

Report to the State Library Board

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This report is prepared bi-monthly in conjunction with the regular meetings of the Connecticut State Library Board. The report, which will be included in the minutes of the May 19, 2025 meeting of the Board, covers the period of March 11, 2025 through May 9, 2025.

Office of the State Librarian

We have entered the final, busiest weeks of the legislative session. In its budget, the Appropriations Committee retained the State Library's requests for additional funds to support our legal materials budget as well as funds to support the state of a Museum inventory. The final details for the **FY 26-27 biennial budget** are under negotiation with the Governor and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM).

Questions about **federal funding** have become acute. On March 14, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) directing the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and six other federal agencies that their "non-statutory components and functions [...] shall be eliminated to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law, and such entities shall reduce the performance of their statutory functions and associated personnel to the minimum presence and function required by law." IMLS is the federal agency which provides financial and other support to libraries and museums across the country. Currently, Connecticut receives about \$2.16 million per year from IMLS's Grants to States/Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program, which supports 13 staff members and the majority of the Division of Library Development's (DLD) work. Over the following weeks, IMLS cancelled LSTA grants for Connecticut, California, and Washington mid-year; it also cancelled the majority of other grants to libraries and museums across the country, including Connecticut's National Leadership program and Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian program grants. No specific reason for these cancellations was provided. Connecticut is pursuing multiple means of redress, including internal dispute processes with IMLS, contacting state and federal legislators, and joining Attorney General Tong and 20 other states in a lawsuit. On May 5, IMLS notified Connecticut it was reinstating its FY24 LSTA grant and planned to also issue a FY25 award notification, in line with what other states had already received. That notification arrived on May 6; also on May 6, a preliminary injunction was granted in the multistate lawsuit. These are positive advances, but we remain cautious. The President's FY26 proposed budget calls for the full elimination of IMLS, and Connecticut will need to have serious conversations about the future of sustainable library funding. The State Library will continue to work closely with OPM, the Governor's Office, and federal and state policymakers as the situation progresses.

The agency continues its **biannual state audit**, which is anticipated to conclude in early summer.

Unit Activities

Partnerships and Community Engagement

Division of Library Development (DLD) staff including Dawn La Valle, Matt Geeza, Brad Bullis, Kym Powe, and Cathy Potter hosted a CT State Library table at the annual **CT Library Association conference**, featuring exhibits from the Museum, Archives, CT Library for Accessible Books, and all the free resources available to CT librarians. A digital copy of the newly conserved 1662 Royal Charter of Connecticut and a 3D display of fragments from the tearing down of the statue of King George the III after the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776 were among the exhibits.

The **All CT Reads 2025** cycle is underway, collaboratively lead by Kym Powe and Ashley Sklar.

Staff of the **Connecticut Library for Accessible Books** (CT LAB) conducted four outreach sessions during the period of April through mid-May 2025. These outreach visits reached over 150 individuals. Visits included a presentation to the Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB) Adult Services team and staffing exhibit tables at the Connecticut Library Association's Annual Conference, the BESB Silver Summit, and an expo sponsored by the Southern Fairfield Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of CT.

On March 15, Kym Powe attended an ARCLMS class to talk about the free resources available to educators and librarians from the Middletown Library Service Center. The ARCLMS program is an educational initiative that helps teachers gain their **library media specialist certification**.

In partnership with Sparkler, Kym Powe created the [CT Ready to Read with Sparkler](#) curriculum, modeled after Every Child Ready to Read, to support the CT State Library's CT Ready to Read Initiative. On Tuesday, April 29 Kym and creators from Sparkler presented the curriculum for the first time at the CLA Conference.

The May and June 2025 edition of the **CT LAB newsletter** is now available in the following formats: email, PDF, HTML (CT LAB website), audio, hard copy large print, and hard copy braille.

Gail Hurley worked with **CT Saves** partners for America Saves / Connecticut Saves Week from April 7-11. Gail represented the State Library at events including a lunchtime webinar with CT Saves partners to promote financial literacy tips and resources to students from the University of New Haven and an in-person financial action fair for students at the UConn Hartford campus.

Chris Gauvreau continued to assist the seven public libraries collaborating on the **Regional Digital Navigator Sharing project**. In April, the project navigators marked the completion of the one thousandth appointment with residents who had requested instruction for digital skills improvement.

On March 25, Chris Gauvreau anchored the final meeting of **CT Libraries & Partners for Digital Equity** under DLD's administration. The meeting presentations helped to prepare the public libraries in attendance for the opening of the recently announced state of CT Digital Opportunity capacity grant subawards process.

Over the last two months, visitation to the **Museum of CT History** included 1,538 school children and 130 adults as part of school and adult groups. Patrick Smith delivered outreach programs to 66 students at a school in Old Lyme. The Museum served 175 visitors through two public events: 50 at an event honoring the 250th anniversary of the Fort Ticonderoga expedition on April 28 and 125 at the Connecticut History Day state contest on May 3.

The course on **Connecticut in World War 1** that Patrick Smith has been teaching to a home school co-operative comes to an end in early May. This is a once-a-week, hour-long class for middle school-aged students featuring a combination of museum and archives resources, as well as utilizing young adult literature (*War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo).

The 2025 **Hiking Through History** program kicked off on April 11, when Patrick Smith led 10 guests on a walk at the Windsor Locks Canal. Sign-ups for the rest of the series are at capacity, with 20-25 attendees per hike. Upcoming dates / locations are: May 16 - Bluff Point State Park (Groton); June 20 - Topsmead State Forest (Litchfield); July 18 - Cotton Hollow Preserve and Glastonbury Historical Society; August 8 - East Hartford/Hartford Riverfront; September 19 - Old Connecticut Path (Willington); October 17 - Penwood State Park (Blomfield/Simsbury).

The Museum team collaborated with the Reference Services Unit to offer tours to other state agencies on April 24 for **Take Your Child to Work Day**. Special tours were given to the Treasurer's Office (25 attendees) and the Comptroller's Office (60 attendees). Tour options were streamlined this year to ensure the groups were manageable in size and able to get to their next destination in a timely way.

On April 28, the Museum team brought the State Library's Outreach Van to an event commemorating the 250th anniversary of **the Fort Ticonderoga expedition**, hosted by Connecticut's Old State House. The event recognized early Revolutionary War efforts, as when Connecticut sent men and money north to capture the fort and to repurpose the canons contained within. Museum and archives collections related to the early history of the war were displayed inside the van. Jennifer Matos delivered remarks during the ceremony, which was recorded by CT-N and can be [viewed here](#).

Jennifer Matos and Christine Pittsley recorded a segment about the American Revolution on **Fox 61's Real Story** that aired on May 5. Jennifer and Christine spoke about Connecticut's involvement in the Revolutionary War, items from the Museum and Archives collections that help tell individual stories, and provided overall information about the Museum of Connecticut History. The segment can be [viewed here](#).

The Museum team brought the State Library's Outreach Van to Central Connecticut State University for the **Connecticut History Day state contest** on May 3. Items from the Museum and Archives collections were displayed, including two powder horns and a diary from 1775. These items were used to help discuss Connecticut's early response to British aggression leading up to the Revolutionary War. The Museum engaged with about 125 visitors.

The **Historic Documents Preservation Program** FY2026 Cycle 1 application period closed on April 30, 2025; the State Library received applications from 109 municipalities. Nicole Besseghir is currently reviewing and processing the applications for approval by LeAnn Power; award letters and grant contracts will be sent to municipalities in late June.

Nicole Besseghir has been working with towns on **vault construction and renovation projects**, including projects for the Town of East Hartford, the Town of Farmington, the Town of Pomfret, the Town of Windsor Locks, the Town of Plainfield, Town of East Windsor, Town of Ledyard, Town of Darien, Town of Scotland, Town of Meriden, the Town of Bridgewater, the Town of Stonington, the Town of Preston, the City of Norwich, the Town of Portland and the Ellington/Vernon Probate Court.

On April 11th, Kris Abery met with Megan Baker of the Connecticut Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity regarding participation in the upcoming panel discussion **Evidence-Based Data Preservation: State Responses to Data Erasure**.

As part of the Government Publishing Office's (GPO) efforts to fill in gaps that have been experienced due to the decommissioning of the ProQuest Monthly Catalog database, Kris Abery spoke with Lisa Russell (GPO) about potential enhancements to the **Monthly Catalog on the GovInfo website**.

Kevin Johnson gave several very well-attended **presentations in April**. At the Torrington Historical Society, his "Professor Jim" portrayal drew a crowd of about 50-60 individuals, while at the Har-Bur Middle School, Burlington, about 70 students attended the presentation. About 50 individuals also attended Kevin's presentation of "Jordan Freeman" at the Seymour Historical Society, Seymour.

Rather than inviting our librarians to present in the classroom again this year, a **St. Joseph's College history class** attended a tour at the State Library instead. Mel Smith gave a tour of the History & Genealogy Unit and State Archives, and Jennifer Matos provided a tour of the Museum of Connecticut History. About nine students and their professor attended and asked many questions about our institution.

The popularity of the revived History & Genealogy blog, "**The Nutmeg Navigator**," continues as the blog was viewed 165 times in the last two months. The first of two new posts focused on the March 1943 legislation (Senate Bill No. 21) that made the American Robin the official Connecticut State Bird. The main criteria for selection of the state bird included that: it be frequently seen, have beautiful plumage, and sing a beautiful song, making the robin an easy choice. The April post focused on the large aerial photograph collection that is found at the Connecticut State Library. As early as 1885 a few photographs from a hot air balloon were taken in Connecticut, with a complete state aerial survey completed in 1934 and the most current one being for the year 2000. Posted on Earth Day, the information also touched upon the vast geographic information in our map collections as well.

Work is progressing on the federally funded **Planning to Preserve Connecticut's Digital Government History Project**. Mark Conrad, Information Management Consultant, along with the Project Team is working to finalize the request for information (RFI) report with recommendations for a secure digital preservation repository (SDPR).

Graduate Student Intern Jarod Warner, supervised by Damon Munz, completed organizing and re-boxing 103 cubic feet of **CT Humanities grant files**. Jarod was also able to complete processing of 10 cubic feet of the files. Processing included removing metal fasteners, removing confidential financial information such as photocopies of bank checks, and labeling and placing the documents in archival folders. Jarod was hired through a collaborative effort between the State Archives and CT Humanities. This was a part-time (10 to 15 hours per week) paid internship up to a total of 200 hours.

Lizette Pelletier presented a history of the **American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Connecticut's** work from 1971-1984 to the America 250 | CT Commission on April 22. The ARBCC's records are part of RG 24, the records of the Connecticut Historical Commission.

Programs and Training

Erin Shapland presented "**Underrepresented Perspectives in Historical Newspapers**" at the America 250 Connecticut 2025 Conference: Shaping a Commemoration Rooted in Belonging on March 21, 2025.

Dawn La Valle and Ashley Sklar presented "Leading from the Future: Strategic Frameworking Facing Forward," sharing how the DLD Strategic Framework Toolkit guided the innovative approach towards envisioning the future of the State Library. The CT State Library strove to move strategy planning beyond the traditional linear process of data analysis, looking past "library land" to the surrounding environment to develop robust, flexible, creative, and transformative visions of the future.

Kym Powe was invited to speak at [Rendez-vous des bibliothèques publiques](#), an annual conference of public librarians in Quebec, in partnership with the Libraries of Montreal. Kym presented Teen Services: Behavior, Programming, and Relationship Building to a packed house.

DLD continued the series on welcoming the deaf and hard of hearing community to your library with author, librarian, and ASL interpreter Kathy MacMillan. On Wednesday, April 23, Kathy presented **Working with Sign Language Interpreters at Your Library**. More information and resources are available on the [Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community LibGuide](#).

CT LAB hosted its quarterly virtual book club on April 16, 2025. The book discussed was *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown.

DLD offered two new **Canva** classes in April and May on Canva Templates and Canva Presentations.

Dawn presented two **CT State Library Public Library Construction Grants** mandatory information sessions for the 2025-26 construction grant cycle. Libraries must file a Notice of Intent to apply for a grant by June 30th.

A **requestIT Open Office Hours** session was held on March 20th, the first of the quarterly sessions planned for 2025. The next session is scheduled for June 12th.

Brad Bullis provided the staff requestIT/fulfILLment training at Edith Wheeler Memorial on April 9th and provided an overview of Workforce Solutions for the UNewHaven CT Saves Week Kickoff on April 21st. Brad also presented **Creating a Digital Collection for All with eGO CT** and the Palace Project at the Connecticut Library Association Conference on April 28th.

In February and March, Chris Gauvreau hosted 76 screen share appointments with public libraries that needed assistance with **E-Rate competitive bidding** for standalone Internet access and with applications for discounts for internet service and fiber maintenance and operations.

In April, with the support of \$1,315,475 from the **CT State Library Fiber to the Library-IC grant** program, the CT Educational Network (CEN) completed a year and a half of effort upgrading and configuring internal connections for 36 public libraries. This work is the culmination of a state bond-funded CT State Library grant project that began in 2016 and dispersed almost \$3.6 million dollars to help libraries join the world of high-speed internet connectivity and then leverage the power of those connections with related equipment installations.

The Museum of CT History team held a joint staff meeting with the **State Historic Preservation Office's (SPHO)** museum team on March 19. The group discussed collections management, specifically how to plan for and react to disasters. Beth Burgess and SHPO Curator Jodi Polsgrove also presented on Creative Commons.

Museum team members Beth Burgess, Jennifer Matos, and Christine Pittsley delivered a talk, **"Presenting the Expected in an Unexpected Way,"** at the America 250 | Commission conference held at UConn on March 21, 2025 to an audience of about 50 people. Strategies for providing a more inclusive and nuanced view of the Revolutionary War-era than what was presented during the Bicentennial were discussed.

The Office of the Public Records Administrator continued the second annual **State Records Management Webinar Training Series**, with sessions on March 19 and April 23. Reference Services staff Lindsay Cawley, Mel Smith, and Wafaa Razeq presented Session 5: CT State Library: Reference Services & State Documents to approximately 95 state employees. Archives staff Lizette Pelletier, Allen Ramsey, and Brittney Rankins presented Session 6: State Archives & Archival Records to approximately 85 state employees representing most Executive Branch state agencies. Elise Marzik is coordinating this ongoing monthly training series, with each session covering a different state records management topic.

Elise Marzik and Nicole Besseghir attended the **Tax Collector's Association Conference** in Westbrook on March 20 and presented municipal records management training to approximately 100 municipal tax collectors.

LeAnn Power, Nicole Besseghir, and Elise Marzik attended the **Spring Conference of the Town Clerks' Association** in Danbury on April 24, staffing an information table to address questions from town clerks and records vendors related to agency policies and the Historic Documents Preservation grant program.

Susan Bigelow presented at this year's **Open Data Conference**, highlighting the State Library's most popular indexes housed on that platform. Along with several other agencies, the State Library's datasets were mentioned by Governor Lamont in a press release praising the Open Data portal and the conference.

Resource Updates

In March and April 2025, the Digitization and Digital Collection Services Unit digitized over **11,500 pages of State Library collection materials**, including 13 volumes of historical Connecticut General Assembly (CGA) proceedings transcripts from 1963 and 1965 and 47 Connecticut state documents. Four digitized state documents and 16 volumes of CGA

proceedings were added to the Connecticut Digital Archive for digital preservation and public access.

Additional years of the Polish language newspaper from New Britain, [Przewodnik Katolicki, 1913-1920](#), digitized by the **Connecticut Digital Newspaper Project** for its sixth National Digital Newspaper Program grant cycle were made available on the Library of Congress' Chronicling America database.

Jack Bednar cataloged several interesting titles from the donation of approximately fifty 19th-century theological, political, and scientific works donated to the State Library by Hartford antiquarian collector **Charles T. Wells**. These titles include *North and South, or, Four questions considered : What have we done? What have we to do? What have we to hope? What have we to fear? A sermon preached in the First Church in Hartford, on the day of the national fast, Sept. 26th, 1861* by Congregational minister Joel Hawes, and *The shorter catechism, agreed upon by the Reverend Assembly of Divines at Westminster*. Boston, 1765.

The Discovery and Delivery Services Unit regularly reviews unassigned **digital inventory** of copies of State Library physical resources and of born-digital titles. In March, Verna Thomas-Green undertook to update and correct a set of bibliographic records for which electronic inventory had not transferred to our current software platform. For the current reporting period Verna completed updates for 642 titles, including several bathymetric maps from the United States National Ocean Service, and numerous statistical reports from the United States Census of Retail Trade.

Between them, Laura Diller and William Anderson contributed 48 records to the **Name Authority Cooperative** (NACO) database. Included in this contribution are records for Connecticut illustrator Mollie Hubbard and for several churches and civic organizations in Stafford, Connecticut.

Significant **USGPO titles** cataloged include *Henry O. Flipper : West Point's first black graduate : an annotated autobiography* / edited by Rory McGovern & Tony McGowan, West Point Press, 2025; and several policy implementation directives from the White House.

Significant materials cataloged for the **History and Genealogy map collections** include *Map of the land lying in the town of Montville for the use of the Mohegan Tribe of Indians from 1872* and *Map of land of the Mohegan Indians* from roughly 1860.

The Discovery and Delivery Services Unit began cataloging a collection of **labor agreements** between the State of Connecticut and its employee unions. These include the 1990 *Contract between State of Connecticut, Board of Education and State Vocational Federation of Teachers, Local 4200A, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, Vocational-Technical Instructors Unit*, and the 1979 *Collective bargaining agreement between the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees and the University of Connecticut Chapter of the American Association of University Professors*.

CT LAB's federal partner, the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), is preparing the release of a new **Digital Talking Book Machine**, known as the DA2 (Digital Advanced 2). CT LAB received its first DA2 machine in March 2025. The NLS plans to send the first shipment of DA2 machines to all its network libraries in mid-May 2025. CT LAB is awaiting more information about the number of DA2 machines that it will receive for its initial inventory. CT LAB staff are maintaining a list of patrons who are interested in receiving a DA2

machine and will work to provide a new machine for all patrons who have expressed interest.

eGO CT continues to support the **All CT Reads** program. Each of this year's titles have been added to the Palace app, and an All CT Reads 2025 lane has been made available to all in the Palace Manager interfaces for each site. To date, there have been 400 checkouts of All CT Reads 2025 titles

In March and April, DLD purchased 190 new items for the **eGO CT** program and the Palace app for a total of over 50,000 items that are provided for free to public libraries, academics, and schools. The eGO CT program has had 31,100 checkouts so far in FY25 and is on track for over 36,000 checkouts in FY25.

Access to objects from the Museum of CT History's collection was granted to researchers and scholars: on March 24, two historians working on the Ball & Socket Cultural Center in Cheshire viewed the Tingle Button Collection; on April 29, Heritage Auction Numismatic representatives viewed a short list of rare coins from the Mitchelson Collection.

The Museum of CT History **acquired new collection items**: 1925 toy model crane; Civil War-era scabbards and gun slings; lot of CT-made household products from 1950 through 1980.

A long-term loan of a **Connecticut National Guard uniform** in the collection of the Museum of CT History was returned from the Military Department at the State Armory on March 27. Museum best practice required the uniform (as a textile) to go off display, but a different uniform will be loaned in its place soon. This updated long-term loan agreement with the Military Department will be renewed annually following best practices.

After resting in dark storage for a few months, the Museum of CT History's **Second Regiment of Light Dragoons flag** is back on display at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, this time for a special exhibit called "Banners of Liberty." The exhibit brings together the largest gathering of original flags from the Revolutionary War since its end in 1783. An image and description of the Dragoons flag can be viewed in the [online version of the exhibit](#).

The Museum, in coordination with the Connecticut Heritage Foundation, applied for a \$35,000 **Implementation Grant** from Connecticut Humanities (CTH) to kick-start the semiquincentennial exhibit it has been planning. The exhibit, *Connecticut's Revolution*, will illustrate, with objects, documents, and interpretive content, both how residents of Connecticut from all walks of life, backgrounds, and geographic area, impacted and were impacted by the revolutionary forces that shaped the creation of our nation. The plan for this exhibit was developed with funds received from a CTH Planning Grant. The Implementation Grant would only cover a fraction of the expense to build the exhibit. The Museum team will be seeking funds from alternate sources, including grants, sponsorships, and individual donations. The exhibit is slated to open on July 4, 2026 for approximately one year.

Museum staff continue efforts to tidy and reorganize **collections storage areas**. The team spent considerable time cleaning the "Nutmeg Gallery," a space located behind Memorial Hall. This space had once been planned to house an exhibit about the Civil War. The exhibit did not come to fruition, and over the years, the space had accumulated sundry items, including objects from the collection. Current staff have determined that the area is not conducive for collections storage, thus items stored in the Nutmeg Gallery were inventoried, rehoused, and moved to

other storage spaces. It is hoped that once the space is completely cleared of collections (and with some minor construction), it could be used as a meeting / classroom space.

The Office of the Public Records Administrator issued one revised agency specific **records retention schedule** for the Department of Social Services (DSS-05, effective 3/25/2025).

LeAnn Power and Cherie Miles processed 409 municipal and 194 state agency authorization forms for **records disposals**.

At the **State Records Center**, Doug Yaeger and Mike Soltesz accessioned 985 cubic feet of agency records; deaccessioned 1,242 cubic feet; processed 331 reference requests; and processed 189 re-files and inter-files.

The constant maintenance required by the **federal documents collection** continued with 84 documents claimed from selective depository libraries in Connecticut and Rhode Island and 156 items in the collection cataloged and barcoded by Kris Aberly, along with 584 discard lists processed by Eric Paiva and Elizabeth Esquilin.

Mel Smith, Susan Bigelow, Jeannie Sherman, and Michael Sullivan have started a **new court records indexing project**. Utilizing Connecticut superior court records housed in the State Archives, they are indexing court files or records of Name Changes for individuals found within the various collections. Once completed, the index will contain thousands of previously unknown records of legal name changes in Connecticut. This information will greatly aid genealogists in their family research and provide historians with a wide range of historical social data.

Jeannie Sherman has created a new access page for the materials that have been scanned as part of the Connecticut State Library's collaboration with FamilySearch. The newest available collection consists of approximately 5,332 items from **Hartford, Connecticut Probate Estate Files, 1916-1940** and may be accessed via: [Probate Estate Files - Newly Digitized Records on FamilySearch](#).

Elizabeth Swan finished her long-term project of scanning the indexes to the Connecticut Secretary of the State, **Articles of Incorporation, Joint Stock Companies**. She scanned indexes found in 263 individual volumes covering 1911-1945. These indexes will be utilized by History & Genealogy staff to determine if there is information within each volume prior to retrieval of the item from the Van Block facility. The scanned data will likely be added to the existing [Connecticut Secretary of the State Records, Articles of Incorporation, 1837-1945](#) for remote access by patrons.

To celebrate **Women's History Month in March and Earth Day in April**, Kris Aberly set up displays on the balcony featuring material from the State Library collection.

Sarah Morin, student interns, and volunteers processed 6.75 cubic feet (13.5 boxes) of the **New Haven County Court records**. They completed Superior Court judgments (civil case files), 1840-1849 (A-Y), 1850-1855 (A-B), and Superior Court no appearance files 1829-1840 (A-I, Tow-Z). They identified approximately 43 cases involving African-descended, African American, Black, and Indigenous persons and groups. Sarah Morin published two blog entries, [Retrospective No. 2: Women's History](#) and [Retrospective No. 3: Crime and Punishment](#). Sarah Morin's article, [Connecticut State Library Spotlight: Divorce in Eighteenth-Century Connecticut](#), is now available to read in the Spring 2025 issue of the Connecticut History Review.

Recent Archives Accessions include:

- **Military Department** records, circa 1918-2023, 20.25 cubic feet (RG 013)
The records consist of inactive militia personnel and tax records of the First Company Governor's Foot Guard, First Company Governor's Horse Guard, Second Company Governor's Foot Guard, and the Second Company Governor's Horse Guard. The records are not open to the public per CGS 1-210(b).
- **Michael E. Shay Papers**, 1859-1931, 23 cubic feet (RG 069:200)
The papers consist of research materials compiled by Michael E. Shay which includes the History of the 103rd Field Hospital Company; History of the 26th Yankee Division; Biography of Major General Clarence R. Edwards 1859-1931; A Civilian in Lawton's 1899 Philippine Campaign; History of the 26th Division Chaplin's; Biography of Major General Henry Ware Lawton; Biography of Lt. General Hunter Liggett; photographs; draft manuscripts; miscellaneous books and memorabilia; and a Biography of Israel Putnam.
- **Town of Bethel** school registers, 1918-1956, 10 cubic feet (RG 062:009)
The school registers are not open to the public per CGS 1-210(b).
- **Town of Harwinton** grantor and grantee indexes, 1.5 cubic feet 1737-1931, (RG 062:066)
- **Town of Sharon** grand lists, 1926-1944, and minutes, 1889-1980, 3 cubic feet (RG 062:125)

CTDA Digital Records Uploaded:

- James Naleski Photographs (RG 005:042)
- Trumbull Papers (RG 000)

The following digital collections were migrated from ContentDM to CTDA:

- Account books, Diaries, and Journals (RG 000)
- Chauncey Hosford War of 1812 Papers (RG 069:162)
- Founding Documents (RG 001)
- General Assembly Portraits (PG 540)

Digital Records Processing Project Updates:

- Generated an MP4 copy of the *Resolved to be Free* DVD (E263.C5.R48.2012). This film was produced during the American Revolution Bicentennial by former West Hartford Mayor Ellsworth Grant, who owned Fenwick Productions. The film is narrated by his sister-in-law and Connecticut Native actress Katharine Hepburn.
- Processing continues on **Governor Dannel P. Malloy's** born-digital records (RG 005:041).

Scanning of selected probate court files for inclusion in **Family Search** online collections resumed in April. Family Search has contracted with Intelligent Image Management, Inc. (IIMI) to manage a portion of their long-term scanning projects. IIMI is hiring local individuals at the prevailing minimum wage to do document preparation work on the files to scale up the amount that can be scanned. Several of our experienced interns and volunteers have been hired for the project.