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It's been a terrific summer. The Milford 350th Celebration was smashing and I'll share some of the high points in this newsletter. Our membership keeps growing, as of the first of September we're 77 strong! I have so enjoyed hearing from so many of you, I do hope that you are also corresponding among yourselves and that new bonds and friendships have been forged because of this.

Someone of you did not receive your April, May, June newsletter as the post office returned one with the name and address label torn off. Please let me know if you were the one who did not receive that issue.

Jan Zimmerman was good enough to write to let me know that there was an error in her query, #10. The children of Nathaniel Terrill are Samuel, Elias, Nathaniel II, John and (Capt.) DANIEL, not David as shown, and Dunning. She also tells us that she had a reply to her query corroborating her findings of marriage for Nathaniel Turrell and Abigail Rumsey, son Samuel Turrel and Rachel Burnet marriage and more information on John Rumsey although she is still looking for the parents of Nathaniel. It's good to know that our queries are obtaining results.

New member Chuck Tyrrell has been doing hands-on research for his line in Idaho and Washington and has shared his discoveries with DOR. Especially interesting was an excerpt from A Ram In The Thicket by Frank C. Robertson describing Uncle Marsh⁷ Tyrrell (Philander Laurel⁶, Ichabod⁵, Oliver⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹) who was "a holy terror"... "a huge old man, nearing ninety, [who about] twice a year would go to Moscow [Idaho], get fearsomely drunk and boast that he could lick his weight in wildcats." The author confirmed that he believed in his younger days he could.

This is the season for reunions, and member Janet Irwin of Wyoming, Michigan wrote to tell us about their 75th Terrell Reunion held Sunday, August 6th at Creekside, a small park in southern Kent County, Michigan where about 110 attended. The honor of being the oldest attending went to Clarence Maxim at age 93, and to Harriet Terrell Baker for the ladies at age 85. This Terrill branch settled in Michigan when Alonzo⁷ Terrill (Tillotson⁶, Ichabod⁵, Oliver⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹) moved there from Ridgeville, Lorain County, Ohio in the mid-1800's.

A special thanks goes to members Lynn Sandell, Paul and Gloria Terrill, Sarah Hindman and Jane Coven for the wealth of research and research information they have shared with DOR. And a very special "job well done," to Richard and Jane Platt for bringing off with resounding success the Milford celebration.

There is no road. The road is made when we walk on it. Antonio Machado

Nancy Tyrrel Theodore

A G L O R I O U S D A Y ! !

To trod where Roger¹ trod. To gaze upon the land he helped to settle in the dawn of our nation. To grasp the hands and recognize in the smiling face of a "cousin" that intangible something familiar and instantly bond as only family can. To share special moments in solemn recognition of our brave ancestors in dedication and rededication of the symbols and ideals embodying their spirit amid the lushness of Connecticut and historic Milford. This, then, was the essence of that glorious day, Saturday, 8 July 1989.... Milford's 350th Anniversary Founders Day Celebration!

Festivities started on that clear, warm morning with registration at the Milford Public Library which is located directly across from the Memorial Bridge, a setting both serene and exciting.

Around the Roger¹ Terrill registration table gathered DOR members and their families: Ken and Donna Terrill Northuis and grandson Danny Kuck of Seminole, Florida; Bill and Jane Coven of Elyria, Ohio; Paul and Gloria Terrill of Danville, Indiana; Dr. Lawrence Kienle of Medford, New Jersey; Dudley and Roberta "Bobbie" Terrill of Bow, New Hampshire; Roger and Norma Terrill of Nashua, New Hampshire; Richard, Jane and James Platt of Milford, Connecticut and Peter and Nancy Tyrrel Theodore of Rockford, Illinois. On the sign-in sheet for descendants of Roger¹ there appeared the names of an additional 33 non-members, some of whom have since joined our ranks.

Donna Terrill Northuis had designed and produced a great "Terrill-Ufford" Milford celebration T-shirt that identified many of our members. (Anyone interested in obtaining one should contact Donna.) After two hours of getting-to-know-you "Terrill talk," the DOR members gathered under the large shelter behind the library for a catered lunch. Some of those gathered are below:



Left, front to back: Gloria and Paul Terrill; Bobbie and Dudley Terrill; Donna and Ken Northuis. Right, front to back: Bill and Jane Coven and Nancy Tyrrel Theodore.

Following lunch was the dedication of the plaque for which the DOR membership sent contributions. The plaque was erected at the east end of the bridge.

Richard Platt, with his wife, DOR member Jane, hosted the ceremony and gave introductory remarks on the history and meaning of the bridge project. This was followed by an invocation, remarks by the 350th Celebration Committee Chairperson, Herriette Racz and the dedication and laying of a wreath by Milford Mayor Alberta Jagoe. The ceremony concluded with a stirring bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace." The balance of the afternoon was spent taking group shots of descendants by their ancestor stone on the bridge and in exploring Milford.

The next morning, Sunday interfaith services were held at the First United Church of Christ Congregational, our founding fathers church, followed by a slide presentation there on the history of Milford.

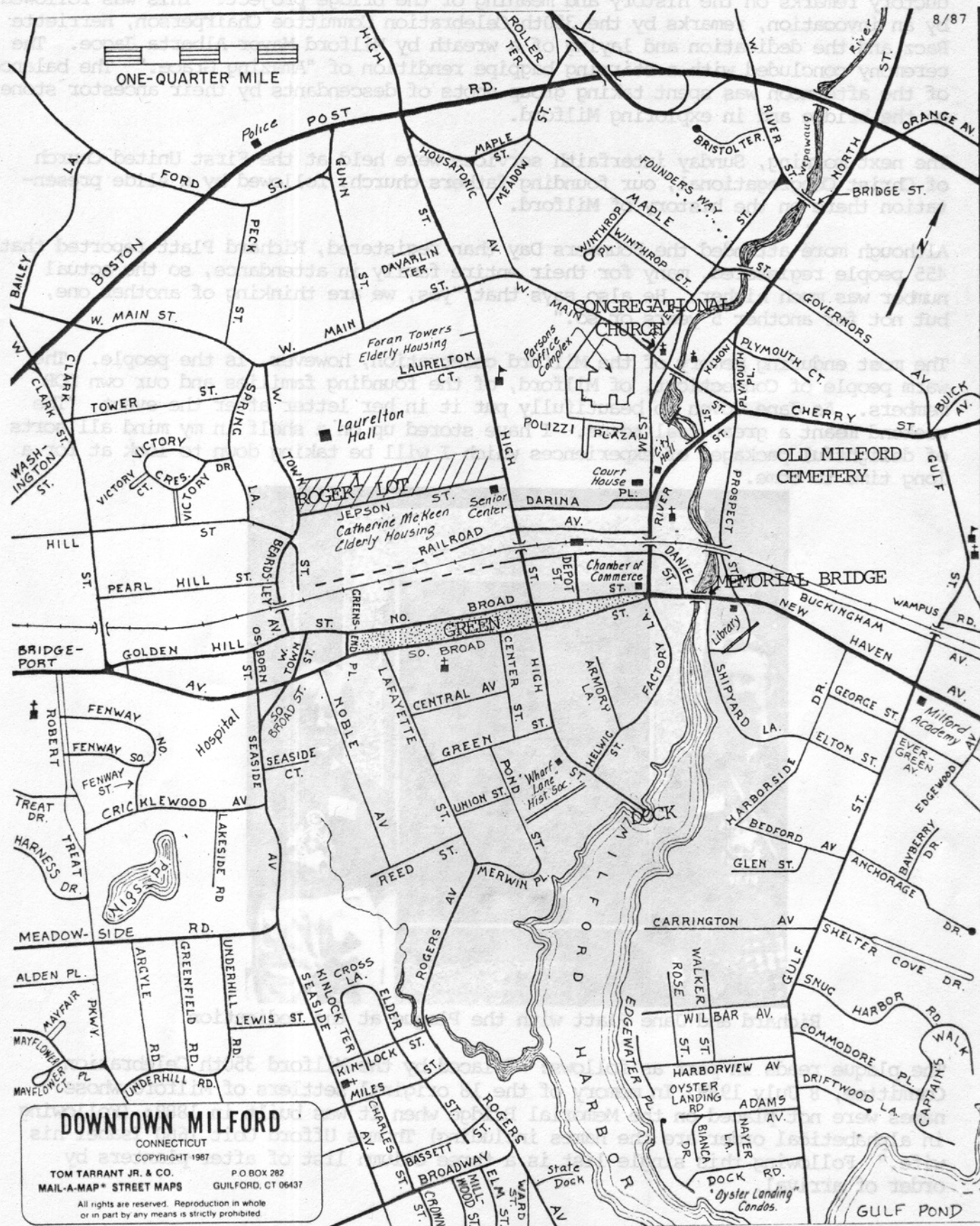
Although more attended the Founders Day than registered, Richard Platt reported that 455 people registered, many for their entire family in attendance, so the actual number was much higher. He also says that "yes, we are thinking of another one, but not for another 5 years or so."

The most enduring memory of the Milford celebration, however, is the people. The warm people of Connecticut, of Milford, of the founding families and our own DOR members. As Jane Coven so beautifully put it in her letter after the event, "The weekend meant a great deal to us. I have stored up on a shelf in my mind all sorts of delightful packages of experiences which I will be taking down to look at for a long time to come."



Richard and Jane Platt with the Plaque at the Dedication

The plaque reads in part as follows: "Placed by the Milford 350th Celebration Committee, 8 July 1989, In memory of the 18 original settlers of Milford whose names were not placed on the Memorial Bridge when it was built in 1889: (Following in alphabetical order are the names including) Thomas Ufford Obit 1660 Isabel his wife." Following this single list is a three column list of after-planters by order of arrival.



MORE MILFORD . . .

The Milford Memorial Bridge did not disappoint. The native granite rough-hewn stones of the bridge arch over the Wepawaug River, framing the falls which drop from mirrored waters and tree-lined banks. This is the site of Fowlers Mill, the first in the New Haven colony. Roger¹'s stone was on the northeast side.

Directly south of the bridge, the Wepawaug River runs into Milford Bay and the dock on High Street. It is no wonder that this area with its natural beauty and commerce would attract our early settlers. Milford, the sixth oldest town in historic Connecticut, had by the early 1700's developed into a busy shipbuilding and ocean trading port. Today it still retains its salt-air ambiance with masted yachts and cruising gulls.

A short distance from the High Street dock is "Whaft Lane." Here the historical society has restored three early houses, the earliest circa 1700, and landscaped the grounds to include a herb garden containing those herbs which would have been most useful to the early Milford families. One of the houses also contains an exhibit with over 4,000 prehistoric Indian artifacts.

West and slightly south of the library and bridge is the Milford Green, around which was situated the early shops and homes devoted to business. This monumented and manicured boulevard park is the hub of the historic section of Milford and the thriving downtown for its about 52,000 residents.

Directly north of the Green is the original site of our Roger's¹ almost three-acre home lot. A marker was placed where his land was, which is approximately from the corner of Beardsley and Jepson Drive, along Jepson Drive to High Street. The land is now a part of the campus of Laurelton Hall, a private girls school, and thus remains in a natural state without the distortion of buildings. Making the trip home in my suitcase were a number of "Roger Rocks."

North and slightly east of the library and bridge is the Old Milford Cemetery. The oldest legible stone reads, "Here lies the body of William Robarts who departed this life in the 72 year of his age August 1689." The only Terrill stone now located in the old part of the cemetery is for Daniel², son of Roger¹, which reads, "Here lyes body of M^r Daniel Terrell aged 67 years died June y^e 10th 1727." (I took a color photo of the stone with its ornate engravings on the top and border and will be happy to send a copy to anyone wanting one.) The most famous epitaph in the cemetery belongs to Mary "Molly" Fowler who died in 1792 at age 23 and reads:

"Molly though pleasant in her day
Was suddenly seized and sent away.
How soon she's ripe, how soon she's rott'n
Sent to her grave and soon forgott'n."

Sobering thoughts!

A few blocks directly north of the library is the white, gracefully spired church that is the second constructed after the original First Congregational Society meeting house. Built in 1823,¹ it is now called The First United Church of Christ (Congregational). Our Roger¹ joined this Society 25 July 1644 while it was still led by the Rev. Peter Prudden who founded the church in 1639. A pamphlet published by the church explaining its current theology states in part: "(the church) does not emphasize doctrine or differences, but centers its concern in cultivating whole Christian character."

MORE CONNECTICUT.....

Being a descendant of John² and Josiah³, the next item on our itinerary was a tour of the places in Connecticut where Josiah³ removed with his family in 1737 with the purchase of land in Judd's Meadow in the Naugatuck Valley.

Naugatuck Valley, which is north of Milford and south of Waterbury, is beautiful country where low, densely forested mountains cradle the swift-running Naugatuck River. This dazzling vista was incorporated as Naugatuck in 1844 from old Waterbury, Bethany and Oxford and included what was known as Judd's Meadow. The town is built into the hillsides and straddles the river. One could spend days in its old cemeteries and we visited four.

At the Hillside Cemetery we found many Terrel stones, the oldest of which read, "In memory of Hannah, wife of Ancel Terrel: who died Dec 21, 1844 AE 71." The Hale microfilm records show the oldest Hillside Terrill stone to be for "Zernah (sic.) Beebe Terrill, wife of Israel, died 15 June 1781 ae 43," along with her husband "Israel Terrill died 6 September 1801 ae 81." This Israel⁴ is the son of Josiah³. Time and weather did not allow a more thorough search of this mossy, overhung cemetery situated on land that seemed marshy in places and where many of the stones were toppled, broken or generally unreadable.

It is my understanding that many of the older stones from the "Ancient" cemetery where many Terrills are also buried, are now located in the cellar of the church on the Naugatuck Green. It was in Naugatuck at the Congregational Church that Oliver⁴ Terrill (Josiah³, John², Roger¹) and his family worshipped.

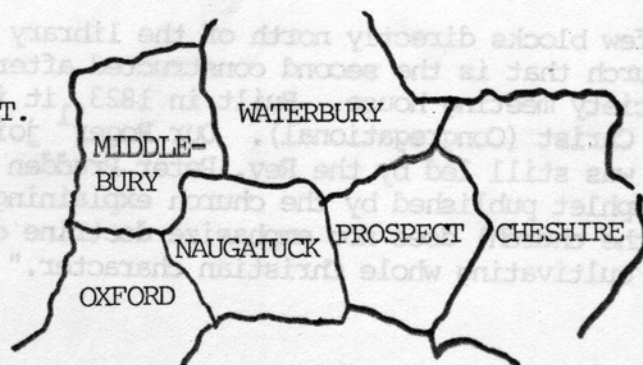
From Naugatuck we drove the short distance to Waterbury, also built into the low surrounding hills, its visage reminding one of an old European city. The next stop was Prospect, which had been called Columbia or the Columbia Society. It is situated on the boundary where Waterbury and Cheshire meet. When the Columbia Society decided to incorporate in 1827, it was discovered that there already was a Columbia in Connecticut, so the name of Prospect was chosen.

In 1805, Oliver⁴ Terrill conveyed for \$50 one acre of land for a burying ground in the Society of Columbia and the names of those subscribing to the Society at that time include Elihu, Ichabod, Isaac L., Lydia, Aner, Lemuel, Enoch and Experience Terrill on the Waterbury side of Columbia, and Molly and Ephraim Terrill on the Cheshire side of Columbia.

Oliver⁴, Ichabod⁵ and Tillotson⁶ Terrell of Waterbury side of Columbia sold their lands in Columbia Society containing approximately 130 acres in March of 1810 when they made their remove to Ohio.

In 1760, the inhabitants of the South Branch of Waterbury, afterwards known as Naugatuck AND Prospect, included: Oliver⁴, Israel⁴, Moses⁴ and Aaron⁴ Terrell, sons of Josiah³.

NORTH CENTRAL NEW HAVEN COUNTY, CT.



THOMAS² TERRILL

Paul and Gloria Terrill, descent from Thomas², have found the following², additional verification for Margaret Dayton as the first wife of Thomas². It is taken from The Early Daytons and Descendants of Henry, Jr. by Donald Lines Jacobus and Arthur Bliss Dayton and published by New Haven Colony Historical Society 1959, pp. 8-9:

v. Robert, bapt. 3 Jan. 1628/9; d. at East Hampton, 16 Apr. 1712 aged "about 84"; will dated 11 Feb. 1710/11, codicil 14 Apr. 1714, probated 1 Nov. 1712 [N. Y. Wills, 2:98-100, with correction, 16:67]; m. (1) Elizabeth Woodruff, dau. of John and Anne Woodruff; perhaps had a second wife. He was made freeman, Jan. 1657/8; Townsman, 1662, 1664; Selectman, 1674; Overseer, 1683; and Trustee, 1686 [East Hampton Town Records, 1:119, 197, 213, 366; 2:106, 194]. He was ancestor of the East Hampton branch, for which see Herbert F. Seversmith, Colonial Families of Long Island, New York, and Connecticut, pp. 879-900, and articles by Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr., in The American Genealogist, 22:129-141; 34:5-11. The children of Robert were:

1. Elizabeth³, b. about 1653-4; d. 25 Jan. 1729/30 ae. about 76; m. about 1671 Philip Leek, b. at New Haven 26 Aug. 1646, d. 24 Sept. 1717 ae. about 70. She had a deed for love from her father, 29 Aug. 1702 [East Hampton Town Records, 3:47], and probably because of this is not mentioned in Robert's will.

→ 2. (Possibly a daughter, mother of the granddaughter Mary Terrill named in Robert Dayton's will.)

3. Robert, b. about 1660; d. 21 Oct. 1704; m. Hannah

4. Samuel, b. about 1666; d. 25 Jan. 1746 ae. about 80; m. (1) --, who d. 31 Aug. 1704; m. (2) 21 Aug. 1705, Dorothy (King) Brown, b. 11 July 1664, d. 22 Mar. 1750.

5. Daniel, probably d. young, unmarried: Robert's sons Samuel and Daniel were mentioned [East Hampton Town Records, 1:468, 470] unless Daniel's name was misread; no mention of him in Robert's will.

6. Beriah, b. about 1672; d. 30 Apr. 1746 ae. 74; m. Jane (perhaps Miller), b. about 1675, d. 21 Feb. 1754.

7. Alice, possibly but not necessarily by a second wife of Robert; m. 9 July 1702 William Edwards, as his second wife.

THOMAS² TERRILL

This information seems to give us the source, in an indirect way, for the surmise that Margaret Dayton is the daughter of Robert and wife of Thomas². The will of Robert Dayton names his granddaughter "Mary Terrill". Thomas²'s will names his children including Ephraim and Mary, wife of James Silver. Thomas²'s widow, Mary, mentions "husband's eldest son Ephraim" and her children. Thus it would appear that Thomas² had Ephraim and Mary by his first wife, probably Margaret, perhaps Mary, Dayton, and the rest of his children by Mary Hampton.

Robert Dayton is the 4th of five children of Ralph Dayton, "born probably in County Kent, England, in the neighborhood of 1588, died at East Hampton, Long Island, NY, between 25 July and 22 Sept 1658; married first, at Ashford, Kent, 16 June 1617, Alice (Goldhatch) Tritton, baptized at Ashford 24 Sept 1587, died by 1655, daughter of Robert and Bennett (Meade) Goldhatch and widow of Daniel Tritton; married second, between 18 Nov. 1655 and May 1656, Mary, widow of James Haynes of Southold, Long Island. She married third, by 1661, Fulk Davis...Ralph Dayton was a shoemaker by trade. Ralph had lived at Ashford at least twenty years following his marriage before the decision to emigrate was made. His five children [including Robert] had been baptized there and his eldest son and namesake was 21 in 1639, the year in which Ralph is first mentioned in an American record."

In the last issue we also wondered about the credentials for A. Van Doren Honeyman, who edited the History of Union County, New Jersey 1664-1923 wherein the bio of Thomas² is given showing he m. 1) Margaret Dayton and 2) Mary Hampton. A published account of Mr. Honeyman states in part: "he was admitted as attorney in this State [NJ] in June, 1871 and as counselor in February, 1875... ..in 1878 he founded the 'New Jersey Law Journal' and has edited it from 1896 to present. From 1912 to 1919 he edited the 'Somerset County Historical Quarterly,' and from 1921 to the present the 'Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society,' which is also a quarterly. Of the latter society he is the corresponding secretary. Otherwise than above, Mr. Honeyman has written or edited various New Jersey and general law books, certain volumes of the 'New Jersey Archives,' a number of volumes of foreign travel, three large genealogical works, and many miscellaneous books and pamphlets." I am satisfied that Mr. Honeyman is not a "casual" genealogist.

...SOUTHOLD, LONG ISLAND

The Municipalities of Essex County, New Jersey 1666-1924, edited by Joseph Fulton Folsom, Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Inc., New York 1925, explains: "Before that date [1662] what is now Connecticut consisted of two colonies, Connecticut and New Haven. Connecticut comprised the settlements at the mouth and on the banks of the Connecticut River; the latter included not only New Haven, but the towns of Milford, Branford, Guilford, Stamford and the town of Southold on Long Island."

"Connecticut, more liberal and more prosperous, admitted, as has been said, to the privileges of freemen all its inhabitants, whether church members or not, while New Haven had always confined those privileges to those who were content to enjoy them only 'in the Congregational way.' "

WIVES OF ROGER² TERRILL

In the next issue we will tackle the issue of the wives of Roger² Terrill. If you have any research documentation on either Sarah Riden and/or Sarah Scott, please send it to DOR for use in the next newsletter. Thanks.

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NOTE: In the next issue the entire membership list will be printed by descent and membership number. Please let DOR know if there is an address or other change before November 1. Thank you.

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SESSION MINUTES - DUCK CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP -
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO - Pleasant Ridge Meeting House, June 12, 1919.

"Session met agreeable to appointment constituted with prayer. Members present David Monfort, Moderator; James Lyon, James Baxter, Wm. Wilson, Wm. Meintier, John Clerk and Enos Hurin, Elders. Applications made DAVID TERRIL presented a Certificate in the words following viz., this is to certify that David Terrill the bearer hereof and his wife are members of the Congregational Church of Christ in this place in regular standing and as such they are recommended to the Communion fellowship watch and love of any church of Christ in Communion with us wherever God in his providence may cast their lot and when received by such church we shall consider their relation as ceasing with us.

By note of the Church
Charles A. Boardman, Pastor.

REMEMBERING THOMAS¹ UFFORD

Roger¹ Terrill's wife, Abigail (Ufford) is the daughter of Thomas¹ and Isabell Ufford whose names have been memorialized on the plaque recently unveiled in Milford. Thomas¹ Ufford was a "free planter" founder of Milford in 1639. It is alleged that Thomas came from Nazing in Essex (near Copthall). According to the Genealogical Dictionary of The First Settlers of New England, by James Savage, Thomas¹ "came in the Lion arriving at Boston 16 Sept 1632 with wife Isabel and ch. Thomas, John and a daughter who married Roger Terrill, but whose name is not seen."

Thomas settled first in Roxbury. In 1636, he joined the William Pynchon company to found Springfield, Massachusetts. By 1639, Thomas¹ had joined the Milford plantation and he later removed to Stamford where he died. Late in his life he married for his second wife, Elizabeth, widow of Nicholas Theale of Stamford. This event took place sometime after June of 1658 and Thomas died circa 1660. Thomas¹ had with his wife, Isabel, three children: Thomas² who m. Frances Kilbourn, Abigail² who m. Roger¹ Terrill and John² who m. first Hannah Hawley and m. second Martha Nettleton.



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