

## MRHS FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES

We do not have primary records; those are to be found at the appropriate town hall (Groton or Stonington).

Photographs of homes and other Mystic scenes. If you know where your family members lived or worked or the business that they owned, an image of that site would enrich your written history. Photocopies or scanned images are available for a modest fee.

Documents pertaining to such Mystic families as Allyn, Fish, Gates, Haley and Wilcox. These collections consist of various materials and may include photos, artifacts, papers, letters, journals, etc. Typically you would have obtained basic family information from another source before searching these collections so that you could determine which material was relevant.

Published histories & city directories. We own a number of books on local history and compendiums of local biography. The latter usually focus on so-called "prominent men". We have about a dozen city directories in a broken run of years over the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Published genealogies. We have a small collection of genealogy books dealing with such family names as Avery, Burrows, Denison, Fish, Gallup and Huntley.

Genealogy manuscript materials. The largest group of this type of material came from R. Earl Burrows and is the preliminary work on his published Burrows genealogy. We also have notes and research on a number of other families, including the Fish family.

Index to some of the old Mystic newspapers. The newspapers are digitized and available at the Mystic & Noank Library, along with others for which there is no index.

Maps. We have maps of Mystic from 1868, 1879 and 1911. In addition we have a group of insurance maps showing property locations for various years up to the 1920s.

House History Files For those houses which have been researched, there are files showing the chain of title back to the original owner, so if you know the address of the person you are researching these files may be helpful. House Tour booklet copy and illustrations may also provide a brief source of information. There are also files detailing the history of properties downtown.

Other sites that may be useful include The Mystic & Noank Library, The Stonington Historical Society's Woolworth Library, the Noank Historical Society and the New London County Historical Society. The Groton Historical Society is newly formed and can be reached via the Avery Copp House.