Silas Bronson Library

Highlights of the Genealogy and Local History Collection

About Waterbury

- Histories of Waterbury.
- Information about certain industries which were important in Waterbury, including manufacturing of metals (brass and copper), clocks, and buttons.
- Histories of various companies, especially the major brass manufacturers.
- Records for certain ancient cemeteries in Waterbury and the surrounding towns.
- Probate Court records.
- Scrapbooks from the Parks Department.
- Postcard collection (photographs of local buildings and monuments).
- Church histories.
- Maps.
- Histories of different ethnic groups that lived in Waterbury.
- City directories (1868-present) – available on microfilm in the East Wing.
- 1876 Waterbury Census – available on microfilm.
- Local newspapers available on microfilm in the East Wing:
  - American (1844-1990)
  - Republican-American (1884-present)
  - Democrat (Dec. 5, 1887-Oct., 1946)
  - Observer (1993-1997)
- School yearbooks (very few).
- Fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and biography by local authors.
- Publications by nonprofit agencies based in the Greater Naugatuck Valley.
- Waterbury Hall of Fame publications.
- Waterbury Biographies – compiled by library staff, provides access to biographical information about people who lived or worked in Waterbury.
• Waterbury Fact Book – covers the highlights of Waterbury history, lists major monuments and landmarks.

About Connecticut

• Histories of most cities and towns, with emphasis on New Haven County and the Greater Naugatuck Valley.
• Maps
• Books about Connecticut history, geography, wildlife, art, and agriculture.
• Higher education – histories of colleges.
• Federal census for most Connecticut counties (1790-1930) – available on microfilm or through Heritage Quest database.
• Genealogies of various families.
• Military:
  - Information about Connecticut veterans of many wars.
  - Large number of primary source materials pertaining to the U.S. Civil War, including eyewitness accounts of nurses.

About New England

• New England history (all states), legends, and folklore.
• Maps.

Outside of New England

• History of New York City and State.
• There is a limited amount of material about states outside of the Northeast.

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