

Whittelsey-Whittlesey Family Newsletter

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1. Whittlesey Gathering-2015 - Dedication of Renovated Monument-Old Saybrook, Connecticut July 25-26, 2015

This brief newsletter is for the purpose of determining an interest in planning a Whittelsey-Whittlesey Reunion in Old Saybrook this summer during the *annual Arts and Crafts festival*.

The gathering could be multi-purpose in nature; rededication of the family monument in the Cyress Cemetery since the renovations have been completed; a family meeting to assess interest in forming a family association; side trip to Salem, Connecticut to support the efforts of the descendants of Oramel Whittlesey who are trying to establish a Whittlesey Museum near the site of the Music Vale Seminary; and some presentations by family members on various aspects of the lives of past and present descendants of John Whittelsey, our common progenitor.

Four months have passed since the previous, September 2014 newsletter. I am ashamed that I have not followed up on the issue at hand, a gathering. Pursuant to broaching this subject, I had a few people offer to assist. I have many too many irons in the fire all of the time and for me, time seems to be fleeting by far too quickly. Would those who would like to serve on a committee to move this event forward please contact me so that we can begin this project in earnest. As you can discern from the time lapse, this has not been my highest priority.

I would appreciate any information on the plans for this year regarding the efforts in Salem, Connecticut as an aid to the gathering committee.

My efforts have been a bit sporadic since a research trip to Ireland in late September. I have added quite a bit to the website and will continue to do so until I have accomplished the task of having every person in the 1992 genealogy indexed there and also any information submitted by family members or obtained from the many available internet website. In coming months you will see many US Census records starting in 1850 and up to and including the 1940 US Census added to many individual pages.

Please refer to the previous newsletter if you are an avid genealogist as I am still seeking individuals who might like to share the information I have been gathering over the past 35+ years. Eventually I will have to find a repository for all my files, but in the meantime I am willing to copy previous correspondence and media to forward to those who have specific interests either as scanned files on a DVD or as actual copies of correspondence from many of your grandmothers, great aunts and even a few male contributors. So please contact me if you are interested.

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