

The James Blackstone Memorial Library is a unique resource center for all who choose to use it. Founded in 1896, the library provides materials and assistance for scholars, children, and the general public.

The following resources may prove helpful in the study of our town:

Branford Annual Reports* (1868 - present)

*Branford Review** (1878 - present)

Branford Town Census (Microfilm, 1790 - 1930 except 1890)

Branford Town Census Records transcribed by Jane Bouley, Town Historian (1790 – 1900, 1895 census substitute for the 1890 census)

Branford City Directories* (1897 - present)

*Milestone** (Branford High School Yearbook) (1925 - present)

Branford Scrapbooks (selections about Branford from *New Haven Register*) 1895-1976

Zoning Regulations, Town of Branford, CT

Photographs & Postcards of Branford* (1912-1974)

Local historical maps

Branford Historical Society Manuscript Collection

Selected Branford family genealogies

Local church histories

The library boasts an extensive collection of materials on the history of Branford including the following:

Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records

Bells of Branford (Birbarie)

Branford: A Commemorative Album, 1644-1994

Branford, CT: A Survey of Architectural & Historic Resources

Branford in the Beginning (Feld)

Families of Ancient New Haven (Jacobus)

Headstone Inscriptions: Town of Branford, CT

A History of Totoket or Branford (Thompson)

History of New Haven County (Rockey)

Read the Branford section at <http://www.blackstone.lioninc.org/rockey.pdf>

It Happened in Branford (Prann)

History of the Colony of New Haven (Atwater)

Old Branford 1635-1935 (Carr)

Records & Tales of Old Branford (McKenzie)

A Modern History of New Haven & Eastern New Haven County (Hill)

Read the Branford section at <http://www.blackstone.lioninc.org/hill.pdf>

Read the Stony Creek section at <http://www.blackstone.lioninc.org/hillsc.pdf>

Sample some of our resources with a regional twist:

Back Then (Indian Neck)

A Brief History of Pawson Park from Early Times to 1916 (Indian Neck)

A Brief History of Pine Orchard

A Brief History of the Thimble Islands in Branford, CT

A Brief History of Stony Creek

Ecology of the Stony Creek Quarry Preserve

History of the House Leased by the Branford Historical Society

Hunting Ground (Indian Neck)

Nature & Character of Granite Bay (Short Beach)

On the Ebb (Short Beach)

Ride Down Memory Lane: The Story of the Branford Trolley Museum

Stony Creek Mapanscrap Book

A Stony Creek Miscellany

Summer Island: A Century of History & Nostalgia

Thimble Islands Cruise (video)

In addition, the library features the following regional genealogy reference sources:

A Genealogist's Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England

New England Marriages Prior to 1700

Heads of Families in the First Census of the U.S. taken in the year 1790: Connecticut

Catalogue of the Names of the Early Puritan Settlers of the Colony of Connecticut

Early Connecticut Marriages

Genealogical & Family History of the State of Connecticut

*New England Historical & Genealogical Register** (1847 - present)

Connecticut Nutmegger (1968 - present)

***Not all years available**