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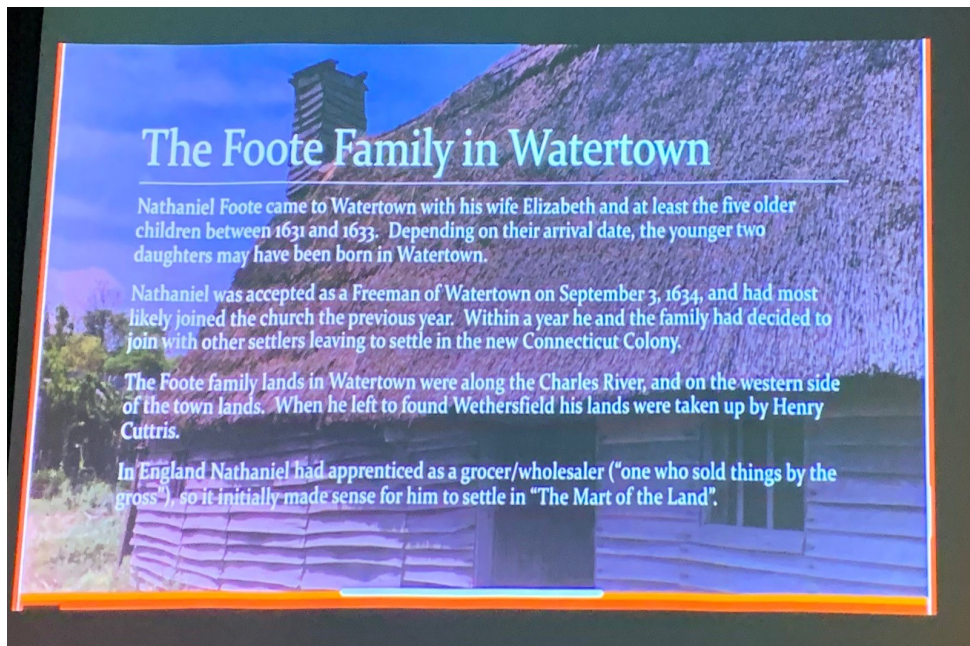
Another Successful Conference

The beginning of a great time!



THANKS to the officers and members that made this all possible! We could have not done it without you!

Where it all BEGAN!!!



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WELCOME

Our New Trustee

Patricia Zuckschwerdt



I was born in Canton, Illinois surrounded by many Churchills. My mother's mother was a daughter of a Churchill. (Her grandfather (s) were Simmons from Plymouth, Middleboro and Tauton.) My father is a descendant of the Cases of Windsor, Simsbury and Barkhamsted. My roots are deep into 1600 Colonies, and I had no idea. Always fascinated with our family (s) history. I can't remember when I WASN't interested in genealogy.

I began my journey with the Churchill's. Coming north to Wethersfield the first time and experiencing the history of that lovely town—the historical society, the cemetery. Doors to my XG-grandfathers house on display gave me such a sense of belonging. Finding out the Churchills lived there for over 165 years. Josiah marrying a Foote at the time didn't ring any special bells for me other than Elizabeth being called the "Mother of all Connecticut Churchills in the Americas", that was a sweet revelation.

Then the Case side beginnings around Simsbury, CT just the other side of Hartford! What are the odds? My grandfather was John F. Case, a very accomplished man. He had several books published, was a lecturer, newspaper owner and Editor of the Missouri Ruralist for 50 years. Uncovering his accomplishments for a small museum in Northeast Missouri (Savannah) area amazed my cousins and myself-spurring me on to dig deeper into that side of the family. That's how I ended up in Simsbury!

The next summer, I visited Simsbury. The Case's too, branch out into various lines of the Foote's. Not surprisingly since there's only about 20 miles between Simsbury and Wethersfield.

End results-I'm related to the Foote's through both the Churchill and Case family.

These discoveries led me to New England and eventually in 2019 I requested Elizabeth's book and found out about this wonderful group, and I joined the FFAA.

I grew up in the mid-west, daughter of a school teacher, when school let out in June we were on the road. Traveling is in my blood. I've lived in many places. Since the 1960's I have lived in a suburb of Philadelphia. My husband and I have a motorhome and travel extensively. I have three grown children from my first marriage (their father passed in 1976) ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. I'm pleased to say, several of them interested in their family history. Now married to Joe, he has become quite the explorer going with me to Historical Societies, towns and cemeteries. I'm an avid reader, love the arts (I paint), cooking, genealogy, vintage turquoise jewelry and travel.

Being asked to be a Trustee makes me feel so honored. Thank you. I look forward to our next reunion.



More Information about Caleb Foote

Caleb Foote was mentioned in a recently published book “Rebels at Sea-Privateering in the American Revolution” by Eric Jay Dolin, New York, Liveright Publishing Corporation, 2022, p.188.

Caleb Foote was captured on the Salem privateer sloop Gates and sent to Forton prison in England.

The sea journal of Caleb Foote was published in an article “Reminiscences of the Revolution: Prison and Sea Journal of Caleb Foote,” Historical Collections of the Essex Institute, 1889, 97.

The Volume has been digitized and is available at <https://archive.org/details/essesinstitutehiv26esse/122/mode/2up>

The information regarding Caleb Foote is on pages 90 to 120.

Caleb was captured in July, 1778, and taken to England. He was confined to Forton prison until October 14, 1780, when he managed to escape. He eventually got on board an American ship of war, the South Carolina. After a long and wearisome voyage he finally arrived back in the States and was discharged January 17, 1782, near the end of the Revolutionary War. He died from illness contracted during his military service on May 19, 1787, and was buried at the graveyard of St. Peter’s Church (presumably St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Salem, Massachusetts.)

In his letters and sea journal he described the deplorable conditions and hardships endured during his time aboard the sloop Gates, in Forton prison, and aboard the South Carolina.

Thanks Robert (Bob) for submitting this article.

In addition, Caroline Bigelow (our new historian) found out the following in the history of Caleb Foote.

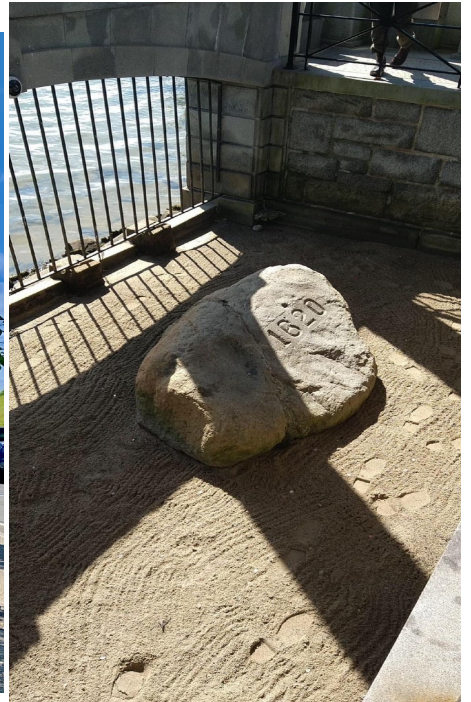
I contacted St Peter’s and they do not have a full list of burial for the Church before 1833, which is when the church was rebuilt. Caleb Foote is not one of the few names that they do have, but that is not very surprising. He does have a grave marker in the Harmony Grove Cemetery in Salem, MA. His body may have been moved by the family after the cemetery opened in 1839, or the marker may be a cenotaph (the body is still at St Peter’s, and the marker is in the new family plot in his memory.) Harmony Grove does not have a record of Caleb being interred there, so I’m leaning towards it being a cenotaph for him.

Caleb’s death *is* recorded in the Salem vital records (as Caleb Foote, son of Enoch), though the cause of death not given. Also not unusual for the time period.

Thanks Caroline for continuing the history.

You can also check this article out on our NEW WEBSITE at www.footefamily.org. Thank you Chani Pearson for a terrific new site. It is easy to navigate and read. The list of new officers is also there along with news about previous conferences and how to become a member for all of your family members.

So spread the news—also don’t forget to check out our Facebook page!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Foote Cousins,

The Association is moving along really nicely. We are delighted with many aspects: the success of our June Conference, the appointment of many new Officers and Trustees, the exciting transition to an updated website (make sure to check it out!), and further progress on genealogy book decisions. We continue sending out our newsletter and updating our Facebook page. We've had a lot of people hard at work to make all this happen, and are grateful to each one of them.

One position that is still available is that of Secretary. Pat Kenney has done an outstanding job and is willing to help us for a while longer as we search for a replacement. She has been doing this job since the FFAA was reformulated in 1984, and she is getting a bit weary of it after almost 40 years! She would be happy to speak with anyone who is interested and help ease them into the job. Please consider this. Without our volunteers, we couldn't continue!

On a personal note, I'd add that I continue to be very impressed with our members and officers. It was such fun to meet again this summer, and I'm always impressed with how welcoming and pleasant our group is. Many Conferences attendees said the same thing to me, and emphasized what a great family group we are. It's a delight to work with all of you.

Cynthia Foote

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***Check the next issue for details of
Volume III.***

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