# You may need help if you are ...

- Stuck and need help getting past that "brick wall" in your research.
- A professional researcher in need of specialized work in Connecticut resources by competent and knowledgeable professional genealogists who understand your needs.
- Looking for speakers on various genealogical topics for your historical and genealogical societies, libraries and other interested groups.

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#### Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council

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### **Join Us**

CPGC Membership is open to those working professionally within the genealogical field, including those providing services to others and those managing collections. Members shall have the right to vote and to hold office. In accordance with Connecticut Gen. Statute 7-51, members may access Connecticut vital records and indexes less than 100 years old.

Membership dues are \$20.00 annually. To join, visit our website or fill out the form below and send it with your payment to:

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To foster excellence in genealogical work in Connecticut by supporting those researching professionally and those repositories that serve as their primary resources.

# Do you need a Professional Genealogist?

### What is the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council?

The purpose of the Council is to . . .

- Foster excellence in genealogical work
- Enhance professional competence
- Support Connecticut record repositories

Organized in 1993, the Council has over sixty members throughout the nation, with many based in Connecticut. Membership is open to genealogical researchers, writers, publishers, instructors, lecturers, managers of genealogical records, and genealogists serving heritage and lineage societies. We work with other genealogical societies on projects of mutual concern. In 2009, the Council became a 501(c)(3) organization.

The Council meets monthly to transact business, discuss various phases of our research and listen to speakers on genealogy.

# **CPGC Members**...

Council members subscribe to high standards of ethics expected of professional genealogists. We are experienced with records and repositories and therefore can help you in your search.

Our members have worked with the Connecticut Town Clerks Association and State Registrar of Vital Records to improve communication and standardize access procedures. We work closely with officials to maintain access and optimal conditions in research facilities.

CPGC members provide voluntary services for repositories on projects in indexing and manuscript processing.

# Here's what we can do for you . . .

The Council provides a list of genealogists who perform professional research in Connecticut. You may choose the genealogist who best fits your needs and contract with that person directly.

Membership in the CPGC is open to all professional genealogists with a Connecticut residence or interest. If you provide genealogy for others or manage collections of records, please consider joining us.

### Historic Records Preservation Act

This important Act of 2000 provides funds to cities and towns for the restoration and preservation of original historic records. CPGC members initiated this legislation and worked to get it passed. A small \$3 fee on deeds has raised over \$20 million to save and preserve records at the town and state level. We diligently continue our activism with other such legislation.

# **CT Vital Records**

CPGC initiated Public Act 96-258 which became effective in 1996, simplifying existing legislation and making genealogical access better for everyone. As a result, marriage and death records for all years and birth records over 100 years old are open to the public. Birth records less than 100 years old are open to certain family members, authorities, and genealogists registered in Connecticut genealogical societies. CPGC professionals can assist others in obtaining restricted records for genealogical purposes.

### Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Acquisition Fund

The CPGC has instituted a permanent fund in memory of our first president. One hundred percent of the money given to this fund will be used to purchase genealogical materials which will be donated to area repositories such as the Connecticut State Library and others. As a 501(c) (3) organization, all donations to this fund are tax deductible. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. For information, please contact us.

The Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council does not assume responsibility for research contracted through this listing.

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