

### **Connecticut Freedom Trail Archival Finding Aid**

The CFT files contain various articles, newspaper clippings, photographs, pamphlets, K-12 educational material, books, National Register of Historic Places reports and various other historical contents. The files are organized below alphabetically by town and subsequent **site listings** are alphabetical as well. The recommended method of finding the file you seek is to do a CTRL + F search including as much detail as possible in the description. For each digital file there is a corresponding physical file unless otherwise noted. Files with the indication (x) indicate there are multiple copies of a particular document or format.

Note: Misc objects including archival boxes are not listed in this aid and are contained with the third cabinet of the repository drawers.

Statewide: 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Monument dedication ceremony September 20, 2008 Criscoulo Park, New Haven  
(2) 'The Day the 29<sup>th</sup> Came Home' by Alan Green, *The Hartford Courant*, 05/31/1998  
Various newspaper clippings.

Barkhamsted

- **Lighthouse Archaeological Site**

Historical Resource Inventory form, Historical Archaeological Sites.  
*Historical Darkness Surrounds Barkhamsted Lighthouse*, n.d., The Hartford Courant  
National Register of Historic Places Registration Form  
Booklet: Barkhamsted Lighthouse Archaeological Preserve

Bloomfield

- **Francis Gillette House**

National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form (includes property photos and maps of site)  
Bio  
Proquest: *WM Gillette Home*, The Hartford Courant, 06/25/1904

Bridgeport

- **Freeman Houses**

352-4, 358-60 Main Street  
NRHP Registration Form Copy  
Mary and Eliza Houses background  
Historic Resources Inventory Building and structures  
Photos and newspaper clippings

- **Walters Memorial AME Zion Church**

Historic Resources Inventory Form  
Demolition Delay  
(3) NRHP Registration Form 2009  
Historical background and photographs

Bristol

- **James D. Snowden Residence**

54 Andrews St  
Beach heights neighborhood  
Bristol historical society Freedom Trail grant report

Brooklyn

- **Friendship Valley**

CT Freedom Trail Nomination Form  
To All on Equal Terms: The Life and Legacy of Prudence Crandall  
Property Appraisal  
National Register of Historical Places Inventory Nomination form

Photos of property/ home

Canterbury

- **Prudence Crandall House**

(2) A Sorry Canterbury Tale by David Morse

Sculptors Vie to Make Crandall a Capitol Figure by Loretta Waldman, The Hartford Courant, 2002

Crandall Museum Pamphlets

*A Hero Names Prudence* by Alberta Eiseman, The N.Y. Times, 05/08/1994

Record of students enrolled listed

Colchester

- **Benjamin Trumbull House**

*Tapestry: A Living History of the Black Family in Southeastern Connecticut* by James M. Rose and Barbara W. Brown

Original correspondence began in 1994

(3) *Untold Story of Slavery: Southeastern CT and Colchester* by Abraham Abdul Haqq

(4) Colchester Native Became Anti-Slavery Leader, n.d.

- **Town Green**

Slavery and Colchester's School for Colored Children

Notable Negroes Attended School at Colchester, n.d.

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

A proposal for development of a Colchester cultural center at the old Bacon Academy, 1992.

(3) Report by Gregory E. Andrews, 1996

*Culture Center Proposed to go in Historic School* by Gail Ellen Daily, The Regional Standard, 1992.

Danbury

- **Marion Anderson House**

Biographical Info

Correspondence with Mayor Gene F. Enriquez, 1996

*About Marion Anderson and her Lincoln Memorial Concert* by Antoinette Handy

CT Explored, n.d., Marion Anderson Studio by Jessical Colebrook

(3) *Group Opposes Plan to List Singer's Farm on Freedom Trail* by Costance Neyer, The Hartford Courant, 2/27/1996

Letter from Richard Blumenthal to Alfred L. Mardwr of the Amistad Committee, Inc., 05/21/2003

Great Women in Connecticut History, 08/26/1978, packet including negatives and photos of property prior to removal of studio and subsequent demolition

Letter from Jessica S. Ingaran to First Lady Barbara Bush asking for protection of the property in 1996

Deep River

- **Bill Winters House and Neighborhood**

*Settling into a Life of Freedom in Deep River*, The Hartford Courant, n.a., 12/25/2000

*Former Slave's Odyssey* by Maria Hileman, The Bay, 12/25/2000

Enfield

- **Shaker's Village**

Report with photo of Enfield Shaker Houses

National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form, Shaker Road, Taylor Road and Cybulski Road.

East Granby

- **Elijah Own II House**

23 East Street

Descendants of John Owen of Windsor, Connecticut (1622-1699)

A Genealogy Philadelphia, 1941

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

Enfield

- **Paul Robeson House**

*The Undiscovered Paul Robeson: An Artist's Journey*, 1898-1939, n.a., n.d.

(2) National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form

A Paul Robeson Chronology, n.d., n.a.

Robeson's Fans Enthused About Achievement Grammy by Alejandro Navarro, The Hartford Courant, 02/26/1998

Paul Robeson, A biography, n.d.

Paul Robeson, The American Othello by Edwin P. Hoyt

Paul Robeson by Martha Bauml Duberman, 1988

Paul Robeson, All-American by Dorothy Butler Gillan

A Centennial Birthday Concert in Honor of Paul Robeson, Saturday April 4 1998, Lyman Center for the Performing Arts.

East Haddam

- **Venture Smith Grave**

*Five Black Lives: The Autobiographies of Venture Smith, James Mars, William Grimes, The Rev. G.W. Offley, James L. Smith*, n.d.

CFT Site Directory Form

Venture Smith Archaeological Site

National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form, 2002

Farmington

- **Farmington Historical Society (Connecticut Freedom Trail)**

Maps of underground railroad and freedom trail sites in Farmington, CT (4)

Site tour pamphlets giving background to Amistad and the Mende tribe members who resided in Farmington while funds were being raised for them to be sent home to Sierra Leone. (4)

\*Folder contains multiple copies of the same pamphlet material by the Farmington Historical Society. It features a portrait of Cinque on the cover.

\* Folder contains many educational pieces useful for K-12 featuring past exhibits at the New Haven Museum featuring art and artifacts etc.



- **Austin F. Williams House/ Carriage House**

127 Main St., Farmington

Unnamed film negatives (n.d.)

CT Freedom Trail site directory form

Survey and registration study for 'Cinque Barn' now known as the Carriage House (n.d.)

NHCHS Amistad study summary

(3) Hartford Courant article from 4/22/1999 speaking about the home, the Amistad trial etc.

(2) Papers by Corra Murray on marketing the sale of the then vacant Austin F. Williams House (n.d.)

Thorough descriptions of the Austin F. Williams house with pictures of each floor and descriptions.

(2) William Raveis property report for sale. Includes photos and a laminated cover, is quite nice.

Several published accounts on the history of the way the building was built and the possibility of it having been moved from its original spot.

*The Village of Beautiful Homes* by Richard M. Bissell Jr. (1906)

National historic landmark Nomination, Williams, Austin House and Carriage House (3)

\*the above are massive copies of the same nomination report, consider purging.

- **Amistad sites**

This is a separate folder that I am going to recommend be purged because it contains multiple copies of material that is found in the other Farmington folders in which there are already copies.

- **Barney House**

John Pitkin Norton's Diaries

Copies of diary excerpt from when the Amistad Africans came to Farmington and had to assimilate into the somewhat nervous community. John writes about helping them strengthen their English speaking, reading, and writing skills.

"...they have now taken possession of their new quarters and in a few days people will probably learn that these thirty Africans are not about to murder every inhabitant."

John was a Yale graduate and would be professor of agricultural chemistry. Interesting because the Mendi were granted property in Farmington in order to cultivate and grow their own vegetables, some of which they would bring back with them on their eventual trip back to Sierra Leone.

- **Charles Ledyard Norton**

Commander of the Connecticut 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment- CT's all black regiment.

*The Amistad Event: Farmington's Role in the Nation's First Civil Rights Case*

- **Canal House and Pitkin Basin**

National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form

\*extensive report, massive file.

The Canal is significant because it embodies design, engineering, surveying and materials that are distinctive of 1820 construction innovation. Building of the canal involved people of all

racism, religions and migrant communities grew around the canal in economically thriving communities.

- **First Church of Christ Congregational**

75 Main Street, Farmington

National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form (1966)

Built in 1771; during their nine month stay in Farmington members of the Amistad would attend religious services and social affairs at the Church.

File includes map of church as well as photos.

- **Riverside Cemetery**

September 1997 ceremony in memory of Foote and Amistad traveler who died in 1841

File includes invitation to the ceremony and memorial pamphlets.

### Glastonbury

- **Kimberly Mansion**

1625 Main Street, Glastonbury

In their struggle for refusing to pay what they claimed to be unjust taxation on their farm because they were women and unable to legally represent themselves they just refused to pay the tax. Sisters Abigail and Julia Smith came under national attention for fighting for equal rights in taxation and were known supporters of abolishing slavery as well. They invited William Lloyd Garrison to give anti-slavery speeches on their property and frequently distributed the *Charter Oak* newspaper that pushed anti-slavery rhetoric.

*The Smith Sisters, Their Cows, and Women's Rights in Glastonbury* by Molly May

<https://connecticuthistory.org/the-smith-sisters-their-cows-and-womens-rights-in-glastonbury/>

### Greenwich

- **Bethel A.M.E Church**

44 Lake Ave, Greenwich (1883)

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

Formally named: Little Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Bethel A.M.E was the first African American church in Greenwich established in 1882 and built in 1883. By T. McCount's Steward a pastor from New York City came into help found the church as the time which had a small congregation.

### Groton

- **Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park**

Two African Americans fought for the patriots and died at the Battle of Groton. As did one Native American.

Includes informational pamphlet written by James Gibbs, Mystic Environmental Design under the Town of Groton Planning Department, 1996.

Griswold

- **Glasgo**

Black Roots in Southeastern Connecticut 1650-1900. Vol. 8  
Griswold, A History pp. 172  
Isaac C. Glasko owned a blacksmith shop in 1806  
Daughter attended Crandall School  
2 Jarvis Road (Old Hwy 201) Glasgo, CT 06384  
Blacksmith Isaac Glasko Challenges the State Constitution 2016

Hampton

- **Theodore Dwight Weld House**

77 Parsonage Road  
American abolitionist b. Hampton, CT  
(2) copies of biographical write up by Robert H. Abzug  
Early American Life April 1985  
At Home with Tradition: Connecticut Classic Small Town Southern  
(2) Most Mobbed Man in America by Maria Hileman, The Day Vol.120 #180, 12/28/2000  
Historic Property Research Form  
Lists all wonder of the property 1684-1998  
Photocopy of original land grant/ map of Hampton

Hartford

- **African American Memorial**

(2) A walking tour of the ancient burying ground of Hartford, CT  
Photo of the reveal of the memorial for black governors in Hartford. 1640-1810  
The Connecticut Historical Society Bulletin Vol.41 #2 1976  
The Selling of Children as Slaves by Billie Anthony, The Hartford Courant, 09/20/1998  
List of African Americans in Hartford (1638-1815) most likely interred in the ancient burying ground. The only cemetery in Hartford from 1640-1801. Very well documented project listing African American buried there reason for death and master.  
(6) copies of the plot plan for the memorial with sponsor info.

- **Boce Barlow Jr. House**

31 Canterbury Street  
(2) National Register of Historic Places 01/31/2005  
(3) Honoring a home of historic achievement by Jane Ellen Dee 02/22/1995  
The Roots of Hartford Black American Community by Steve Walsh , The Hartford News, 8/1990

- **Faith Congressional Church (1819)**

Faith Congregational Church an Historical Sketch Hosea Easton bibliography  
Various compiled newspaper clipping 1872-1954  
Excerpt from The Black Man by William Wells Brown about Rev James W.C. Pennington, D.D.  
Rev. Dr. James W.C. Pennington Bio via Profiles in Connecticut Black History



CT Historical Society Hartford's African Schools 1830-1868 by Donald O. White former museum director of the Connecticut Historical Commission.

Mortgage Burning of the Talcott Street Congressional Church. Talcott and Market Streets Hartford, Conn. October 19 1944.

- **Frank T. Simpson House**

Director of the CT Inter-racial Commission est. 1943  
National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

- **Frederick Law Olmstead**

Copy 1997 Frederick Law Olmsted Award  
Established Weir Farm National Historic Site via Joe Liberman

- **Harriet Beech Stowe Center**

77 Forest Street  
NRHP Inventory nomination form  
National Historic Landmark Nomination

- **Lemuel Custis Gravesite and Monument**

Hartford's first black police officer  
Board of Directors New England Air Museum  
Served as WWII pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen: First African American military pilots.  
Worked for CT Tax Dept for 30 years.

- **Marietta Canty House**

61 Mahl Ave.  
A Film Actress Comes Home to Hartford by Massie K Owen, The Courant Magazine, 12/2/1956  
(3) Photographs of home interior (N.D.)  
(4) copies of National Register of Historic Places Registration Form  
A Career Recalled: Renewed Interest in Life and Work of Hartford Actress, The Hartford Courant, 09/29/1995  
Marietta Canty Film Series at Hartford Public Library March 2000  
Marietta Canty Dies; Actress Lived in City, The Hartford Courant, 07/1986  
Multiple copies of significant background info on life and property.

- **Mary Townsend Seymour Gravesite**

Audacious by Mark H. Jones

- **Metropolitan A.M.E Zion Church**

(3) Historic Church Gets a Face Lift by Laura C. Marks, 12/3/94  
National Register of Historic Places - Full and summary  
History of the Metropolitan A.M.E Zion Church with list of pastors 1836-1994  
(2) Connecticut Preservation News 17 No.6 (Nov/Dec 1994)

- **Old North Cemetery**



National Register of Historic Places Registration Form  
Sen. Lieberman Honored at Olmsted Grave by Don Rully, The Hartford Times, June 4-11, 1997  
(2) Weld Monument, monument to black Americans who defended the union during the civil war.

- **Spring Grove Cemetery**

William Henry Jacklyn 1898-1914 Hartford's first black firefighter.

- **Soldiers and Sailors Monument**

A New Meaning for the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch by Airriah Bethea

- **Wadsworth Athenaeum**

(2) The Amistad Foundation - The Simpson Collection at the Wadsworth  
1995 request for admission into CFT  
Various newspaper clippings

- **Wilfred X. Johnson House**

206 Tower Ave, Hartford  
National Register of Historic Places Registration Form and Continuation Sheet with historical significance.  
Commemorating Black Legislator/ Businessman, The Hartford Courant, 1995

Hebron

- **Cesar and Lois Peters Archaeological Site**

*The Abduction, Rescue and Emancipation of Cesar and Lowis Peters*, Hebron Historical Society  
n.d.

Correspondence between Corra Murray and Donna McCalla Hebron Historical Society  
Report: Phase I Archeological Reconnaissance. Survey Hebron Village Green Development  
Hebron, CT by Daniel Forrest, Bruce Clouette, Mary Harper

Litchfield

- **Solomon Rowe House (est. 1840-1870)**

(4) Photo of outer face of house from 2009  
Includes building and structure report  
*The History of Litchfield, CT, 1720-1920* compiled for Litchfield Historical Society by Alsin C. White.  
*Blacks and Long-ago Litchfield County*, The Hartford Courant 3/3/2002

- **Tapping Reeve House and Law School**

Freedom Trail nomination proposal and brief bio within this folder.

Manchester

- **Cudgo Quaggerquise (Quaggery Quincy) and his son Alpeus Quincy**

Stonemasons who built 34 Bidwell Street in Manchester c.1820 via Ashlar Masonry method.

(2) Photograph by Jon Harrison

“...house said to have been used as a station in the underground railroad.” – copy of Connecticut Projects Awards Grants (n.d.)

House descriptions including multiple photos.

Historic Resources Inventory

NOT destroyed by Rt.6 as of February 2018 – Manchester Arts Council (n.d.) had written with concerns the property would be torn down due to highway development. House still stands in poor condition, abandoned.

(3) *Looking Back* by G.S. Adams

- **Hart Porter House**

Includes Wiki info (non-credible) on Charles Ethan Porter the American still life painter. (1847-March 6 1923)

Meriden

- **The Lincoln Club**

Documents: 17

(6) The Meriden Daily Republican 02/19/1887 – “Geo. S. Jefferey Pleads for Equal Rights for His Race in CT”

George spoke at the 1880 Republican National Convention in Chicago, representing CT’s black constituents.

Includes a biography of Richard A. Jefferey by Colleen Cyr from October 2002

Picture of Teddy Roosevelt visiting Meriden Aug. 22 1902 being driven by one Richard Griffin, who was Trustee of the Parker A.M.E Zion Church in 1891.

- **George Jeffrey House**

Documents: 11

Extensive report from the National Register of Historic Places: House is located at 66 Hillside Ave in Meriden. George was president of the Lincoln Club (above) from 1878-1886 and spearheaded a campaign to stop life insurance discrimination.

Meriden Morning Record 02/15/1910 “*Praise for Martyred President: Anniversary of Birth of Great Emancipator Observed...The Lincoln Club; Speakers Dwelt on the Worth of Lincoln and His Supporters*”

Letter from Colleen Cyr to Mr. Graham and Ms. Bailer asking the new owners if they would like a CT Freedom Trail Plaque for their home on 07/28/2005...no response

(8) copies of newspaper clippings reporting on George’s speech.

Communication trail with one Eric A. Smith a historian from Chicago related to Jeffrey.

Copy of the Public Acts passed by the Connecticut General Assembly in the year 1887, copy chapter LVIII of “*An Act to Prevent Discrimination by Life Insurance Companies against Persons of Color.*”

**consider purging additional newspaper clippings**

Middlefield

- **Lyman Orchards Farm**

Documents: 1 (cut off article clipping, difficult to read)  
Lyman House located in Wallingford c.1833 describes William Lyman letter declaring abolitionist sentiment.

### Middletown

- **African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E) built c.1823 on Cross St.**

Documents: 10  
Founded second women's abolitionist society in America  
Includes building specs and the church's role in underground railroad stop between Farmington and Middletown.

Includes: *Struggle, Jubilee, Vision* from Wesleyan's Olin Library exhibition in 2001 which offered a comprehensive overview of African American history in Middletown.

- **Beman Triangle**

Documents: 15  
*A Family of Reformers: The Middletown Bemans* by Liz Warner c.2009  
*Amos Gerry Beman- 1812-1874, Memoir on a Forgotten Leader* by Robert Warner, Yale University  
Mention of the George O. Smith house 10 Knowles Ave from 2005 attempting not to let Wesleyan tear it down  
Cora Murra recommended the property for a plaque on March 22, 2004

- **Cross Street Neighborhood**

*Experiment in Community: An African American Neighborhood Middletown, CT 1847-1893* by Project Historians, Janice P. Cunningham and Elizabeth A. Warner

- **Robert Johnson House**

13-15 Johnson Street  
Connecticut Historical Commission Historic Resources Inventory Form

### Milford

- **Within Milford town cemetery, six black soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War.**

Job Caesar  
Pomp Cyrus  
Juba Freeman  
Peter Gibbs  
William Saver  
Congo Zado  
Memorial in front of First Baptist Church, c. 1976  
*Guide to the History and the Historic Sites of Connecticut Vol.2* by Florence S. Mary Croft

### New Haven



- **A.M.E Zion Church (Varick) 240 Dixwell Ave**  
Historic Resource Inventory - 1908  
James Varick est. the church in New Haven 1818

- **Amistad, The Freedom Schooner**  
(2) Copies of the Amistad Affiliate, Winter 2001  
(3) Copy of A Harlem Tribute to the Freedom Schooler Amistad proposal for an Amistad Center at Long Warf  
(2) Amistad's Atlantic Freedom Tour 2007-2008  
Letter from the President of Sierra Leone: Ahmad Tejan Kebbah  
Letter from UN & House of Rep Rosa Delaro  
Map of Freedom Schooner Trans-Atlantic destinations  
Copy of Journal Inquirer 07/24/1996  
(3) The Freedom Schooner Amistad comes to Riverfront Plaza, The Hartford Courant, July 29-Aug 13

- **Battell Chapel (Yale letters)**  
Letters concerning Freedom Trail plaque at Yale 1996

- **Constance Baker Motley (d. 2005)**  
Historic Resources Inventory Form  
First African American woman to be appointed to the Federal Court System  
(4) Letter to Corra Murray from the New Haven Preservation Trust  
She ordered the Yankees to open the locker room to female reporters  
1964 Motley Became first African American woman elected to the New York Senate  
1966 Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Motley as a district judge

- **Dr. Edward Alexander Bouchet PH.D., Evergreen Cemetery**  
Dr. Bouchet graduated Summa Cum Laude from Yale in 1874  
First black American to obtain a doctorate in any discipline and first to be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.  
1998 request for grave memorial  
(2) Homage for a Hero: Memorial Set for Black Scholar, The Hartford Courant 10/11/98

- **Geoffe Street School**  
106 Goffe Street, New Haven CT  
Historic Resources Inventory Building and Structure N.D.  
Built in 1864 school for African American children by Henry Austin  
New Haven's African American Heritage by Preston Maynard

- **Grove Street Cemetery**  
200 Grove Street  
National Register of Historic Places Registration Form Draft  
A milestone in the historical development of the cemetery as a distinct attraction  
Henry Austin  
Large file with many maps



Slave's Kin Journey to New Haven, The New Haven Register, 06/25/1998  
William Grimes, ex-slave, letters purposing the site to the trail  
(3) History of Grove Street Cemetery - Dedication of the memorial stone for six Amistad captives September 22, 2001.

- **Hannah Grey House**

(5) New Haven Register, Hannah Gray House ready for the ladies by Abram Katz 02/24/1992  
Ancestry.com census 1860

- **Long Warf Pier Structure**

Historical and archaeological assessment survey: Long Warf Pier structure 2008  
The success and struggles of New Haven Entrepreneur William Lanson  
William Lanson: The Slave Who Helped Build New Haven, The Hartford Courant, 09/16/2001

- **People's Center, 37 Howe Street**

(2) Historic Resources Inventory Form  
1851 community center/ meeting place

- **Trawbridge Square**

1985 National Register of Historic Places  
Designed by Simeon Jocelyn social reformer and abolitionist who wanted to create a working-class radically integrated neighborhood in 1831. He helped raise money for Amistad Africans. His brother Nathaniel painted the famous portrait of Cinque.  
The Hill News Vol. 1 Issue 2. June 1996 Spotlight on Trawbridge Square

- **The United Church on the Green**

(1997) letters of correspondence between the state historical commission staff and Rev. Higginbotham requesting additional information on Amistad events that occurred at the buildings site.  
Church history pp. 96-97 enclosed  
James C. Pennington: first African American pastor of the Temple Street Church 1834-1839  
New Haven Colonial Historical Society, Journal Vol.20 #1 May-June 1971

New London

- **Hempsted Historic District**

Abolitionist family who probably assisted runaway slaves.  
"The Slave's Cry" Vol. 1 no. 1 12/23/1844  
CT Preservation News 1997 Jan/Feb  
National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form  
Map of New London Historic District  
'Examining the Diary of a New England Slave Owner' by Steve Grant, *The Hartford Courant*, 10/07/01

- **United States Custom House**

Map of historic locations in New London  
The Amistad was towed by the Washington into Thames River, burial of the 40<sup>th</sup> Mende in unmarked grave (see picture for full description)

Info on Custom House Maritime Museum  
National Park Service: National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom 2013  
'New Londers Free a Slave' by Lucille Saltwater, February 23, 1991 *The Day*

New Milford

- **Henry and Phebe Monroe House**

Property description and historical significance  
Historical Commission property description  
Pictures of gravesites and houses  
Description of houses in multiple documents.

North Canaan

- **Milo Freeland Grave**

Milo J. Freeland member of the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He was the first colored man enlisted from the north in the rebellion of 1861.  
Saturday April 20, 1996 was declared Milo Freeland Day  
The Story of Milo Freeland by Walter P. Arbo

Norfolk

- **James Mars**

(2) Life of James Mars: a slave born and sold in Connecticut, written by himself c.1864  
Informative pamphlet on the life of James Mar  
(2) *Slave's Narrative Tells a History of Humanity* by Robert Conard 6/16/1996  
Brief bio on the history of Norfolk

North Stonington

- **Randall's Ordinary**

(3) Brochure copies entailing the history of the site which operated as a banquet facility.

Norwalk

- **Village Creek Neighborhood**

Village Creek Request for Study containing various pictures of houses on the property and info on community residents.  
CT Preservation News showcasing homes of the area.

Norwich

- **David Ruggles Gravesite**

*Norwich Native an Unsung Hero in Fight to end Slavery in 1830s*, Norwich Bulletin, 06/25/2008  
David Ruggles: The Hazards of Anti-Slavery Journalism by Graham Russel Hodges 9/14/10  
CFT Recognition ceremony 9/29/07

- **Old Norwichtown Burial Ground**

- **Jail Hill District**

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form  
(2) Historical Overview of Jail Hill

Appendix I: The black community of Norwich and Jail Hill  
photos and negatives

Old Saybrook

- **James Pharmacy**  
2 Pennywise Lane

1996 CT Historical Commission Appeal for preservation of the property  
first black pharmacist in Connecticut  
various newspaper clippings  
National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form  
Hog River Journal (copy) n.d.

Oxford

- **Washburn Tavern**  
90 Oxford Road

1976 American Revolution Bicentennial Commission identified the Tavern as a location on the  
Underground Railroad  
Photos of the location inside

Plainville

- **Redeemer's AME Zion Church**  
106 Whiting Street

CT Historical Commission Historic Resources Inventory Building and Structures  
Railroad Depots of Plainville cultivated black working community in the late nineteenth and early  
twentieth centuries.

*AME Zion Church 1875-1940* by Charles R. Weldon

Plainville West Cemetery, Norton Charles

Map of land

Burial plot photos

Correspondence with Plainville Historical Society

Stratford

- **Asa Seymour Curtis House**  
312 Elm Street

Letters of correspondence with Cora Murray and property owners.

Newspaper clipping of obituary from 1895

Torrington

- **Isaiah and Rush Tuttle House**  
4040 Torrington Street

(1) Letter from Stacey duBell 1998 requesting more info on Mr. Tuttle

- **John Brown Birthplace**

*Torrington Site Added to Freedom Trail*, Hartford Courant, 9/14/1997

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form - includes maps of Torrington Historic District

*Success Comes in Bits and Pieces: John Brown Homestead Sifted for Relics* by Jesse Leavenworth, 08/29/02

(2) John Brown Birthplace interpretive plan

John Brown Sites Spruced Up, n.a., 04/02/2001

Images of John Brown, n.a., n.d.

Proposal: The John Brown Heritage Trail

Trumbull

- **Nero Hawley Grave**

Maps and brief historic information

Vernon

- **Charles Ethan Porter House**

17 Spruce Street

Map of Vernon

Timeline of Charles Ethan Porter's life

*Charles Ethan Porter 1847-1923* book with contributing authors The Connecticut Gallery Inc.

Photos of the house

Citizens of color "The Talented Tenth"

*Charles Ethan Porter Paintings to be Auctioned* by Susan Dunne The Hartford Courant

Waterbury

- **Hopkins Street Center**

Pearl Street info regarding Baptist Church, black pastors establishing a sense of community there.

West Hartford

- **Old Center Burying Ground**

30 North Main Street

NRHP Registration Form

Photos of site and individual gravestones

1995 request for admission to CFT

Various newspaper clippings.

- **Bristow Gravesite**

Court of Probate 2005 doc# (04-0875)

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

NRHP Registration Form

West Hartford

- **American School for the Deaf**

Integrated students first appear in 1825, broke Black Laws 1833-1838

The Literary and Theological Review conducted by Leonard Woods, Jun. Vol. 1. 1934



Large file compiled with relevant historical research and biographic information about the founding of the school.

Old Windham

- **Canty Courthouse (Brooklyn Town Hall)**

4 Wolf Den Road

Correspondence with Karen Senich and first selectman Town of Brooklyn

- **Samual May House**

Correspondence 2010 with David Brahiman and site owners.

CFT Nomination Form, 09/22/2010

- **Unitarian Church**

CFT Nomination Form, N.A.I.

Stamford

- **Jackie Robinson Park**

Info on Rachel Robinson founder of the Jackie Robinson Foundation

Good Housekeeping Profiles: The True Color of Heroism, n.a., n.d.

*Before Baseball Broke the Color Barrier* by Jack Cavanaugh, N.Y. Times, 02/01/1998

Larry Bloom's Connecticut, The Robinsons Revisited

*Remembering Jackie Robinson*, The Hartford Courant 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 04/15/1997

Negatives/Photos of the Robinson statue

Bio written by Avonie Brown, accessed 05/09/2001

Westport

- **Green Farms Burying Ground**

Study report 2008 Town of Westport, colonial burying ground

Westport Preservation Alliance communication 2009

WestportNews.com 2009 - Greens Farms Was Where it all Started.

Wilton

- **The Ovals**

36 Seeley Road

Communication between David White and Carol Russeau, 1996.

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**Sites with missing information in their folder**

Samuel Deming Store-

From NPS Website: "Deming also made space available over his store (originally located on Main Street next to his home, later moved around the corner to 2 Mill Lane) for sleeping quarters when the Mende Africans first arrived. The space also served as their classroom"

<https://www.nps.gov/places/samuel-deming-house.htm>

From CTFreedomTrail.org: "...Deming provided second floor quarters at his store for the men and a boy, Kale, until a dormitory was built for the men on Austin F. Williams' land." – Picture of the the site on the website, property is privately owned and operated as Your Village Store.

<http://www.ctfreedomtrail.org/trail/amistad/sites/?focus=united-church-green&/Chauncey#!/samuel-deming-store>

Reverend Noah Porter House-  
116 Main Street, Farmington

Minister of the First Church of Christ from 1806 to 1866.

Margru of the Amistad Mende lived with the Porter family during her nine month stay in Farmington. She would be the only member of the Mende to return to the U.S. graduating from Oberlin College as a teacher. She would go on to be teach at a mission school in Sierra Leone for the rest of her life.

Notably, Reverend Porter's daughter is a Miss Sarah Porter and founded the Miss Porters School in 1843. Noah Porter, his son of his same name, would become president of Yale College.

<https://www.nps.gov/places/noah-porter-house.htm>

<http://www.ctfreedomtrail.org/trail/amistad/sites/?focus=united-church-green&/Chauncey#!/reverend-noah-porter-house>

\*freedom trail site lists the property as privately owned and not open to the public

Union Hall –  
13 Church Street, Farmington

Registered on CT Historical Commission as meeting place for abolitionist activity and rented as a space for people to gather to sew clothing for the members of the Mende tribe during their visit to Farmington.

\*was unable to find any primary verification (reports or previously written articles on the site)

Timothy Wadsworth House –

340 Main Street, Farmington

\*the only source I can find with information about the house is from [historicbuildingsct.com](http://historicbuildingsct.com).

The site makes the claim: "According to tradition, the house was a station on the underground railroad.... the Wadsworths made use of the passenger boars on the Farmington Canal, which ran through their property behind their house."

The website also details that the house is currently being used as offices and was renovated with an expansion in 2008.

<http://historicbuildingsct.com/?p=16163>