



The Order of First Families of Connecticut 1633-1662

Founded 2004

Karen Avery Miller, Governor General 2010-2012

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Meet Us In Vermont!

Enjoy Fellowship!

Appointment of a new Governor General!

Fall Foliage at its finest!

The 2012 Annual meeting of this Order is coming up and arrangements have just been announced!



OFFCT will once again be participating in a joint, weekend-long event with the Order of First Families of Massachusetts, Plymouth Hereditary Society, Order of Descendants of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company and the Order of First Families of Vermont.

The location is rotated annually among these various groups and this year the Order of First Families of Vermont will host all in Brattleboro, VT. The meeting notice and registration form are included with this newsletter. Read about the fun that is planned and then make your personal plans to join us, October 12 - 14th.

There is no registration or reservation fee. We do ask that you let us know (submit the RSVP) if you are coming so that we can efficiently make meeting and dining reservations.

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Governor's Farewell Message

Karen Avery Miller



My time as Governor General of this society is coming to an end. It is my privilege, per our bylaws, to appoint the new presiding officer who will appoint his/her Board of Officers. That announcement will be made at our annual meeting in Vermont this October. I hope you'll make plans to be there!

It has been an honor to be at the helm of this organization. We are descendants of a unique group of individuals, those who pushed past the original settlements along the New England coastline and ventured into the wilderness to plant new colonies in what became the State of Connecticut. There were very few comforts in the coastal colonies and even fewer on the Connecticut frontier. But they persevered.

Our Order continues to persevere. I'd like to personally thank all members who have continued to promote this society to their friends and relatives. Through your combined efforts we have welcomed *52 new members during the 2010-2012 term*. With new members come new ideas, often the recognition of new ancestors, and hopefully, future new officers to continue the work of the Order.

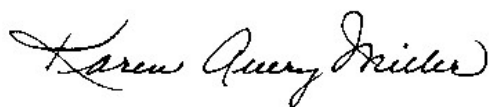
We have established the act of giving two annual charitable donations to other non-profit organizations or groups with similar historical focus within the state of Connecticut. Annually we will give a monetary gift to the Connecticut Historical Society and another to a historical and/or genealogical organization or library in each of the towns that comprise the early CT settlements. The Wethersfield Historical Society (Wethersfield, settled 1634) was our 2011 recipient. Before the close of the 2012 annual meeting, we will determine which repository or organization is the next town in line. Hartford (settled 1635) will be this year's recipient. If you have a suggestion, please let me know immediately.

Will the next Governor General be male or female? Come to Vermont to find out. But with the 2011 bylaw amendment, either gender is now eligible in any term of office.

We have a great website, we've enjoyed informative newsletters and your officers have always been available to you at any time.

Have we met our major goals in this administration? Yes! Have we done all there is to do for OFFCT? No! There is always more that can be done and that is the great news when it comes to the changing of the guard. New Officers, just like new members, bring new ideas. I thank you sincerely for your support and kindness during my tenure. I especially thank the 2010-2012 fellow Officers. In parting, I ask that you support and offer your assistance to whomever the torch is passed.

A fond farewell good friends!



Our 2010-2012 Time Together



Karen Miller, Governor General, & Alex Bannerman, Co-Founder.



LADIES IN CHARGE 2010-2012
Presiding Officers: Lynn Long (ODA&HAC), Gayle Coan (PHS), Karen Miller (OFFCT), Nancy Davis (OFFMA)



2010 Annual Meeting – Roxbury, Connecticut



Jeannine Kallal
Registrar General



Owen Johnson
Co-Founder



Hank Howells
Treasurer General

Gayle Coan
Rec. Secretary



New OFFCT Members

[The following have Joined since the December 2011 Newsletter]

#139	Michael Bates (NJ)	Robert Foote (Wethersfield)
#140	Anne Caussin Henninger (MD)	Stephen Post (Hartford)
#141	John Edwards Lary, Jr. (FL)	Jonas Weed (Wethersfield & Stamford)
#142	Tracy Ashley Crocker (MN)	Nathaniel Dickinson (Wethersfield)
#143	Kevin Robert Bassett (TX)	Thomas Bassett (Windsor & Fairfield)
#144	Leslie Joan Steuben (CA)	John Arnold (Hartford)
#145	Bruce Anderson Snow (MA)	Lion Gardner (Saybrook)
#146	Randall Charles Eckley (IN)	Simon Mills (Windsor)
#147	Truman Walter Bassett (CT)	Thomas Bassett (Windsor & Fairfield)
#148	Roy Murlyn Smith (NC)	Casper Varlet (Hartford)
#149	David William Medeiros (Portugal)	Margaret Reade Lake (New London)
#150	David Carline Smith (KY)	Casper Varlet (Hartford)
#151	Lowry Rush Watkins, Jr. (KY)	Amos Richardson (Stonington)
#152	Robert Brian Austin (TX)	James Olmsted (Hartford)
#153	Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins (AL)	John Mason (Saybrook)
#154	John William Nelley, Jr.	Thomas Sherwood (Wethersfield)
#155	Betty Guy Backer (TX)	James Olmsted (Hartford)
#156	Edward Joseph Neugaard (FL)	Thomas Marshfield (Windsor)
#157	Robert Dale Parrish (WA)	John Bronson (Hartford)
#158	Philip Kerry Curtis (GA)	Stephen Goodyear (New Haven)
#159	Hallie Marie Price Garner (TX)	John Bishop (Stamford)
#160	Gregory Evan Thompson (CT)	Jonathan Brewer (New London)
#161	Wendy Sue Fontaine Lary (FL)	Jonas Weed (Wethersfield & Stamford)

Special Recognition for a Special Lady

Peggy Schiefelbein

Peggy does the beautiful calligraphy for the Order's certificates. She works in the Washington DC area and is in great demand. We are very fortunate to have such a talented calligrapher and a wonderful person to work with.

Thank You Peggy!

If you have not purchased your personal certificate, we hope you will consider doing so in the future. (\$25.00)

Insignia, miniature and large, are also available!

