. It is necessary to be registered and signed in to the website to renew by PayPal. Please contact the office if you have any trouble registering, signing in or renewing. Please do not re-register on the site.

From the Building Committee, chaired by Don Naples, we learn of an upgrade to the office phone system to new 2-line phones which are direct-wired, and use tone dialing, as do all modern systems. At the same time, a cordless phone was also installed. The basement meeting room has also been outfitted with a phone jack and phone near the conference table. This helps eliminate navigation of the long stairway during research or meeting times when staff or committee members are on the lower level. The new phones are not connected to the computers in the office, so they don't relate at all to the CSG website; however it is a positive step, to be coming into the 21st century.

Tech Committee encourages members and friends to visit the CSG website on a regular basis. Upcoming CSG programs are listed under Events. We do occasionally list what other genealogical societies are doing as well. The site is constantly evolving, so check the site often. Among other benefits, members can experience the use of [footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com), at no extra charge, to enhance their research opportunities. If uncertain how to navigate the system for accessing the website and its "members-only" area, please be in touch with the office. As always, it helps to have your membership number ready. Those attending the 2010 Annual Meeting will have an opportunity to attend a brief workshop on "Using [footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com)" led by Greg Thompson, CSG Treasurer.