

## RESEARCHING YOUR BRANFORD ANCESTOR

### ❖ Births

- Branford Town Hall has vital records from the mid-1600's. Early records are not fully indexed; full certificates with indexes from 1890 - present. **Note: Only those persons who are members of a recognized Connecticut genealogical society are permitted to see birth records for the last 100 years.**
- Blackstone Library and Branford Town Hall have the Barbour Collection for Branford (index to births, deaths, and marriages covering the years 1644 –1850).
- Blackstone Library has vital records 1646 – 1895, transcribed by Jane Bouley.
- See also the *Branford Review* at the Blackstone Library.

### ❖ Burials

- Branford Town Hall has books kept by the sexton for burials in Branford from 1884.
- Blackstone Library has a cemetery index known as the Hale Collection.

### ❖ Census Records

- Blackstone Library has a copy of the 1670 Branford census.
- Blackstone Library has microfilmed copies of the Branford census for 1790 – 1930, except for 1890 (the census that was destroyed in a fire in 1921).
- Blackstone Library has typed copies of the Branford censuses of 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, an 1890 census substitute, and the 1900 census, transcribed by Jane Bouley.
- Blackstone Library has an index to the 1790 Connecticut census; indexes for other years can be found at the New Haven Colony Historical Society and the Connecticut State Library.

### ❖ Church Records

- Congregational Church has original records; these records are transcribed and available at the Connecticut State Library.
- The Connecticut State Library has Episcopal Church records on microfilm.
- Other records may exist at the individual churches.
- Blackstone Library has Trinity Church Records 1784 -1895, transcribed by Jane Bouley.

### ❖ Deaths

- Branford Town Hall has vital records from the mid-1600's. Early records are not fully indexed; full certificates with indexes from 1890 – present.
- Blackstone Library and Branford Town Hall have the Barbour Collection for Branford (index to births, deaths, and marriages covering the years 1644 –1850).
- Blackstone Library has vital records 1646 – 1895, transcribed by Jane Bouley.

- See also the *Branford Review* at the Blackstone Library.

#### ❖ Land Records

- Branford Town Hall has Land Record volumes indexed by grantor (seller) and grantee (buyer) from the colonial period.
- Blackstone Library and Branford Town Hall have a variety of maps.
- Blackstone Library has land records for Volumes 17 – 25 (1800's), transcribed by Jane Bouley.

#### ❖ Marriages

- Branford Town Hall has vital records from the mid-1600's. Early records are not fully indexed; full certificates with indexes from 1890 – present.
- Blackstone Library and Branford Town Hall have the Barbour Collection for Branford (index to births, deaths, and marriages covering the years 1644 –1850).
- Blackstone Library has vital records 1646 – 1863, transcribed by Jane Bouley.
- Blackstone Library has Early Connecticut Marriages Prior to 1800 edited by Frederic W. Bailey and New England Marriages Prior to 1700 by Clarence Almon Torrey.
- See also the Branford Review at the Blackstone Library.

#### ❖ Military Records

- Blackstone Library has a list, by regiment, of Branford soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War.
- Blackstone Library has a number of Civil War regimental histories and a list of Branford Civil War soldiers, compiled by Jane Bouley.
- Blackstone Library has a list of veterans buried in Branford.
- Blackstone Library has WWI Service Records for Connecticut.
- Branford Town Hall has some 20<sup>th</sup> century military records.

#### ❖ Probate Records

- Branford Town Hall has probate records from 1850, indexed in a card file. Earlier probate records can be found in the Guilford and New Haven probate offices.
- The Connecticut State Library has microfilmed copies of probate records.

**OTHER SOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY – Ask at the Reference Desk**