

# CONNECTICUT Archives Month, October 2023

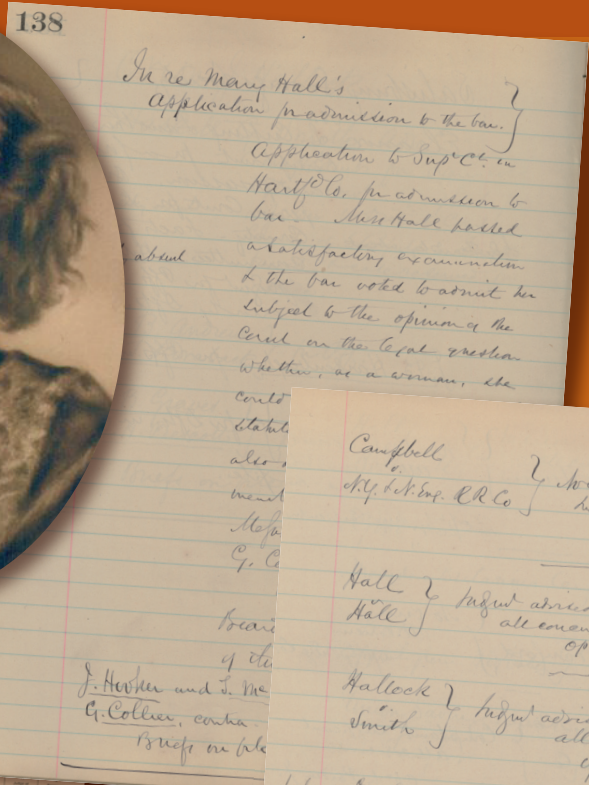
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### Mary Hall

First woman accepted to the Bar in Connecticut. Hall passed the bar exam in March 1882. However, the Hartford County Bar deferred to the state court system the final legal decision on admitting a woman to the profession. In July 1882, the Connecticut Supreme Court cleared the way for women to practice law in Connecticut and Mary Hall was sworn in on October 3, 1882.



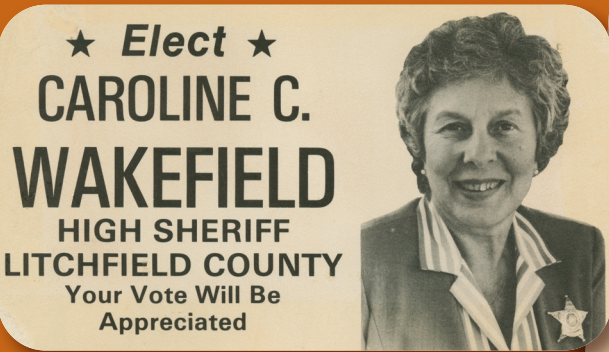
Mary Hall, Marlborough History Collection, Richmond Memorial Library, Marlborough CT



Connecticut State Archives, RG003 Early Court Records, Court Reporters' Notes.

### Caroline Wakefield

First woman appointed as High Sheriff by Governor Ella Grasso and the first to be elected in her own right in Litchfield County in the 1982 general election.

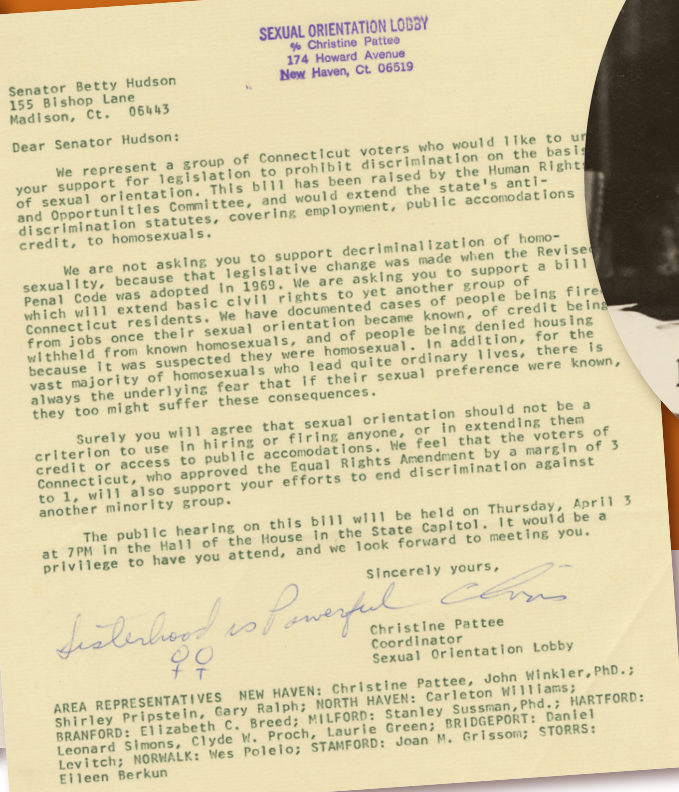
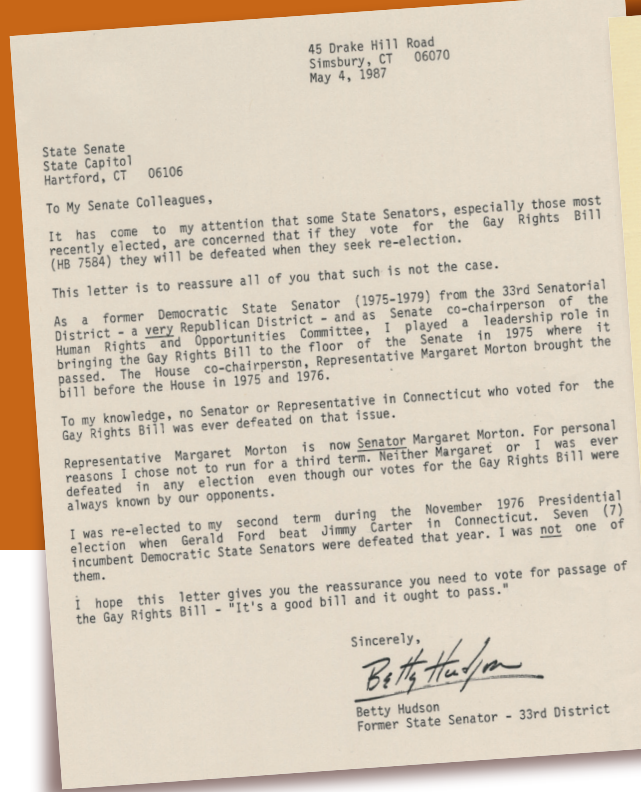


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### State Senator Betty Hudson

Gay Rights Advocate. Betty Hudson was elected State Senator representing Connecticut's 33rd District, serving from 1975-1979. In her roles as Senator, Governor Grasso's advisor on Human Affairs, State Director of Welfare, and as a member of the state's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, Hudson advocated for abortion access, gay rights, the right to determine sexual orientation, and human rights.



Connecticut State Archives, RG069:175 Betty Hudson Papers