Guide to Genealogy Resources at the Research Library

Manuals

Elizabeth Petty Bentley, *The Genealogist’s Address Book*

Alice Eichholz, *Ancestry’s Red Book*


David Hey, *The Oxford Companion to Local and Family History*

David Hey, *The Oxford Guide to Family History*

Thomas J. Kemp, *Connecticut Researcher’s Handbook*

Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*

Family Genealogies

Published and unpublished family genealogies are arranged in alphabetical order starting at 929.2 A.

Researchers of Fairfield families should also consult Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*. 929.1 J12h.

Vol.1: 17th-mid-18th century.

Vol.2: 17th-early 19th century (some overlap with vol.1).

Vol.3: Revolutionary War Pension Abstracts.
In addition, researchers may peruse three collections of genealogical working papers. The “Brown Envelopes” collection is a file compiled by FMHC staff and is publicly accessible. The Lester Card and David Van Hoosear files can be retrieved by library staff upon request.

**Passenger Lists**

Filby, P. William, ed. *The Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*. Ref 929.3 F479

Glazier, Ira and Michael Tepper, ed.s. *The Famine Immigrants. Lists of Irish Immigrants Arriving at the Port of New York, 1846-51*. 929.3 F199

Anderson, Robert Charles. *The Great Migration Begins*. 929.374 A53g

Anderson, Robert Charles. *The Great Migration*. 929.374 A549g

Kellogg, Lucy Mary. *Mayflower Families*. (22 v.) 929.1 M468p

**Headstone Inscriptions**

Work Projects Administration. *Headstone Inscriptions Town of Fairfield, CT*. Ref 974.697 H161

Hale, Charles and Mary H. Babin. *Headstone Inscriptions Town of Fairfield, CT*. Ref 974.6971 H161f

Spies, Francis F. *Fairfield, Connecticut Inscriptions from the Graveyards*. Oversize 974.6971 S755f

Perry, Kate E. *The Old Burying Ground of Fairfield, Connecticut*. 974.6971 P4640


Wallace, Rob. *Photographic Survey of West Cemetery*. No call number; please ask staff for assistance.

Other cemetery records are available in the genealogical working papers and manuscript collections.
Military Records

*Connecticut Historical Society Collections. 974.605 CH673c*


*Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution, War of 1812, Mexican War.* Ref 929.3 CT 1775-1848

*Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the Army and Navy of the United States during the War of the Rebellion.* Oversize 973.741 A2

Census Records

Name indices to the Connecticut census records, 1670 and 1790-1860. Ref 929.3 CT

The 1880 U.S. census is available on CD-ROM.

Researchers are also encouraged to take advantage of FMHC's subscription to Ancestry.com, which provides access to census records, vital records, passenger lists, and other records.

Church Records

Church books and church records may be accessed through the catalog by name of the church. They must be requested from library staff.

Also refer to *List of Church Records on Deposit at the Connecticut State Library.* Ref 016.9746 C616a
City Directories

Directories provide year-by-year listings for individuals and businesses, and are a useful way of tracking people over time. The directory for Bridgeport includes sporadic Fairfield names until 1894, and reliable listings starting in 1895:

*Bridgeport Directory, 1855-1979.* 974.692 B1

Reference Guides to Collections outside FMHC

*Guide to Vital Statistics in Church Records of Connecticut.* Ref 016.974 F29a

*Probate Records in the Connecticut State Library.* Ref 016.9746 C616b

*List of Church Records on Deposit at the Connecticut State Library.* 016.974 C616a