

Connecticut

[reviewed and updated for statewide microfilm and all microfiche]

Census

1860 Census Index

Microfiche	4 fiche		Microfiche	US
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Cross Index to Selected City Streets and Enumeration Districts, 1910 Census.

Microfiche	47 fiche		Microfiche	US
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Immigration

Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels (February 1929–February 1959) and Airplanes (April 1946–February 1959) Arriving at Bridgeport, Groton, Hartford, New Haven, and New London, Connecticut.

Microfilm	13 rolls	NARA M1320	Immigration	Connecticut
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Military—Colonial Wars

Sylvester Judd, Connecticut Archives: Selected Papers of Colonial Wars.

Microfilm	7 rolls		Locality	Connecticut
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These military records pertain to soldiers in King Philip's War 1675–1676, King William's War 1689–1697, Queen Anne's War 1702–1712, eastern Indian War 1722–1725, War with Spain 1740–1742, King George's War 1744–1748, and the French and Indian War 1755–1763. There are also papers concerning the colonial agents in England 1751–1774. The first roll is the index.

Associated published rosters based upon these records include George Madison Bodge's *Soldiers in King Philip's War*, R973.24/B666S/1896, Donald Lines Jacobus's *List of Officials, Civil, Military and Ecclesiastical of Connecticut Colony, from March 1636 through October 1677 and of New Haven Colony throughout Its Separate Existence; also Soldiers in the Pequot War of 1637, with Proof of Service, A Brief Record for Identification, and References to Various Publications in Which Further Data May Be Found*, R929.3746/J117L/1989, Thomas Buckingham, *Roll and Journal of Connecticut Service Men in Queen Anne's War* [microfilm], Frank DeWitt Andrews's *Connecticut Soldiers in the French and Indian War* [microfilm], and *Rolls of the Connecticut Men in the French and Indian Wars, 1755–1762*, R973.2/C753R.

Military—Revolutionary War (1775–1783)

Extracts from Meetings Held to Determine Procedure of Connecticut Towns in Revolutionary War, 1774–1784.

Microfilm	4 rolls	FHL 3647	Locality	Connecticut
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The individual towns are arranged in alphabetical order. Preceding the entries for a town will be a personal name and subject index to that town's entries. At the town level one can expect to find references to the pay of individual soldiers, members of committees, citizens hiring substitutes to take their places in the service, and civilians being paid for goods and services such as making shoes, blankets, and other goods.

Revolutionary War Papers and Private Collections.

Microfilm	3 rolls	FHL 3641+	Locality	Connecticut
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Revolutionary War Orderly Books of Regiments and Companies of the Continental Army.

Microfilm	8 rolls	FHL 3633+	Locality	Connecticut
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Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War (Selected Papers), Series 1–3, 1763–1820.

Microfilm	60 rolls	FHL 3530+	Locality	Connecticut
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The first series consists of about 15,920 documents selected from the files of the General Assembly and the Committee of the Pay Table by Sylvester Judd in the mid-nineteenth century. They are arranged in 37 volumes. There is an every-name index with every reference to an individual under his or her name. There are also entries to such subjects as estates and taverns. The compilers of the index did expand the names of individuals who were officers in the military, governmental employees, and prominent historical figures when their identities were clear.

There is no over-all index to the second series, but individual volumes have their own indexes.

The third series has an over-all index.

Continental Loan Office Records Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, 1777–1789.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M1005	Locality	Connecticut
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Military—Civil War (1861–1865) Union

Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served from the State of Connecticut.

Microfilm	2 rolls	M535	Locality	Connecticut
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The library's holdings are incomplete, through surnames beginning with Buf.

Miscellaneous

Manwaring, Charles William. *A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records*, 3 vol. Covers Hartford District, 1635–1750.

Microfiche	fiche		Microfiche	US
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The library now has the printed volumes.

Edwin Stanley Welles, *Births, Marriages and Deaths Returned from Hartford, Windsor and Fairfield and Entered in the Early Land Records of the Colony of Connecticut : Volumes I and II of Land Records and no. D of Colonial Deeds*, (1898).

Microfiche	1 fiche		Microfiche	US
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Forrest Morgan, *Public Records of the State of Connecticut*, volume 3 (1776–1792).

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #844828	Locality	Connecticut
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This continues the work done by Charles J. Hoadly in two volumes.

This is item 1 of a film that also includes:

- Henry C. Bradsby, *History of Bureau County, Illinois* (1885).
- Ruth Everest Lewis, *Coffin Family Data of Essex Co., Mass.* (filmed 1971).
- Palmer Genealogy (filmed 1971).
- Frederick C. Lovejoy, *Cornforth, Morrison, Keith, Lovejoy families, Readfield and Chesterville, Maine* (filmed 1971).
- Wayne Stephens, Lower Fairview Cemetery (filmed 1971).

Connecticut Historical Society Collections, volumes 1–31 (1860–1932, 1813, 1817).

Microfilm	5 rolls		Locality	Connecticut
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General Index to Probate Records: All Districts in Connecticut 1641–1948.

Microfilm	67 rolls	FHL #166000	Locality	Connecticut
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This is one single alphabetical list for the entire state of probate papers deposited at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford. Most of the items are from the mid-1700s or later, as few of the first century of records survive as loose papers. Each card contains the name (of deceased or primary party), town, probate district, year, and number of documents of each kind: wills and codicils, bonds, applications and petitions, inventories, orders of court, returns to court, distributions, accounts of administration, receipts, and miscellaneous.

Bible records from Connecticut, index cards.

Microfilm	8 rolls	FHL #2875	Locality	Connecticut
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This is the microfilm of the alphabetical card file at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford. Each slip contains a full abstract of the entry, with a reference to the volume and page in the Family and Vital Records collection.

Naturalization

Index to New England Naturalization Petitions, 1798–1906 [Connecticut].

Microfilm	38 rolls		Locality	Connecticut
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The Connecticut entries are contained on the first 38 rolls and are arranged according to the Soundex system.

Newspapers

The Hartford Times Genealogical Department, 1951–1967.

Microfilm	4 rolls		Locality	Connecticut
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This genealogical column was one of the few offering national coverage in the 1950s and 1960s in the form of queries. Access to the names of individuals appearing in the queries is available through Earl G. Darby, *Surname Index, Genealogical Section, Hartford Times, 1957–1967*, R929.373/H328/INDEX. Please note that this index consists solely of the surname. No forenames of individuals are included. Compare with the following entry.

Hartford Times Genealogical Page 1940–1956. Hartford Times Index.

Microfiche	111 fiche		Fiche	Connecticut
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This work covers twelve years that are not featured in the entry above. Since the index does not include the years 1957–1967, the surname index in the above entry must also be used. For the years 1940–1956, this index is superior because it includes the forenames of individuals. There is also a date followed by the letter “m” for marriage date, “b” for birth date, “d” for death date, or “l” for lived in that time. Sometimes no date is reported because the query was so poorly worded that the indexers could ascertain no time frame.

Vital Records

Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records.

Microfilm	98 rolls		Locality	Connecticut
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Lucius Barnes Barbour prepared one of the two most important manuscript collections about vital statistics for a Connecticut resident. The vital statistics were copied from town, church, and other original sources of the Nutmeg State. The work serves as a master index to vital records of Connecticut to the end of 1850. It is not, however, entirely complete. The original manuscript covers 137 towns and comprises 14,333 typed pages.

In 1644 the town clerk or registrar began recording births and marriages. The responsibility of deaths was added in 1650. A town will normally have few, if any, records before its incorporation. The introduction to the records of each town describes the records used to prepare the transcriptions. It is essential to know the parent town of each community in order to determine the correct individuals of the same name in an earlier jurisdiction encompassing the same vicinity.

The records of each town are in order by name of town, and thereunder by name of individual. Births, deaths, and marriages are interfiled in the same alphabetical sequence. Coverage for a town begins with the year the community came into existence as a legal entity. The births and marriages are indexed in the *International Genealogical Index*.

The following early towns were omitted from the Barbour index:

Bolton, Tolland County, incorporated 1720. These records are available in *Vital Records of Bolton to 1854 and Vernon to 1852*, [microfilm, 1 roll].

Coventry, Tolland County, incorporated 1712. These records are available in Susan W. Dimock's *Births, Marriages, Baptisms and Deaths from the Records of the Town and Churches in Coventry, Connecticut 1711–1844*, R929.37464/D582B/1989 or [microfilm, 1 roll]

Enfield, Hartford county, incorporated 1683 in Massachusetts but annexed to Connecticut in 1749. The vital records are included in Francis Olcott Allen's *The History of Enfield, Connecticut Compiled from All the Public Records of the Town Known to Exist, Covering from the Beginning to 1850, Together with the Graveyard Inscriptions and those Hartford, Northampton and Springfield Records Which Refer to the People of Enfield*, [microfilm, 3 rolls]

Mansfield, Tolland County, incorporated 1702 from Windham. These records are available in Susan W. Dimock's *Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths from the Records of the Town and Churches in Mansfield, Connecticut*, R929.3/D582B/1898.

New Fairfield, Fairfield County, incorporated in 1740

New Haven, New Haven County, incorporated 1784. These records are available in *Vital Records of New Haven, 1649–1850*, [microfilm, 1 roll].

Trumbull, Fairfield County, incorporated 1797 from Stratford

Vernon, Tolland County, incorporated 1808.

The following towns were omitted from the Barbour index because they were chartered after 1850:

Ansonia, New Haven County, 1889 from Derby

Beacon Falls, New Haven County, 1871 from Bethany, Oxford, Seymour, and Naugatuck

Bethel, Fairfield County, 1855 from Danbury

Bridgewater, Litchfield County, 1856 from New Milford

Chatham, Middlesex County, 1767, renamed East Hampton 1915

Cromwell, Middlesex County, 1851 from Middletown
 Deep River, New Haven County, 1947 from northern most part of Saybrook
 East Granby, Hartford, 1858 from Granby and Windsor Locks
 Easton, Fairfield County, 1845 from Weston
 Essex, Middlesex County, 1851 from Saybrook, incorporated as Old Saybrook with name changed in 1854
 Middlefield, Middlesex County, 1866 from Middletown
 Morris, Litchfield County, 1859 from Litchfield

New Britain, Hartford County, 1850 from Berlin
 Newington, Hartford County, 1871 from Wethersfield
 North Canaan, Litchfield County, 1859 from Litchfield
 Old Lyme, New London County, 1855 from Lyme
 Old Saybrook, Middlesex, 1854 southern most part of Saybrook
 Plainville, Hartford County, 1869 from Farmington
 Putnam, Windham County, 1855 from Thompson, Pomfret, and Killingly
 Rockville, Tolland County, 1889 from Bolton, joined Vernon in 1965
 Scotland, Windham County, 1857 from Windham
 Seymour, New Haven, 1850 from Derby
 Shelton, Fairfield, 1919 name taken by former Huntington
 Sprague, New London County, 1861 from Lisbon and Franklin
 Thomaston, Litchfield County, 1875 from Plymouth
 West Hartford, Hartford County, 1854 from Hartford
 West Haven, New Haven County, 1921 from Orange
 Willimantic, Windham County, 1893 from Windham
 Windsor Locks, Hartford County, 1854 from Windsor
 Winsted, Litchfield County, 1917 from Winchester

Lorraine Cook White undertook the task of publishing Barbour's work; Christina Bailey assumed direction of the project with volume 10. *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records*, R929.3746/W585B/1994 is the published version of this set in progress. The set usually follows the alphabetical town sequence.

Published volumes exist for the following towns:

- v. 1 Andover, Ashford, and Avon.
- v. 2 Barkhamsted 1799–1854, Berlin 1785–1850, Bethany 1832–1853, Bethlehem 1787–1851, Bloomfield 1835–1853, and Bozrah 1786–1850.
- v. 3 Branford 1644–1850 and Bridgeport 1821–1854.
- v. 4 Bristol 1784–1854, Brookfield 1788–1852, Brooklyn 1786–1850, and Burlington 1806–1852.
- v. 5 Cannan 1739–1852, Canterbury 1703–1850.
- v. 6 Canton 1806–1853, Chaplin 1822–1851, Chatham 1767–1854, Cheshire 1780–1840, Chester 1836–1852, Clinton 1838–1854, Diary of Aaron G. White of Clinton 1809–1878.
- v. 7 Colchester 1699–1850, Colebrook, 1779–1810, Columbia 1804–1852, and Cornwall 1740–1854.
- v. 8 Danbury 1685–1847, Darien 1820–1851, Derby 1655–1852.
- v. 9 Durhan 1708–1852, Eastford 1847–1851, East Haddam 1743–1857
- v.10 East Hartford 1783–1853, East Haven 1700–1852, East Lyme 1839–1853.
- v.11 East Windsor 1768–1850, Ellington 1786–1853
- v.12 Fairfield 1638–1853, Farmington 1645–1850.
- v.14 Goshen 1739–1854, Granby 1786–1850, Greenwich 1640–1848
- v.15 Griswold 1815–1848, Groton 1704–1853
- v.16 Guilford 1639–1850
- v.17 Haddam 1668–1852, Hamden 1786–1854, Hampton 1786–1851
- v.18 Hartland 1761–1848, Harwinton 1737–1854, Hebron 1708–1854
- v.19 Hartford
- v.20 Huntington, Kent, & Killingly

v.21 Killingsworth, Ledyard, & Lisbon
v.22 Lebanon
v.23 Litchfield 1719–1854
v.24 Lyme 1667–1852
v.25 Madison 1826–1850, Manchester 1823–1853, Marlborough 1803 1852, Meriden 1806–1853, Middlebury 1807–1850, Monroe 1823–1854, Montville, 1786–1850, Naugatuck 1844–1853.
v.26 Middletown, Part I A-J 1651–1854
v.27 Middletown, Part 2, K-Z 1651–1854
v.28 Milford 1640–1850, New Canaan 1803–1854, New Hartford 1740–1854
v.29 New London 1646–1854
v.30 New Milford 1712–1860, Norfolk 1758–1850, North Stonington 1807–1852,
v.31 Newtown 1711–1852, North Branford 1831–1854, North Haven 1786–1854
v.32 Norfolk 1651–1850, Norwich 1847–1851
v.33 Orange 1822–1850, Oxford 1798–1850, Plainfield 1699–1852
v.34 Plymouth 1795–1850, Pomfret 1705–1850
v.35 Preston 1684–1850
v.36 Portland 1841–1850, Prospect 1827–1853, Redding 1767–1852, Ridgefield 1709–1850
v.37 Rocky Hill 1765–1854, Roxbury 1796–1835, Salem 1836–1852, Salisbury 1741–1846
v.38 Saybrook 1635–1850, Sharon 1739–1865
v.39 Sharman 1805–1850, Simsbury 1670–1855
v.40 Somers 1734–1850, Southbury 1787–1830, Stonington 1779–1857, South Windsor 1845–1851
v.41 Sterling 1795–1850, Stratford 1639–1840
v.42 Stamford 1641–1852
v.43 Stonington 1658–1854
v.44 Stafford 1719–1850, Tolland 1715–1850
v.45 Suffield 1674–1850
v.46 Thompson 1785–1850
v.47 Torrington 1740–1850, Union 1734–1850, Voluntown 1708–1850
v.48 Wallingford 1670–1850
v.49 Warren 1786–1850, Washington 1779–1854, Waterford 1801–1851, Watertown 1780–1850, Westbrook 1840–1851
v.50 Waterbury 1686–1853
Finally, there is an 81-reel consolidated index of all of the vital statistics in the Barbour collection.

Hale Collection.

Microfilm	433 rolls		Locality	Connecticut
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During the 1930s State Librarian Charles Hale oversaw the copying of more 1,000,000 cemetery inscriptions in more than 2,000 graveyards in Connecticut, arranged by town (rolls 319–374). Hale also directed that abstracts be prepared from the first ninety newspapers published in Connecticut (rolls 375–433).

There are several indexes: a general index to vital records (rolls 1–75), an index to deaths and inscriptions (rolls 76–232), an indexes to deaths in each newspaper (rolls 233–249), and an index to marriages in newspapers (rolls 250–318). While the indexes provide names and dates, the individual town or newspaper volumes will often give more data.

Bridgeport

City Directories of Bridgeport. 1855–58.

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Hartford

Business Men of the City of Hartford. 1799.

Microfiche	1 fiche		Microfiche	Connecticut
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City Directories of Hartford. 1825, 1828, 1838–61.

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New Haven

City Directories of New Haven. 1841–44.

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New London

City Directories of New London. 1855–60.

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*Stonington

Records of town meetings, land& earmark records, births, marriages & deaths, 1664-1765.

Microfilm		FHL# 1309871	Stonington	Connecticut
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Woodstock

Bowen, Clarence Winthrop. *The History of Woodstock, Connecticut, 8 vols.*

Microfiche	microcard		Microfiche	Connecticut
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The library now has the printed volumes.

*denotes film that is owned by the LDS Church but is on indefinite loan to the Genealogy Section.