

Upcoming Event

September is Connecticut Freedom Trail Month. Join us for a virtual presentation and award ceremony on September 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Register for the Zoom event [here](#).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact William Fothergill, Chairperson at fothergillW@ccsu.edu.

THE TIES THAT BIND US

"From Long Wharf To Haiti: The Journeys of William Lanson and Ebenezer D. Bassett"

Virtual Presentation and Award Ceremony
in Honor of Connecticut Freedom Trail Month

Thursday, September 17th, 2020 | 7:00-8:30 pm | Free and open to the public



Ebenezer D. Bassett Hall at Central Connecticut State University is one of the newest Connecticut Freedom Trail sites and the first university academic building in Connecticut to be named in honor of a distinguished African American.

In recognition of Connecticut Freedom Trail month, the Ebenezer D. Bassett Memorialization Committee will host a live, virtual presentation honoring the family ties of Ebenezer D. Bassett, the first African American U.S. diplomat, and William Lanson, the African American contractor who created New Haven's famed Long Wharf. These two men of distinction made major contributions to the social justice issues of the 19th century.



The evening will begin with a formal recognition of the 2020 Ebenezer D. Bassett Student Achievement Awardees and scholarship recipients.

EVENT DETAILS

From Long Wharf to Haiti: The Journeys of William Lanson and Ebenezer D. Bassett



Join Christine Pittsley of the Connecticut State Library as she reveals the newly-discovered ties between two of Connecticut's leading 19th-century African American citizens, William Lanson of New Haven and Ebenezer D. Bassett of Derby. Learn about the families and early lives of these two men and how their experiences and community ties helped them on their paths to success.

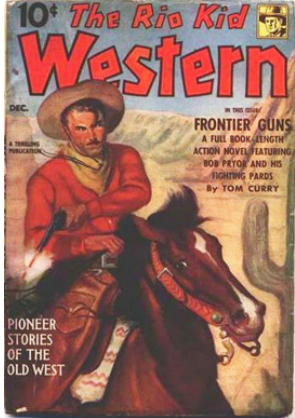
JOINING THE EVENT

Registration for the Zoom event at <http://evite.me/WphUgsjxhq>
If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact William Fothergill, Chairperson at fothergillW@ccsu.edu.

This event is sponsored by the Ebenezer D. Bassett Memorialization Committee at Central Connecticut State University

New to the State Register of Historic Places

The Frederick R. Buckley-Thomas A. Curry House in Norwalk was recently listed on the State Register of Historic Places. Frederick Buckley and Thomas Curry are significant for their contributions to the pulp fiction genre. Between them, Buckley and Curry authored 401 works of pulp fiction while residing in the house between 1921 and 1976.



New to the National Register of Historic Places



James Alexis Darling House in Woodbridge was recently listed on the National Register. The one-and-one-half story structure dates to 1842. It is significant for its contribution to local agriculture during the nineteenth and early twentieth century and as an example of Greek Revival architecture.

Recent Grant Award

On September 2 the Historic Preservation Council voted to approve two Historic Restoration Fund grants, funded by the Community Investment Act of the State of Connecticut:



The **Tolland County Historical Society** was awarded a grant for the rehabilitation of the bell tower and cupola on the 1822 **Tolland County Court House**. This grand example of early Connecticut civic architecture was designed by local architects Abner P. Davison and Harry Cogswell. The Superior Court and Court of Common Pleas for Tolland County were held here until 1892. The Tolland Public



The **Warren Historical Society** was awarded a grant for the replacement of the wood shingle roof and rehabilitation of the wooden windows on the **Warren brick schoolhouse**. The brick school was built in 1784 on land owned by Ward Eldred. The school served the Northwest District of Warren until it was closed in 1924. It has the distinction of being the longest,

Library Association opened the library in 1899, and acquired the building from the county in 1920. In 1985, the library moved to the newly removed Hicks Memorial Center. The TPLA deeded the building to the Tolland Historical Society, Inc. in 2001.

continually operating, one-room school in the state of Connecticut. The schoolhouse is listed on the State Register of Historic Places.

News from the Museums



Henry Whitfield State Museum

Head to Guilford to play the **Outdoor Scavenger Hunt** on the museum grounds – it's free to play, you'll have fun and learn a few things, and you can enter to win a prize! Bring your own pen or pencil and pick up a scavenger hunt at the parking lot kiosk. Once you puzzle out the clues, submit your answers to be entered into a prize drawing to be held after the new year. While you're

there, you can see the three historic buildings in person, explore their history through new outdoor signs, and figure out the Visitor Center's "What Is It?" window displays. You can also picnic, read, paint, etc. – there are over 8 acres of shady and sunny spots, wide lawns, and stone walls to enjoy. Visit <https://portal.ct.gov/ECD-HenryWhitfieldStateMuseum> for more information.

Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine

Old New-Gate is open for a unique and socially distanced experience. With preregistration visitors will participate in a half hour tour, and additional half hour of self-guided exploration. Learn more and register [HERE](#).



Eric Sloane Museum

Here at the Eric Sloane Museum, we are extremely excited to begin reinstalling our collection of the artist's original artwork after



many months of storage. The collection includes works done by Sloane throughout his career as an artist, spanning oil based paintings, watercolors and hand drawn illustrations. It has been a great experience for the staff members who are getting to see these pieces in person for the first time. We can't wait until we can share these beautiful works with visitors again. Staff have continued

working diligently to digitize items in our collection, letters, newspapers and photographs, for eventual public access online. Work has continued putting the finishing touches on the exhibits for a grand reopening in some capacity in 2021 .

Follow the links to the museum [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay up to date with everything going on!

Prudence Crandall Museum

The Prudence Crandall Museum has officially begun renovations! Work on the 1805 building will be the most significant since the 1970s, before the museum opened to the public. This includes structural support, electrical rewiring, a new fire alarm system, a new roof, and exterior painting. Staff is creating virtual programming while construction continues.



The Department of Economic and Community Development, including the State Historic Preservation Office continues to work remotely. We will be sure to inform our constituents when we plan to return to the office. In the meantime, staff contact information can be found [here](#).

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