



# The Order of First Families of Connecticut 1633 – 1662

FOUNDED 2004

Douglass M. “Tim” Mabee, Governor General, 2018-2020

Summer 2020

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## Greetings!

I don't have to tell you that this has been one heck of a year. At this point I am just plain exhausted discussing it. However, one great benefit of having some down time is that many of us have had more time to do what we like to do and that is our family genealogy. Many of you have filled out more applications in the past few months than you have in the past few years. That is a good thing. You are enjoying yourself while benefiting many of us that did not know we were your cousin. How great is that.

I miss seeing you in person. I hope that freedom to travel here and there to see friends while visiting libraries and cemeteries will become a regular thing again and soon. Here is a list of new members that have joined the society.

## New Members

Since our meeting in October 2019 the following folks have been admitted into membership in the Society: Gary Franklin Gray, Benjamin Ganson Webster, Grace Mary Garrett Brady, John Lucius Buttolph III, Marilyn Deyber Alexander, David Franklin Bond, Deborah Ann Domain, Sarah Kathryn Curtis, Heather Ann Hosford Mabee, Diane Dyess and Joseph Anthony Vasquez, Jr. Our Genealogist General, Jeannine Kallal has done a great job for us guiding the applicants through the process as well as adding to our ancestor list with additional Supplementals.

## Rule Change

For several years, at our Annual Meetings, there has been discussion regarding Life Membership dues and Annual Membership dues. A smaller percentage of members are Annual Members but they often require the largest amount of attention from the officers. A large amount of bookkeeping has to be done that is very time consuming. Dues notices must be sent out and often reminders have to follow the initial request. Many times there are even follow up phone calls and or messages left. After this effort with no response, often the decision is made to drop the member. You get the picture.

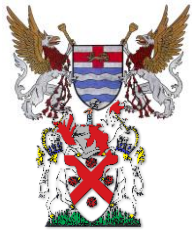
The By-Laws, under Article III. Membership. Section 3., deals with Dues. Specifically there is a sentence in this section that addresses this and other issues. *“The amount of these dues and fees may be changed from time to time, as deemed necessary by the Council, without regard to the restrictions of Article VI of these By-Laws.”*

Recently, through email, it was suggested that the Society no longer accept new Annual Members for the above reasons. A super majority of the Council (all current Officers and Councilors) agreed. All existing Annual Members will be grand-fathered and continue as Annual Members, provided they continue to pay annual dues. All Annual Members may convert their membership to Life membership on a sliding scale formula giving credit for the years paid dues.

Through this Newsletter, the Web Site, the next Directory and our application instructions, we will get the word out so there should not be any confusion.



This is a great map that shows the Connecticut Colony area during the time our ancestors were settling there.



## Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 11-13 2019

THE HEREDITARY ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE PLYMOUTH HEREDITARY SOCIETY  
THE ORDER OF DESCENDANTS OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE  
ARTILLERY COMPANY  
THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF RHODE ISLAND AND  
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF CONNECTICUT  
ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF VERMONT  
and Social Functions of  
ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF MAINE  
DESCENDANTS OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS  
SOCIETY OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF NEW YORK  
THE WINTHROP SOCIETY  
Special Early Luncheon:  
ASSOCIATED DAUGHTERS OF EARLY AMERICAN WITCHES

Our headquarters hotel was the Fairfield Inn & Suites  
located at 1940 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02889  
(newly renovated 2018)

Friday - Welcome Reception – New York Yacht Club, Newport

Saturday - Slater Mill – Pawtucket  
Gregg's Restaurant – Providence  
Roger Williams National Memorial – Providence  
Gen. Nathaniel Greene Homestead – Coventry  
Imperial Room – Dinner – Ice Cream Bar - Cranston

Sunday - Kenyon's Gristmill – West Kingston  
Dan's Tavern on the Green – North Kingstown  
R.I. Bay Cruises Lighthouse Tour – Narragansett Bay  
Smith's Castle "Cocumscossoc" – North Kingstown  
Crows Nest Restaurant – Warwick

**All events Hosted by The Order of the First Families of  
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

# THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF CONNECTICUT

MINUTES -October 13, 2019, Warwick, RI

1. Call to Order 6:31 pm at "The Crow's Nest", 288 Arnold's Neck Drive, Warwick, RI 02886

2. Welcome – Tim Mabee

3. Introduce Board Members –

Governor General-	- Douglass Mather Mabee	
Deputy Governor General	- Patricia Wilde Babbitt	- Excused
Recording Secretary General	- Lawrence King Casey, Jr	
Treasurer General	- Gary Isbell	-Excused
Genealogist General	- Jeannine Sheldon Kallal	- Absent
Chancellor General	- J. Michael Phelps, Esq	- Absent
Historian General	- Theresa Wilde Boock	- Absent
Marshal General	- Patricia Wilde Babbitt	- Excused
Councillors-At-Large	- Karen Avery Miller	- Absent
	- Henry C. Howells, IV	
	- Alexander N. Bannerman	- Absent

Total - 21 Members in attendance

4. Minutes from October 2018 Meeting distributed - Lawrence K Casey.  
Melissa Fischer moved approval, Anne Henninger second, Approved

5. Officer Reports:

Governor Mabee: a. Pleasure working with the Board

b. Working with Gary Isbell – pure pleasure, wish best of health

c. Thanked Gail Thomas for her work on Directories

d. Thanked Cherry Walker for her work on the Website

e. Thanked Ron Barnes Governor General FF-RI for a Superlative Weekend!!

Treasurer General Isbell: Distributed

Receipts \$19,980.38, Disbursements \$4,565.26, Excess \$15,415.12,

Cash 34,295.35, Investments \$23,562.83, Total Fund Balance \$57,858.18

2018 OFFCT EIN 37-1555895 2018 990N was filed by Douglass Mabee in early 2019

Gayle Coan moved approval, Charlene Mullenweg second, Approved

Genealogist General Jeannine Kallal: Distributed

24 New Applications, 5 Supplementals, #277 last number approved.

Charlene Mullenweg moved approval, Sunny Hayes second, Approved

Marshal General Pat Babbitt: Read by Tim Mabee

6. Proposed Donations: "Society of the First Families of New York" \$500

"The Order of the First Families of Rhode Island" \$100

"Hereditary Society Community - Perpetual Sponsor" \$1,000

John Bourne moved approval above three, Allen Gray second, Approved

Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company

"1638 Fund Charitable Trust – Cannon Dedication" \$1,000

Gayle Coan moved approval, Allen Gray second, Approved

7. Meeting Adjourned 6:44 pm

Respectfully submitted

Lawrence King Casey, Jr OFFCT Recording Secretary General



**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**2021 New England Meetings  
Middlebury, Vermont  
October 1-3**

Sandy Button of the OFFVT has been busy making plans for next year. We plan on updating you throughout the year with information.

**CALL the Middlebury Inn**

They are taking reservations. 802-388-4961



View of Middlebury, Vermont

**Officers of OFFCT**

**Governor General**

Douglass M. "Tim" Mabee

**Deputy Governor General**

Patricia Wilde Babbitt

**Recording Secretary General**

LTC Lawrence King Casey, Jr.

**Treasurer General**

Gary James Isbell

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**Chancellor General**

J. Michael Phelps, Esq.

**Historian General**

Theresa Marie Boock

**Marshal General**

Patricia Wilde Babbitt

**Councillors-at-Large**

Karen Avery Miller

Henry Coggeshall Howells IV

Alexander Bannerman

Maurene Gayle Mast Coan

**FOUNDERS**

Charles Owen Johnson, Esq.

Alexander Nicholas Bannerman

**In Memoriam**

James Dewey O'Brien

6-18-2019

#35

Margaret Jo Thornton Dill

8-3-2019

#131

Elizabeth Luana Kortum

3-13-2020

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# INSIGNIA

Large: \$75.00

Small: \$50.00



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**Order First Families of Connecticut**

Send to:

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**37 Briarwood Road**

**Haverhill, MA 01832**

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## The Order of First Families of Connecticut, 1633-1662

### Membership Certificate Order Form

Please mail this form to:

Patricia Wilde Babbitt, Marshall General  
37 Briarwood Road  
Haverhill, MA 01832

Enclosed is my check for \$25, payable to "First Families of Connecticut".

Please print or type only:

My name \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor's name \_\_\_\_\_

who was resident in the town of \_\_\_\_\_

in the year \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address to which my certificate should be mailed:

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\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Member) \_\_\_\_\_

**Allow 4 to 8 months for processing of your order, as your Certificate must be completed by a calligrapher. No changes may be made to this order form other than Name and Address without prior authorization of the Genealogist General.**