

*Register of Ancestors*  
**CONNECTICUT ELIGIBILITY LIST**  
*September 22, 2023*

**HISTORIC FOUNDERS**

Corporator, named in Charter from Charles II  
Founders of the Colonies of Connecticut and Free Planters (those who assented to the Fundamental Agreement of the New Haven Colony on June 4, 1639)  
Recognized Founders of Historic Towns

**PROVINCIAL OFFICERS**

Governor  
Deputy Governor  
Colonial Secretary  
Colonial Treasurer  
High Sheriff  
Commissioner, appointed by the Council.  
Commissioner, for adjustment of colonial boundaries  
Agent or Minister, from the United Colonies to Foreign countries  
Other Provincial officers decided on a case-by-case basis.

**ASSEMBLIES, CONVENTION AND COMMITTEES**

Magistrate, Upper House, General Court  
Assistant, Upper House, General Court  
Member, Upper House, General Court  
Speaker of the House  
Clerk, Lower House  
Commissioner, Congress, 1754, 1765, 1774  
Member, Colonial Congress, prior to 5 July 1776  
Member of Council of Safety or Correspondence  
Signer, The Declaration of Independence

**JUDICIARY**

Marshal, General Court  
Judge, Superior and County Courts  
Justice of the Peace  
Attorney General

**MILITARY**

Commissioned Officer, Regular, Provincial or Colonial Military or Naval forces  
(including Chaplain, prior to 5 July 1776)

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDERS**

Trustee, the Collegiate School, Yale College, named in Act of 1701  
Fellow, Yale College, to 1745  
President, Yale College, named in the Charter, 1745  
Fellow, Yale college, named in the Charter, 1745

## **ECCLESIASTIC**

Minister, who founded or was active in a duly established parish forwarding the interests of the Colony, prior to 5 July 1776

Preacher, Election Sermon, to the year 1776

Chaplain, appointed by the General Assembly

Others whose patriotic services have been recorded.

## **WOMEN OF DISTINCTION**

Service may be found by the eminent service contributing to Connecticut and may be found in, but not limited to, the following roles: civic, ecclesiastical, educational, commercial, and patriotic and prior to 5 July 1776. Reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Examples include:

Business owner: Women who owned or operated a socially acceptable and economically productive business which contributed to the economic and political development of Connecticut or obtained recognized and distinguished service in a profession or women leaders or pioneers contributing significant achievements in the colony of Connecticut such as: published authors, managers of proprietary affairs, apothecaries; blacksmiths; educators/teachers/school mistress; managers of land holdings/estates; midwife/healer; printers tavernkeepers; Those who fought oppression (considered on a case-by-case basis).

## **OTHER**

Physicians or Surgeons practicing prior to 5 July 1776

Prominent contributors to the Colony before 5 July 1776 considered on a case-by-case basis.

Sachems of Connecticut as approved by a tribe; (see Map of Connecticut circa 1625: Indian Trails, Villages, Sachemdoms. Pub. NSCDA-CT, 1930 showing tribes in 1625)

Native American diplomats, educators, religious leaders