

Rocky Hill Timeline

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This is a living document; it is updated periodically as historical facts are discovered.

Things to think about:

- When did the Saybrook Turnpike open? The history of the Shunpike needs to be included.
- Find Maritime Connecticut During the American Revolution. Particularly VOL I, p. 23
- Need construct a timeline for schools. Rod Wilscam articles contains an article on schools. Oral histories discuss schools.
- Peter Revill mentions steamboats landing at Rocky Hill. Need to research if steamboats stopped at Rocky Hill.
- Need to add Business: Fishing entries.
- Should architectural history be included?
- Information on the ice industry is available through Proquest.

DATE	EVENTS	CATEGORY	NOTE	SOURCE	QUESTIONS
00 12,000 BCE	Lake Hitchcock existed	Pre-European	A natural dam existed where Rocky Hill now exists. When the lake broke through the dam, it create the Connecticut River.	THE RISE AND FALL OF LAKE HITCHCOCK New England's Greatest Glacial Lake	
00 200,000,000	Dinosaurs lived in Rocky Hil	Pre-European	Triassic period.	A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
00 200,000,000 BCE	Basalt and sandstones, and shales form in the Rocky Hill area	Pre-European	Triassic period.	A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	

1170 – 1360	Woodland Indians lived in the area that includes Rocky Hill	Pre-European	These people lived in dispersed communities. The Morgan Archeological Site in the flood plain of the Connecticut River was such a community. Artifacts have been found in Rocky Hill in 1170, 1320, and 1360. Hunter-gathers and fishermen.	Bulletin of the Archeological Society of Connecticut, No. 51, 1988, Morgan Site: The beginning, Dave Cooke	
1600/00/00	Wongunk Indians may have settled in Rocky Hill	Pre-European	Some sources spell this “Wangunk.” There were about 7,000 people in Connecticut when Europeans arrived, Wongunks and others. The Wonguks were a peaceful people and were victimized by the warlike Pequods and Mohqws who exacted tribute from them	H.R. Hick Plaque A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1633/00/00	John Oldham starts trading at what is now Wethersfield	Business: Trade	Then known as Pyquag	1995 Calendar	
1633/00/00	Windsor, Wethersfield, and Hartford settlements founded.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		H.R. Hick Plaque	
1634/00/00	Wethersfield settled by John Oldham and company	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill	The Wongunks invited the Europeans to settle hoping they would serve as a deterrent to the Pequods and Mohawks.	1995 Calendar	
1634/00/00	Wethersfield serves as port and point of distribution	Maritime: Seafaring	Town known as Watertown at this time	1995 Calendar	
1635/00/00	Wethersfield Congregational Church established	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	

1636/00/00	Watertown obtains a deed from the Indians	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1636/00/00	Town name changed from Watertown to Wethersfield	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1636/07/05	John Oldham, founder of Wethersfield, killed by Pequods on Block Island.	War: 1636 Pequod War		1995 Calendar The Red King's Rebellion, Russell Bourne, Oxford University Press, 1990	
1637/04/23	Wogunk Indians encourage the Pequods to attack the town. They killed 6 men and three women.	War: 1637 Pequod War	Mashpees on Block Island killed John Oldham in front of his children. The Pequod were blamed and a series of skirmishes between Pequods and Europeans ensued. Although no military action was taken against the Wangunks, they were forced to give up their land in Wethersfield and Rocky Hill.	1995 Calendar The Red King's Rebellion, Russell Bourne, Oxford University Press, 1990	
1637/05/01	Connecticut Court declares war against the Pequods	War: 1637 Pequod War		1995 Calendar The Red King's Rebellion, Russell Bourne, Oxford University Press, 1990	
1637/05/26	Capt. John Mason leads colony to victory over the Pequods. At Mystic.	War: 1637 Pequod War		1995 Calendar The Red King's Rebellion, Russell Bourne, Oxford University Press, 1990,	
1639/10/19	Justices of the Peace established	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	

1640/00/00	Wethersfield Congregational meeting house built	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	
1641/02/28	First Ecclesiastical Society organized	Church: Congregational	<p>In 1725, the organization that was to become the Congregational Church was an “established” church, in other words, the official church of the colony. It was not until the new state constitution of 1818 that Connecticut finally had no established church, although restrictions had gradually eased by then.</p> <p>Back then, there was no idea of separation of church and state. An area wishing to start a new church needed the permission of the CT General Assembly, who could grant permission to establish a new ecclesiastical society. These societies had the responsibility of raising funds (usually through taxation), hiring a minister and providing a place to worship. The church itself did not deal with financial</p>	1995 Calendar Congregation Ecclesiastical Societies (available on archive.org)	

			matters, leaving this to the society.		
1643/00/00	Connecticut Colony, of which Wethersfield was a part, joins New England Confederation.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1644/06/03	Connecticut requires an inn in each town	Business: Lodging		1995 Calendar	
1644/09/12	Connecticut requires ministerial support	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	What does this mean?
1649/00/00	First land grant of 30 acres in South Wethersfield to Samuel Boardman Junior.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill	South Wethersfield would become Stepney then Rocky Hill	1995 Calendar	
1650/00/00	Second Wethersfield meeting house built	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	
1650/00/00	Connecticut law requires attendance at Sunday worship.	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	
1650/00/00	Settlers from Wethersfield move south of Goff Brook near the "Rockie Hill."	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		H.R. Hick Plaque	
1655/00/00	Town of Wethersfield grants Gershom Bulkeley 110 acres of land at Dividend to build a mill.	Business: Dividend		June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	
1655/00/00	Phillip Goff elected Wethersfield town crier.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1655/00/00	Rocky Hill-Glastonbury Ferry established	Maritime: Ferry		H.R. Hick Plaque	1995 Calendar says "Ferry established per Deed Book." Was the Deed Book authorization and this the actual implementation?

1655/00/00	Phillip Goff builds his house on Old Main St.	Streets and Buildings	This house still stands in 2016. It is the oldest house in Rocky Hill.	1995 Calendar	
1659/03/09	Males age 21 or officers, men owning 30 lbs or more, can vote	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	What does 'officers' mean? Town officials? Militia officers?
1660/00/00	Ferry Park established in Wethersfield deed book.	Maritime: Ferry		1995 Calendar	Was this a charter for a ferry or just a deed of land?
1662/04/23	King Charles II signed Royal Connecticut Charter	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	On May page of 1995 Calendar the date for this is 1662/05/10
1670/00/00	Wethersfield obtains deed for additional land from Indians.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1672/00/00	Wethersfield grants 5 acres in lower Wethersfield for landing. Now Rocky Hill Ferry Park.	Maritime: Ferry		1995 Calendar	How is this related to Ferry Park established in 1660?
1672/00/00	Riverside land in Rocky Hill reserved for shipyard and landing	Maritime: Seafaring		H.R. Hick Plaque	
1673/00/00	Wethersfield obtains deed for additional land from Indians	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1675/00/00	King Phillip's War	War: 1675 King Phillip's War	Eighteen men from Wethersfield served in King Phillip's War. Stepney was a small district at the time and names weren't associated specifically with Wethersfield. King Phillip was also known as Metacomet	Soldiers of King Phillip's War	What effect did this war have on Rocky Hill?
1675/00/00	King Phillip's War begins	War: 1675 King Phillip's War	Wide-spread, very bloody war between Indian tribes and settlers.	1995 Calendar	

			Ended in 1676 and fundamentally changed power relationship between settlers and Indians.		
1677/00/00	Gershom Bulkeley, minister of the Congregational Church, builds a gristmill in Dividend district	Business: Dividend	<p>At the most easterly waterfall of Dividend Brook, Where the Bulkeley gained permission and flooded land to create Dividend pond near the Connecticut River. This pond became known as Lower Dividend Pond.</p> <p>Bulkeley was later granted 150 additional acres to the west. He relocated his gristmill upstream to a location just below the second waterfall. He used the natural rock outcropping as part of a new dam. This created Upper Dividend Pond.</p> <p>Bulkeley's gristmill remained in the family for five generations – a span of one hundred and fifty years.</p> <p>Railroad spans this stream in 2016.</p>	June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	See 1677/00/00 after Business: Maritime for notes on bakery.
1677/00/00 after	Gershom Bulkeley opens a bakery to supply baked good to vessels ailing to the West Indies and other foreign ports.	Maritime: Seafaring		June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	See 1677/00/00 Business:Dividend for notes on Bulkeley's gristmill.
1683/07/20	Flood causes severe damage in Rocky Hill	Weather		1995 Calendar	

1683/08/13	Flood waters 26 feet above normal in Rocky Hill	Weather	Looks like 1683 was a bad year for flooding	1995 Calendar	
1685/00/00	Third Meetinghouse built in Wethersfield.	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	Where the meetinghouses of 1640, 1650, and 1685 replacements on the same site? Separate buildings?
1686/00/00	Wethersfield receives the King's patent.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill	This was a charter granted by King Charles II which allowed Connecticut a great deal of Liberty in running its affairs.	1995 Calendar	
1687/00/00	Governor Edmund Andros demands that Charter be returned.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill	The Colonists stole it and hid it an oak tree. Connecticut was forced to become a member of the Dominion of New England but when it ended self-government was reestablished and the Charter returned.	1995 Calendar	
1687/10/31	Charter hidden in Charter Oak	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill	Hiding Charter ensured that its terms would be preserved if it was reestablished.	1995 Calendar	
1689/00/00	King William's War	War: 1689 Colonial Wars	King William's War (1688–97, also known as the Second Indian War, Castin's War, or the First Intercontinental War. It was the North American theater of the Nine Years' War, also known as the War of the Grand Alliance or the War of the League of Augsburg. It ended in 1697.	1995 Calendar	What was the effect of this war on Rocky Hill? Why does Wilscam single it out?
1692/00/00	Wethersfield Town Meeting distributes land in South Wethersfield.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1692/00/00	Wethersfield Town Meeting lays out	Streets and Buildings		1995 Calendar	

	Brook, Elm, and West Streets				
1697/00/00	Voting qualification changed to males, age 21, with an estate of 50 shillings	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1699/00/00	South Wethersfield residents obtain their own teachers.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1700/00/00	Ephraim Goodrich occupies the original Gershom Bulkeley mill site and opens a saw mill	Business: Dividend		June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	
1700/00/00	Connecticut River changes course in Great Flood. Sandbars block passage above Rocky Hill which now becomes head of navigation.	Maritime: Seafaring	This also formed the Wethersfield Cove.	H.R. Hick Plaque A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	Peter Revill's book states that after the river changed course, Rocky Hill became the head of navigation for large ships. He means large ships by Connecticut River standards (sloops, schooners, a few brigantines). I suspect that while a brigantine could be built in Rocky Hill section of the river, it was probably floated down the river during the spring floods and couldn't get back up again. This period was probably over by the end of the 18 th century.
1700/00/00	Connecticut River changes course in Great Flood. Sandbars block	Weather	This also formed the Wethersfield Cove.	H.R. Hick Plaque	

	passage above Rocky Hill which now becomes head of navigation.				
1702/00/00	Queen Anne's War	War: 1689 Colonial Wars	The War of the Spanish Succession it was known in the British colonies. It was the second in a series of French and Indian Wars fought between France and England, Ended 1713	1995 Calendar	
1704/00/00	Fourth Meeting house built in Wethersfield	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	
1712/12/18	First School House built north of Center	School		1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	Center St.?
1720/12/19	Wethersfield petitioned for parish	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	
1721/03/06	Wethersfield Town Meeting approves Stepney Parish	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	
1722/05/10	Connecticut Court approved Stepney Parish in Rocky Hill.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1722/12/11	Rocky Hill petitions Wethersfield for a Minister	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	
1724/00/00	Ferry established by State Assembly	Maritime: Ferry		1995 Calendar	Not sure what 'established' means. Authorized? Run?
1726/04/18	Rocky Hill Congregational Church completed	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	
1727/06/07	Third Ecclesiastical Society begins in Rocky Hill	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	
1727/06/07	Rev. Daniel Russell is 1 st minister in Rocky Hill	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	

1727/10/29	Earthquake causes severe damage	Weather		1995 Calendar	
1730/01/19	Rocky Hill Burial Ground established	Cemetery: Center Cemetery		1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	Is this the Center Cemetery?
1731/06/02	First burial in Center Cemetery	Cemetery: Center Cemetery		1995 Calendar	
1731/07/02	First burial in Cemetery : Ben & Mary Deming	Cemetery: Center Cemetery		1995 Calendar	This seems to contradict 1731/06/02 entry.
1733/00/00	Jacob Robbins builds house on Old Main St.	Streets and Buildings		1995 Calendar	
1740/00/00	Religious awakening	Church: Congregational	The <i>Great Awakening</i> was an evangelical and revitalization movement that swept Protestant Europe and British America, and especially the American colonies in the 1730s and 1740s	1995 Calendar	
1750/00/00	Great ship building and shipping era begins.	Maritime: Seafaring	Era ends in 1850 per H.R. Hick Plaque. Ship building continued into the 1890s.	H.R. Hick Plaque	
1754/00/00	Sizable number of Stepney men volunteer for French and Indian War	War: 1689 Colonial Wars	The French and Indian War (1754–1763) was the North American theater of the worldwide Seven Years' War. The war was fought between the colonies of British America and New France, with both sides supported by military units from their parent countries of Great Britain and France, as well as Native American allies. Until 1763	1995 Calendar	Are there documents to support this? Why volunteers 2 years before the war?
1756/00/00	Wethersfield Census shows 880 people in Rocky Hill.	Population		1995 Calendar	
1759/00/00	Enlargement of Stepney area approved by Legislature.	Civic organization: Pre-Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	

1759/00/00	Five Stepney men who are buried in Center Cemetery served in the French & Indian War	War: 1689 Colonial Wars	<p>There may be more Rocky Hill people who served but aren't buried in Center Cemetery.</p> <p>Although no battles were fought in Rocky Hill during this series of wars, the General Assembly required the fortification of several houses. Jonathan Deming's house at the corner of Parsonage and Old Main St. was one of these. It no longer exists.</p>	<p>Inventory of Center Cemetery records.</p> <p>A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001</p>	
1764/00/00	Connecticut Courant begins under Thomas Green in Hartford.	Business: Media	<p>Oldest newspaper in the Country; it became the Hartford Courant.</p> <p>Thomas Green was WWI Rocky Hill veteran Curtis Green's direct ancestor.</p>	<p>1995 Calendar</p> <p>Hartford Courant 1918/0217</p>	
1764/07/30	A slave of Brandegees kills himself	Diversity	<p>Boston Gazette reports, "We hear from Rocky Hill Connecticut that a negro belonging to Mr. Brandagee, having been offended, took a knife and flint and ran up to the Garrett, where there was a half barrel of powder, and struck fire therein which blew the Negro and the roof of the house into the air and tore him to pieces; and a man in the house saw him strike fire once, which did not catch and saved him by running downstairs just before the explosion."</p>	<p><i>History of Ancient Wethersfield, Stiles, 1904</i></p>	

1766/00/00	Men sat with their wives in church for the first time.	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	
1767/00/00	Several wealthy men on Old Main St. own slaves	Diversity	<p>According to his will, Esquire John Robbins owned about seven slaves.</p> <p>There is anecdotal evidence that William Griswold brought four slaves back from the south on one of his voyages.</p> <p>A man named Brandegeer owned at least one slave.</p> <p>Jacob Riley owned slaves.</p> <p>Documents found so far indicate that most slaveholders lived in what is now the Rocky Hill Center Historical District.</p>	<p>John Robbins' will</p> <p>Captain William Griswold, from an article written by Roger M. Griswold</p> <p><i>History of Ancient Wethersfield, Stiles, 1904</i></p> <p>Ibid</p>	
1767/00/00	John Robbins Esq. Builds the Cumberland Inn	Streets and Buildings		<p>1995 Calendar</p> <p>A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001</p>	The legend is that The Duke of Cumberland, King George II's son, sold 2,000 acres of land to Esq. John Robbins, further research by Dudley Cook showed that much of Esq. John's land was purchased from local land owners.

					The Duke of Cumberland was known as Butcher Cumberland for his brutality during Scotland's Jacobite Rebellion.
1774/00/00	Importation of slaves into Connecticut was outlawed.	Diversity	Parsons describes a growing appreciation of the irony of Colonists demanding freedom from England while tolerating slavery. It seems unlikely that anyone would flaunt the law in the face of this unpopular practice. – RCH	<i>History of Ancient Wethersfield</i> <i>Slavery in Connecticut 1640-1848, David L. Parsons, Yale-New Haven Teacher's Institute, Yale University</i> <i>Slavery in the North: Slavery in Connecticut</i>	
1774/00/00	Wethersfield Census shows 3,489 people in Rocky Hill including 142 blacks	Population		1995 Calendar	This doesn't jibe with the 1775 entry. This may be all of Wethersfield.
1775/00/00	Census of Stepney indicates 880 people	Population	This seems like a more realistic number than the 1774 figure. It is worth noting that John Robbins Esq. Owned about seven slaves.	1995 Calendar	
1775/00/00	Revolutionary War starts	War: 1775 Revolutionary War	In 1775 around 50 Stepney volunteers came from Wethersfield and Stepney to Lexington. There is a story that volunteers from Rocky Hill shot holes in the Dike of Cumberland's picture on the Inn's Sign. The sign is at the Connecticut Historical Society.	1995 Calendar A Short Crozier, Charles and Marion – Cumberland Inn, Rocky Hill Oral Histories History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	How to interpret this? Is this a total of people from both Wethersfield and Stepney? There are 50 Revolution veterans buried in Center Cemetery.

			<p>Stepney Parish was behind the war so there was very little dissention at home.</p> <p>Stepney men served in the military on land at sea.</p> <p>The British naval blockade choked off trade on the river.</p> <p>Rocky Hill was safe from attack because large British warships couldn't get up the river.</p>		
1775/00/00/	Deacon Simon Butler builds a saw mill at Dividend near Middletown Road.	Business: Dividend	Middletown Road is Main Street	June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	
1776/00/00	Rocky Hill ships aid the Revolutionary War as fighting vessels and privateers.	Maritime: Seafaring	About a dozen ships from Wethersfield/Rocky Hill were privateers. The quicker, more maneuverable sloops, schooner, and brigantines able to fight or flee and survive confrontation with British war ships.	H.R. Hick Plaque A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1778/00/00	Thomas Danforth produces pewter and tin at Stepney . begins peddler business	Business: Small Industry	Danforth House still stands at the northeast corner of Old Main St. and Glastonbury Ave.	H.R. Hick Plaque	
1779/00/00	Stepney Parish census shows 881 residents	Population		1995 Calendar	
1781/00/00	Thomas Danforth house built.	Streets and Buildings		1995 Calendar	
1781/00/00	Washington Rochambeau meet at Webb House in Wethersfield	War: Revolutionary War		1995 Calendar	Does this have anything to do with Rocky Hill?
1783/00/00.	Thomas Danforth house built on Glastonbury	Streets and Buildings		1995 Calendar	Is this the same house as mentioned for 1781?

	Avenue (Ferry St. at the time.)				
1783/08/15	Hurricane caused damage in Rocky Hill	Weather		1995 Calendar	
1784/00/00	The first gradual Emancipation Act is passed by the General Assembly.	Diversity	<p>This act provided that slaves born after 1784 would be freed at age 25.</p> <p>Esquire Jon Robbins freed most of his slaves in his will. This may be because he didn't want to pay for their upbringing only to see them freed. This needs more analysis.</p> <p>Most towns enacted laws to restrict the freedom of black or to exclude them from living in the town.</p>	<p>Slavery in Connecticut 1640-1848, David L. Parsons, Yale-New Haven Teacher's Institute, Yale University</p> <p>Slavery in the North: Slavery in Connecticut</p>	
1794/00/00	Dr. Calvin Chapin begins ministry at Stepney Parish Congregational Church.	Church: Congregational	<p>Fifer during Revolution.</p> <p>Founded library.</p> <p>Temperance advocate.</p>	1995 Calendar	
1794/12/11	First Social Library in Connecticut formed in Stepney	Libraries & museums: Library	The term social library has come to signify the kind of library that generally provided a circulating collection of materials and frequently a reading room for the use of any persons meeting the established criteria, which usually involved a fee or subscription, or a payment to become a joint owner or stockholder, of the library.	<p>1995 Calendar</p> <p>H.R. Hick Plaque</p> <p>A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001</p>	
1795/01/05	Free Library opens in Rocky Hill	Libraries & Museums: Library	A free library is one which the public are permitted to use without payment, especially	<p>1995 Calendar</p> <p>H.R. Hick Plaque</p>	

			one maintained out of public funds.	A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1802/00/00	First post office in rocky Hill established	Public services: Postal		H.R. Hick Plaque	
1802/00/00	Middletown Turnpike laid out.	Transportation: Roads	The Hartford-Saybrook Turnpike was a toll road. Not long after it opened people started using a country road which they called the Shunpike to avoid the tolls.	1995 Calendar <i>History of Ancient Wethersfield, Stiles, 1904</i> A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	Does laid out mean plotted or built? It seems that this turnpike link up several surface roads including Old Main Street from Rocky Hill to Wethersfield.
1803/00/00	Academy Hall built	Buildings: Academy Hall	Used as a school which taught navigation.	1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	
1805/00/00	Congregational Church purchases 40 rods of land for \$9,000	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	Is this the so-called Parsonage land?
1807/00/00	Lands sold to build 2 nd meeting house.	Church: Congregational			Don't get it. There have been several prior meeting houses mentioned.
1808/09/22	Second meeting house dedicated	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	
1812/00/00	War of 1812 begins.	War: War of 1812	President Jefferson's Embargo Act stifled shipping. Steam power, dredging, levees, and attacks by the British Navy caused a decline in Rocky Hill Shipping. Rocky Hill was bypassed as Hartford became a shipping center for the river. Maritime	First Sailing Vessels and Merchant Mariners on the Connecticut River, Roger M. Griswold, Connecticut Magazine, 1906. Peter Revill notes on Bob Decker's 150 th anniversary paper.	Peter Revill points out that no military action has occurred in Connecticut since the end of this war. Good point.

			insurance gave Hartford its start as an insurance center.	A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1815/00/00 circa	River dredging as far as Hartford	Maritime: Connecticut River	Ships were able to bypass Rocky Hill and go directly to Hartford.	A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	Needs more detail .e.g. why were Hartford businessmen selling Marine insurance before this?
1817/06/23	President Monroe Visits Rocky Hill	Presidents		1995 Calendar	
1818/00/00	Congregational Church disestablished as Stat church	Church: Congregational		A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	Was did it mean to be the established church?
1820/00/00	Rocky Hill shipping declines due to completion from Canals, Railroads, and large river traffic companies	Maritime: Seafaring		H.R. Hick Plaque	
1820/03/09	Social Library and Free Library merge	Libraries & Museums: Library		1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1821/00/00	Methodist Church organized	Church: Methodist			
1825/00/00 circa	Captain William Butler's son, Simon, rebuilds the saw mill	Business: Dividend		June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	
1825/02/20	Doctor Rufus Griswold born	People: Griswold, Rufus		1995 Calendar	

1826/00/00	Stepney named change to Rocky Hill by Legislature.	Civic organization: Rocky Hill	Rocky Hill remains part of Wethersfield.	1995 Calendar	
1826/00/00	General Assembly changes town's name from Stepney Parish to Rocky Hill	State of Connecticut		A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1828/00/00	Farmington Canal opens	Maritime: Connecticut River		A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	Need to discuss competition between canalers, and riverites. Impact of the railroad
1829/00/00	Captain William Butler builds a saw mill a short way downstream from Simon Butler's grist mill	Business: Dividend	He built a berm to create a holding pond for water to run the mill.	June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	Could use a family tree to sort out the Williams and Simons.
1830/00/00 circa	Gershom Bulkeley gristmill is sold to a Mr. Russell	Business: Dividend	Mr. Russell manufactured axes. Later Leonard Wells and Alfred Wilcox manufactured small tools. In 1866, Following Foster & Wilcox , Joseph Jory, an English blacksmith produced Never Slip horseshoes After Jory, C.E. Billings constructed a new building for drop forging. This operation closed in 1917.	June Cook paper posted on RHHS website. Hartford Courant 1917/06/11	Mr. Russell's full name?
1831/00/00	Prudence Crandall opens school for black girls.	School		1995 Calendar	This doesn't seem to have much to do with Rocky Hill.
1832/09/06	Wethersfield and Berlin form Sunday School union	Church		1995 Calendar	
1835/00/00	Samuel Colt patents revolver	Business: Manufacturing	In the mid-20 th Century, Colts Had a plant in Rocky Hill	1995 Calendar	

1835/00/00	Bell installed on Congregational Church	Church: Congregational	The bell rang to announce important events, fires, holidays, etc. It became a focus for young boys who rang it in pursuit of mischief.	A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001 Oral Histories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albert Griswold • Harry Hick and Samuel Dimmock – Late 19th, Early 20th Century 	
1835/00/00	Bell and clock installed in Congregational Church	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	
1838/00/00	Railroad completed from New Haven to Hartford	Transportation: Railroad		1995 Calendar	Did 1838 line pass through Rocky Hill? Did it stop?
1839/12/31	Academy Hall gutted by Fire	Buildings: Academy Hall	This marked the end of Academy Hall as a maritime school. It reopened as a country schoolhouse.	1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1843/00/00	Congregation Church steeple removed	Church: Congregational		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	Why? Check Stiles
1843/00/00	Methodist Church in West Rocky Hill dedicated	Church: Methodist		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	Where located?
1843/06/06	Rocky Hill incorporated and	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		Wilscam Timeline H.R. Hick Plaque	June page in 1995 calendar says 1843/06/10

	separated from Wethersfield.				
1843/06/23	First Rocky Hill Town Meeting elects officers.	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1843/12/16	Dr. Daniel Fuller died	People: Fuller, Daniel		1995 Calendar	Who was this?
1845/00/00	North School rebuilt	School: North School	Located on Old Main St. near Robbins Lane Closed in 1900. Converted to private residence.	Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	Where located?
1848/00/00	Slavery abolished completely	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1849/00/00	Foundry began operation	Business: Foundry		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	What was the name of the foundry?
1849/00/00	Rocky Hill becomes part of the Underground Railroad	Racial Issues		1995 Calendar	Any specifics?
1849/00/00	South School built at Main and Forest Street	School: South School	Located on the corner of Main and Forest St. Served for a time as the town police station. Closed in 1927.	Wilscam Timeline A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1850/00/00	Rocky Hill = 1,042 per U.S. Census	Population		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1850/00/00	West School built.	School: West School	Located on what is now the Elm St. Extension.	Wilscam Timeline	

				1995 Calendar A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1851/03/16	Rev. Calvin Chapin Died.	People: Chapin, Calvin		1995 Calendar	
1853/00/00	James T. Pratt of Rocky Hill elected representative to U=33 rd U.S. Congress.	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1854/00/00	William Sage Butler & Robert Sugden Jr. established a foundry downstream from Butler's saw mill.	Business: Dividend	They built a dam which breached in March of 2001.	June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	
1854/04/27	Flood lasting 66 hours results in much damage in Rocky Hill	Weather		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1858/00/00	State law changes north (Wethersfield) and south (Rocky Hill) school districts	School		1995 Calendar	
1858/00/00	Mail delivery shifts from the Saybrook-Hartford Turnpike to the railroad.	Transportation: Railroad	This cut into the profitability of the turnpike and made it unviable as a toll road.	<i>History of Ancient Wethersfield, Stiles, 1904</i>	
1859/00/00	Methodist Church dedicates new buildings on Old Main Street	Church: Methodist		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	Was church on West Side closed? Was it called the Methodist Episcopal Church? Is the current church the same site as this one?

1860/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 1,102 per U.S. Census	Population		Wilscam Timeline	
1860/00/00 circa	Federick Butler produces pen holders at Butler & Sugden Foundry	Business: Dividend			
1860/04/12	Civil War Begins	War: 1861 Civil War	According to Rod Wilscam, 100 men served in the Civil War out of a population of 1,102 or about 1 in 10. Given the level of intermarriage of families in the town at that time, almost everyone was personally effected by the war.	Google.com Rod Wilscam Research Notes	
1863/07/01	Ferry service regulated by Connecticut	Maritime: Ferry		1995 Calendar	What does 'regulated' involve?
1864/07/15	Town Meetings authority extended	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	What does this mean?
1865/00/00	End of American Civil War. Rocky Hill lost 12 of 100 volunteers	War: 1861 Civil War		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1865/10/10	Foundry burns down	Business: Foundry	According to Hartford Courant Article, "There is no doubt that the buildings were set on fire, as it broke out in a part of the premises where no fire has been used for months past."		Was this the foundry from 1849?
1868/00/00	Captain William Butler's mill destroyed by fire. Robert Sugden Jr. rebuilt the mill	Business: Dividend	It was used to make railroad ties and lumber.	June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	
1868/00/00	Elisha Stevens & George Brown buy foundry from Butler and Sugden.	Business: Dividend	Foundry made toys, banks, and chandeliers.	June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	
1870/00/00	Rocky Hill = 791 per U.S. Census	Population		1995 Calendar	
1871/07/00	Connecticut Valley Railroad opens in	Transportation: Railroad		Wilscam Timeline	Was the train station built at this time?

	Hartford, runs through Rocky Hill to Saybrook			1995 Calendar A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1872/00/00	Saybrook Turnpike reverts to towns	Transportation: Roads	Railroads cut into profitability of turnpike.	A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1872/00/00	Hartford-Saybrook Turnpike closed. Local roads reverted towns.	Transportation: Roads		1995 Calendar	Does this mean that the State controlled the Turnpike?
1872/01/02	Rocky Hill Library Association formed to replace Social Library	Libraries & Museums: Library		Wilscom Timeline 1995 Calendar A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	Unclear. Didn't Free & Social libraries merge completely in 1820?
1873/00/00	Valley Railroad completed	Transportation: Railroad		1995 Calendar	What does 'completed' mean?
1874/06/03	Small pox epidemic discussed at town meeting.	Health		1995 Calendar	
1875/00/00	Hartford made sole Capitol of Connecticut	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1875/00/00 circa	Stevens & Brown foundry burns down	Business: Dividend	This foundry was never rebuilt.	June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	
1878/12/03	St. James Church buys land on Chapin St.	Church: Roman Catholic	St. James was an offshoot of St. John's Church in Middletown and was controlled from there.	1995 Calendar Interview with Peg DesRoberts April 15, 2016	

1880/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 1,108 per U.S. Census	Population		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1882/00/00	Roman Catholic Church organized	Church: Roman Catholic		H.R. Hick Plaque	
1884/00/00	Charles Billings and George Edmunds built a brick building south of the Bulkeley dam to build manufacturing tools	Business: Dividend	<p>They operated machinery by long belt from the mill in the hollow. Manufacturer's tools were made there.</p> <p>The company continued operations at least until the 1890s. There is a photograph taken about 1909 that seems to indicate the building was still in use then.</p> <p>This became C.E. Billings Manufacturing</p>	<p>June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.</p> <p>Hartford Courant June 28, 1917</p>	
1888/03/10	Blizzard of '88 drops 60 inches of snow, drifts up to 20 feet.	Weather		1995 Calendar	
1889/12/08	Library building on Church St. dedicated	Libraries & museums: Library		1995 Calendar	
1890/00/00 circa	Rocky Hill had popular hotels and taverns	Recreation: Eating and Drinking	<p>Sailors frequented taverns.</p> <p>Shipman Hotel hosted visitors from Hartford, including Samueal Colt, came to the shipman Hotel for shad. The Shipman Tavern was a gasstation before it was disassembled and moved to New Jersey.</p>	A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	

			Cumberland Inn and Valley Hotel accommodated travelers.		
1890/06/00	Maltbie & Henley Foundry catches fire but isn't destroyed.	Business: Foundry		Hartford Courant 1890/06/10	Also called Maltbey & Henley in some Courant articles.
1893/00/00	Union label law begins in Connecticut	Business: Foundry	A Union Label Law seems to provide copyright protection for the use of official union labels.	1995 Calendar	What is this? Does this relate to Rocky Hill?
1893/08/15	Maltby (sic) and Henley closes due to lack of business	Business: Foundry		Hartford Courant 1893/08/15	
1895/00/00	Child labor laws set minimum age at 14 years in Connecticut	Business: Laws		1995 Calendar	Does this relate to Rocky Hill?
1895/00/00	Present Methodist Church built	Church: Methodist		H.R. Hick Plaque	
1895/02/14	Methodist Church burned to the ground	Church: Methodist		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1895/03/20	Ecclesiastical Society filed with Connecticut Secretary	Church: Congregational		1995 Calendar	Secretary of State Ecclesiastical Society?
1895/08/06	Foundry identified as The Rocky Hill Foundry on this date	Business: Foundry	The Maltbie & Henley Foundry was probably acquired by the Rocky Hill Foundry	Hartford Courant 1895/08/06	
1896/01/29	New Methodist Church building dedicated	Church: Methodist		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1897/00/00	Connecticut State flag adopted	Civic organization: State		1995 Calendar	Does this relate to Rocky Hill?
1898/00/00	The Rocky Hill Foundry goes into receivership	Business: Foundry	Champion Manufacturing formed by F.E. Holmes	Hartford Courant 1918/12/25	
1898/00/00	Quarry opened in Rocky Hill	Business: Quarry	Much of the rock was used on gravel roads.	Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	

				Hartford Courant 1898-01-24	
				Hartford Courant 1899-11-03	
1898/01/24	Rocky Hill demographics published	Diversity	195 white families 3 African American families 2 English Families 6 French-Canadian families 10 German families 1 Hungarian family 42 Irish families 1 Italian family 1 Polish family 1 Swedish family 2 Scottish families	Hartford Courant, Jan. 24, 1898	Note that national origin is used except for African-Americans who are identified by race.
1898/04/25	The Spanish-American War Starts	War: Spanish-American War	Three men, Arthur Hale, Anthony F. Schuster, and Eugene T. Marvel enlisted. Connecticut were assigned to invade Puerto Rico but the war ended before they deployed. Company K of the Connecticut Volunteers established a camp on the shores of the Connecticut River in Rocky Hill after the war.	Rocky Hill in the Spanish-American War, Rod Wilscam Hartford Courant, Aug. 25, 1911, Company K to Have Country Home	
1898/07/01	Company called the Rocky Hill Foundry is reported in trouble likely to be acquired	Business: Foundry		Hartford Courant 1898/07/01	Foundry changed hands in 1899. Was it from Rocky Hill Foundry to Champion Manufacturing?
1899/00/00	Public library built in southwest Church Street	Libraries and Museums: Library	Belonged to the Rocky Hill Library Association. This had origins Rocky Hill Social Library and th Rocky Hill Free Library.	A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	

1899/11/03	15 Italian workers come to Rocky Hill to lay railroad spur and work on the quarry	Diversity	Not that there was one Italian family counted in the demographic report. 15 workers from Carvara, Abruzzi Italy, were recruited because of prior experience working in quarries.	Hartford Courant, Nov. 11, 1899 Rocky Hill in WWI	This is based on draft registration documents and interviews with the descendants of Italian WWI veterans.
1900/00/00	Quarry acquired by The Connecticut Trap Rock Company	Business: Quarry		The Quarry in Rocky Hill – Grace Lowell RHHS	
1900/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 1,108 per U.S. Census	Population		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	Revill didn't seem to use Wilscam's work but Wilscam did extensive research at Town Hall.
1900/01/03	Champion Manufacturing is operating at Foundry site	Business: Foundry	Champion Foundry on 1916 Rocky Hill Grand List	Hartford Courant 1900/01/03 Hartford Courant 1900/01/03	
1901/00/00	Connecticut Trap Rock Company has its name changed to Rocky Hill Stone Company	Business: Quarry	"The Rocky Hill town records of 1901 indicate that the James H. Cooke Company ... had its name changed to the Rocky Hill Stone Company."	Grace Lowell RHHS	
1901/00/00	Rocky Hill Grange Hall built	Streets and Buildings	Burned down in 1921.	Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1901/00/00	Connecticut law regulates automobile speeds, 1 st in nation	Transportation: Roads		1995 Calendar	
1904/00/00	Wilscam Timeline says Academy Hall closed as school after 131 years.	Buildings: Academy Hall		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	Academy Hall was only 101 years old. Margin notes says, "I attended grades 1-4 1936-1940"
1905/00/00	Hartford Electric Light brings electric service to Rocky Hill	Public services: Electricity		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	
1907/00/00	William Quinn replaces William Manchester as Superintendent	Business: Quarry		Grace Lowell RHHS	

1909/00/00	Trolley services begins in Rocky Hill	Transportation: Trolley	Photos show that it was driven by electricity.	Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	
1910/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 1,187 per U.S. Census	Population		Wilscam Timeline	
1910/00/00	West School opened	School: West School		1995 Calendar	Is this a replacement for the West School built in 1850?
1912/04/	Susan Webber survives sinking of the Titanic while coming to Rocky Hill	People Webber, : Susan		Hartford Courant April 4, 1931	
1913/00/00	Electric street lights begin in Rocky Hill	Public services: Electricity		1995 Calendar A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1914/00/00	WWI begins in Europe	War: 1914 WWI		1995 Calendar	Does this relate to Rocky Hill?
1914/00/00 circa	First automobiles occur in Rocky Hill	Transportation: Roads		A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	
1916/00/00	Foster Merriam of Middletown leased the foundry	Business: Foundry		Hartford Courant 1918/12/25	
1916/00/00	Center School built and opened with 4 rooms	School: Center School		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	It seems that there was a Center School part of which is the north east corner of the town hall. Academy Hall was also called Center School at one time. This can cause confusion.

1916/03/15	Billings & Edmunds (Edwards?) Changes name to C.E. Billings Manufacturing	Business: Dividend		Hartford Courant June 28, 1917	C.E. Billings of Hartford was in the top ten in the 1916 Grand List. C.E. Billings owned a farm at Dividend
1916/12/31	Hotel De Ryer destroyed by fire	Streets and Buildings		1995 Calendar	
1917/00/00	U.S. enters World War I. Rocky Hill provides about 70 soldiers.	War: 1914 WWI	A book was written in 2017 about Rocky Hill in WWI. Rocky Hill provided 95 veterans, soldiers and sailors. An addition 463 veterans moved to Rocky Hill after the war. This doesn't include residents of the Veteran's Home.	Wilscom Timeline 1995 Calendar Rocky Hill in WWI World War I Individual Rocky Hill Veteran Records	
1917/06/11	Hartford Electric Steel Company acquires Billings & Spencer factory.	Business: Dividend	Hartford Electric Steel was established to provide steel castings for the war effort. It was in the Dividend section of town. It was at the site vacated by Billings and Spencer Hartford Electric Steel was a Hartford-based Company Billings & Spencer Continued to do business in Hartford	Hartford Courant 1917/06/11	The C.E. Billings Manufacturing Company was a separate enterprise from Billings & Spencer.
1917/06/28	C.E. Billings Manufacturing filed for dissolution.	Business: Dividend		Hartford Courant June 28, 1917	
1917/07/04	Bulkeley Flag Pole on Dividend Green dedicated	Monuments & Memorials		Hartford Courant 1917/07/05	
1918/07/00	Quarry closed temporarily due to a	Business: Quarry	William Francis Halligan was Foreman of the Quarry until	Hartford Courant 1918/07/26	

	dearth of laborers and supervisors.		he was drafted. William Francis Quinn stood in for him until he too was drafted. There weren't enough laborers available to work the Quarry.		
1918/07/04	Honor Roll board for WWI Veterans dedicated at Dividend Green	Monuments & Memorials	This was a temporary sign since the war was still going on.	Hartford Courant 1918/07/05	
1918/00/00	Spanish Influenza strikes Rocky Hill	Public Health	Dr. Moser treats flu. Dr. Moser's wife dies of flu. Clifford L. Holmes dies of flu.	Several Hartford Courant Articles from WWI in Rocky Hill	
1918/07/25	Antonio Campilio killed in action	WAR: 1914 WWI	Antonio was the only soldier killed in action. There is reason to believe that Sam Nazzarro and Massinio DiBernardino died of the effects of poison gas attacks after the war.	Rocky Hill in WWI	
1918/12/24	Foster & Merriam Foundry burns down	Business: Foundry		1995 Calendar	
1919/03/00	Connecticut Foundry Opens	Business: Foundry	The Connecticut Foundry replaced the Foster & Merriam Foundry which burned down in December of 1918.	Hartford Courant 1919/07/28	
1919/03/20	Town Meeting approves purchase of two ladders and pails.	Public services: Fire Fighting	1919 Annual Report shows 23.50 expenditure for fires. In 1921 a disastrous fire was fought with bucket brigades per Harry R. Hick oral history.	1995 Calendar	
1920/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 1,633 per U.S. Census	Population		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	

1921/00/00	Academy Hall charred by fire at Belden's store	Buildings: Academy Hall		Oral Histories: Brooks, Ruth Warner – My Memories of Rocky Hill Griswold, Albert Harry Hick and Samuel Dimmick – Late 19 th , Early 20 th Century	
1921/00/00	Fire burns Grange Hall Belden's store, barbershop and several other buildings	Fire: 1921 fire	Apparently caused by filling kerosene stove with gasoline.	Oral Histories: Brooks, Ruth Warner – My Memories of Rocky Hill Griswold, Albert Harry Hick and Samuel Dimmick – Late 19 th , Early 20 th Century	
1923/08/30	Belamose Corporation buys Hartford Electric Steel Company	Business: Dividend	Belamose made artificial silk (rayon) Hartford Electric Steel Continued to do business in Hartford	Hartford Courant 1923/08/30	
1925/07/04	Permanent WWI Memorial dedicated at Dividend Green	Monuments & Memorials	This is The Rock.	Hartford Courant 1925/07/05	
1926/09/01	Library operation by Town began	Libraries & Museums: Library		1995 Calendar	
1927/00/00	Completion of Dr. Oran A. Moser school	School: Moser School		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	Margin notes says, "South School – renamed Moser much later, perhaps 1940."

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1927/00/00	West School addition completed	School: West School		1995 Calendar	
1927/03/12	Church Street Firehouse approved; Town Meeting Oks firehouse and truck	Public services: Fire fighting	Fire department in Rock Hill is volunteer	1995 Calendar	
1927/11/04	New England Flood of 1927	Weather	Rocky Hill isolated by high water; automobile traffic cut off, mail deliveries done via trolley. This not the April 1927 flood which ravaged the Mississippi.	Hartford courant 1927/11/08 and 1927/11/09	
1928/00/00	Selectman's offices added to Library building on Church Street	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	Where did town official work out of before this?
1930/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 2,021 per U.S. Census	Population		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1930/00/00 circa	Spring Brook ice pond drained	Business: Ice		A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	History of ice industry can be developed from Proquest articles
1930/12/19	Silas Deane Highway Opened	Transportation: Roads	This speeded traffic to Hartford and Wethersfield and made Old Main Street a secondary road.	1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	
1931/00/00	Rocky Hill incorporated as a district	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		H.R. Hick Plaque	Not sure what this means
1931/01/11	Rose Hill Cemetery proposed	Cemetery: Rose Hill		1931/01/11 Hartford Courant	

1931/05/17	First burial conducted at Rose Hill Cemetery	Cemetery: Rose Hill		1931/05/17 Hartford Courant	
1931/10/12	Two of three Rocky Hill Trolley Stations Closed	Transportation: Trolley	The trolleys were phased out in favor of buses over much public protest. Motor vehicle were clearly taking over.	Hartford Courant 1931/10/12	Are the bus stops where the trolley stops where?
1932/01/04	Hartford Retreat Farm property bought for Veteran's Home Farm in Rocky Hill	Veteran's Home	The Hartford Retreat became the Institute for Living in Hartford. The Veteran's Home Farm was intended to provide dairy products and produce for the Fitch veteran's home in Noroton Heights. It wasn't intended as a replacement.	Hartford Courant 1921/01/06	
1932/07/28	Bonus Army disbursed from Washington D.C	Veteran's Home	Veterans marched on D.C. to demand veterans bonuses promised in 1924 for payment in 1945 be paid immediately to mitigate the effects of the Great Depression.	Hartford Courant 1932/07/29	
1932/08/07	35 Bonus Army Veterans Arrive in Hartford	Veteran's Home	Governor Cross admitted the Bonus Marchers to the Rocky Hill Veteran's Farm	Hartford Courant 1932/08/07	
1935/03/28 after	The Rocky Hill Stone company was acquired by the New Haven Trap Rock Company.	Business: Quarry		Grace Lowell, RHHS	
1935/04/03	Belamose changes name to Hartford Rayon Corporation	Business: Dividend		Hartford Courant 1935/04/03	
1936/05/06	Great New England Hurricane and Flood	Weather		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	

1936/06/06	Connecticut Legislature decides to replace aging Fitch Home with home in Rocky Hill	Veteran's Home	There were 595 veterans in both homes; 404 were WWI veterans.	Hartford Courant 1936/06/06	
1938/06/01	Elmer Edward hired as 1 st police officer	Civic organization: Law enforcement			First full-time police officer?
1938/09/21	Great hurricane of 1938 causes floods and damage	Weather		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1939/06/03	Dial telephone service began in Rocky Hill	Public services: Telephone	End of crank phones and party lines.	1995 Calendar	
1940/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 2,679 per U.S. Census	Population		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1940/00/00	Center School addition	School: Center School		1995 Calendar	
1940/08/28	Veteran's Home and Hospital occupied in Rocky Hill	Veteran's Home	The Fitch home was shut down.	Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1941/12/08	The United States enters World War II	War: 1941 WWII		Google.com	This is a placeholder. There is much to record about WWII.
1943/00/00	Rocky Hill joins Metropolitan District	Public services: Water		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	For water service?
1944/00/00	Interstate highway proposed to replace Route 5	Transportation: Roads	Route 5 was the north-south highway through New England. It included the Berlin Turnpike and Wilber Cross Highway.	Hartford Courant 1944/11/30	
1944/08/00	Horace & Frank Bennino both killed in France	War: 1941 WWII	Frank & Horace's father was Nunzio Bennino served in the Army in WWI.	Hartford Courant August 23, 1944	
1944/09/00	Albert B. Goss killed	War: 1941 WWII	USMC. Killed at Enewetak Island	Hartford Courant Sept. 14, 1944	
1944/11/10	Ellis Atwood Beck killed in action	War: 1941 WWII		Hartford Courant Dec. 12, 1944	
1944/12/00	Richard Dexter Killed	War: 1941 WWII	Richard was a crew member on a B25 bomber in Italy.	Hartford Courant Dec. 22, 1944	
1945/03/07	Fire Company #2 established	Public services: Fire fighting		1995 Calendar	

1945/05/00	Armand Cambron killed in action	War: 1941 WWII		Hartford Courant April 16, 1945	
1945/09/00	Henry Maxham killed in action	War: 1941 WWII	Bomber crew.	Hartford Courant Sept. 14, 1945	
1946/00/00	St. James Church gets first full-time resident priest	Church: Roman Catholic		1995 Calendar.	
1946/03/13	Town Meeting Oks Firehouse #2 at New Britain Avenue	Public services: Fire fighting		1995 Calendar	
1946/11/30	St. James Parish established	Church: Roman Catholic		1995 Calendar	
1946-06-01	Rose Hill Funeral Home Opens	Cemetery: Rose Hill		1946/06/01 Hartford Courant	
1948/04/16	Town Meeting Oks Hoyt & Associates plan for development.	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	What was this?
1949/00/00	Moser School expanded	School: Moser School		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	And renamed from South School?
1950/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 5,108 per U.S. Census	Population	Big population in 10 years.	Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	
1950/00/00	Korean War begins	War: 1950 Korean Wr	There is a monument on Division Green	1995 Calendar	
1951/08/00	Charles Yeager opens Old Stepney Museum	Libraries & Museums: Rocky Hill Historical Society	Located at the corner of Dividend and Pratt. House exists in 2016. Charles died in 1959.	Hartford Courant 1951-08-19 & 1959-08-17 RHHS Photo Collection	Was Mr. Yeager's collection incorporated by the RHHS? It seems more than coincidental that plans for RHHS started a year after his death.
1952/07/05	Shipyard Park flagpole dedicated	Parks: Shipyard	On Riverview Road.	1995 Calendar	
1953/00/00	Congregational Church Parish House built.	Church: Congregational	Margin note says, "Not true, Bartlett, Brainard, Ernst built this after 1955."	Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1954/00/00	New Rocky Hill Town Hall dedicated.	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	

1954/00/00	Firehouse for Company #2 dedicated	Public services: Fire fighting	Located at New Britain Ave. and Cromwell Ave.	1995 Calendar	When was Company #1 on Church Street established?
1955/00/00	Rocky Hill High School built.	School: High School		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1955/08/15	Hurricane Diane causes severe flooding	Weather		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1956/00/00	Completion of Myrtle H. Stevens School.	School: Myrtle Stevens School		Wilscam Timeline	
1956/00/00	Real Estate development boom begins	Suburbanization	This is a place holder for events related to suburbanization.	Hartford Courant March 11, 1956	
1957/00/00	William Quinn retired as Superintendent of the Quarry	Business: Quarry		Grace Lowell, RHHS Hartford Courant 1970/11/09	
1957/00/00 after	Quarry closed	Business: Quarry	William Quinn was Superintendent of the Quarry when he retired in 1957.	Hartford Courant 1953/07/06	
1958/00/00	United Methodist Church Parish Hall added.	Church: Methodist		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1958/04/09	Myrtle H. Stevens School opened.	School: Myrtle Stevens School	Margin notes says, "2 year gap?"	Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar	
1958/12/31	William H. Putnam Bridge opened to Traffic	Transportation: Roads	The bridge's easy access to the east bank of the Connecticut River made the Ferry a tourist attraction and minor traffic convenience.	Hartford Courant 1958/12/31	
1959/05/30	Firehouse for Company #2 dedicated.	Public services: Fire fighting		Wilscam Timeline	
1959/10/04	St. James Church on Elm St. groundbreaking	Church: Roman Catholic		1995 Calendar	
1959/00/00 circa	Building lots in Wethersfield and Rocky Hill become scarce.	Suburbanization	Urban renewal, upward mobility, and white flight motivate people to move to suburbs.	A Short History of Rocky Hill, Ct., Peter Revill, Pioneer Graphics, December 2001	

1960/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 7,404 per U.S. Census	Population		Wilscam Timeline 1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	
1960/00/00	Streams formerly used to water cattle put in sewers and conduits	Public services; Sewers and Conduits	Because they represented a large part of the grand list, farmers were forced to pay taxes that financed the developments which put them out of business.	Interview with Douglas Robbins formerly of Broadview Farm.	
1960/00/00 circa	Urban renewal (e.g. Front Street in Hartford) caused city people to move to Rocky Hill.	Suburbanization		Rocky Hill: A History, Rafael Fierro	White flight occurred but this should be approached cautiously
1960/04/06	First Episcopal Meeting held by Rev. Edward Cook	Church: Episcopal		1995 Calendar	
1960/05/08	First Episcopal service at Stevens School	Church: Episcopal		1995 Calendar	
1960/06/12	First Baptism Episcopal in Rocky Hill	Church: Episcopal		1995 Calendar	
1960/12/03	St. James Church on Elm St. dedicated	Church: Roman Catholic		1995 Calendar	
1961/01/09	Rocky Hill Junior & Senior High Schools accepted	School: High School		1995 Calendar	
1961/06/23	Last Rocky Hill students graduate from Wethersfield High School.	School: High School	In the early years of the 20 th Century Rocky Hill students who went to high school went to Middletown High School, or, if they had the money, to Hartford Public High School. – Harry R. Hick Oral History	Wilscam Timeline	
1961/06/23	West School closed	School: West School	Where Starbuck's is in 2016.	Wilscam Timeline Interview with Peg DesRoberts April 15, 2016.	
1961/10/23	Fire House #1 authorized by Town Meeting	Public services: Fire fighting		1995 Calendar	

1962/06/14	Rocky Hill Historical Society founded	Libraries & Museums: Rocky Hill Historical Society		1995 Calendar H.R. Hick Plaque	Was the Charles Yeager Collection used to seed this?
1962/10/21	Firehouse #1 dedicated	Public services: Fire fighting		1995 Calendar	
1962/11/25	St. Andrews Church dedicated	Church: Episcopal		1995 Calendar	
1963/07/07	St. James Sacristy dedicated	Church: Roman Catholic		1995 Calendar	
1963/09/04	Griswold Junior High School opened on Labor Day	School: Griswold Junior High School		1995 Calendar	
1964/00/00	St. Andrew's Episcopal Church dedicated	Church: Episcopal		1995 Calendar	
1965/00/00	In 1865 there were 13 African-Americans living in Rocky Hill.	Diversity		Rocky Hill: A History, Rafaele Fierro	
1965/02/08	Albert D. Griswold Junior High School accepted	School: Griswold Junior High School		1995 Calendar	
1965/10/27	Interstate 91 opens through Rocky Hill	Transportation: Roads	Commutes to Hartford and Middle town dramatically shortened.	Hartford Courant 1965/10/27 H.R. Hick Plaque	
1965/12/30	Connecticut Constitution adopted	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1966/03/17	In Town Meeting, Rocky Hill buys Sunny Crest Park	Parks: Sunny Crest	This was once part of Griswold family's Sunny Crest Farm.		
1966/05/24	Town Meeting approved Stevens School addition	School: Myrtle Stevens School		1995 Calendar	
1966/08/22	Edward McCarthy finds dinosaur tracks	Parks: Dinosaur Park	Mr. McCarthy was bulldozing the site to prepare for a State office building.	1995 Calendar Hartford Courant 1966/09/16	
1967/00/00	Church Street dedicated	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	What does this mean?

1967/00/00	Dana Whitman becomes first town manager in Rocky Hill	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1967/00/00	Cora Belden Library current as of 2016, built	Libraries & Museums: Library		Libraries & Museums	
1967/06/17	Council-Manager Government replaces Town Meeting Selectmen	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		H.R. Hick Plaque	
1967/06/17	Charter government began in Rocky Hill	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1967/07/12	Stevens School addition accepted.	School: Myrtle Stevens School		1995 Calendar	
1967/08/01	Dr. Gar Fairbanks name School Superintendent	School: Superintendent		1995 Calendar	
1967/10/27	Rocky Hill Historical Museum opened in Academy	Buildings: Academy Hall	Academy Hall was being used as the American Legion Hall in 1962.	1995 Calendar Hartford Courant 1962-11-15	
1967/11/30	St. Andrews Parish House dedicated	Church: Episcopal		1995 Calendar	
1968/10/17	Dinosaur State Park building dedicated	Parks: Dinosaur Park		1995 Calendar	
1968/10/17	Dinosaur State Park put on National Landmark Registry	Parks: Dinosaur Park		1995 Calendar Hartford Courant 1968/05/09	
1970/00/00	Rocky Hill Town Hall expanded	Streets and Buildings		1995 Calendar	
1970/11/03	First revision of Charter in Rocky Hill	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	Needs elaboration.
1971/01/06	Center School used as administration Building	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1971/01/06	West Hill School occupied	School: West Hill School		1995 Calendar	
1972/06/18	Century Hills opens	Suburbanization	Many condos and apartment complexes have opened in Rocky Hill as a result of suburbanization. This is the largest.	Hartford Courant, June 18, 1972	

1974/05/30	Rocky Hill Bicentennial Flag adopted.	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1974/06/04	Ferry named State Historical Landmark	Maritime: Ferry		1997	
1975/04/12	Local Ferry Post makes initial crossing.	Maritime: Ferry	In 1975 the Ferry provided a 10 cent stamp for mail to commemorate its 320 th anniversary; Sort of a collector thing.	1995 Calendar	
1976/00/00	Stevens School gymnasium approved by school board	School: Myrtle Stevens School		1995 Calendar	
1976/02/24	Weather endangers dinosaur tracks	Parks: Dinosaur Park	Freezing and thawing was causing dinosaur tracks to crumble. Tracks buried to protect them; dome to be built.	Hartford Courant 1976/02/24	
1976/06/26	Bicentennial Day celebration begins	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1977/11/00	Workers strike at the foundry	Business: Foundry	Worker claimed foundry was obstructing union organization; foundry closed charging the union had threatened and committed acts of violence.	Hartford Courant 1977/12/09	
1977/12/01	Foundry closed due to union violence	Business: Foundry	Many acts of violence against non-union workers reported in Courant.	Hartford Courant 1977/12/01	
1979/00/00	Dome completed at Dinosaur State Park building	Parks: Dinosaur Park		1995 Calendar	The May page of 1995 Calendar sets opening date as 1978/05/15
1979/10/00	Union Certification battled goes to court.	Business: Foundry		Hartford Courant 1979/10/24	
1980/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 14,559 per U.S. Census	Population		1995 Calendar	
1981/10/25	New Rocky Hill High School dedicated and occupied	School: High School		1995 Calendar	

1982/09/28	Stevens School gym dedicated to A. Morganti	School: Myrtle Stevens School		1995 Calendar	
1983/06/04	Foundry Shut Down	Business: Foundry	Shut down due to effects of labor problems, pollution, and lack of demand for foundry products.	Hartford Courant 1983/06/04	
1983/06/16	New Rocky Hill High School completed	School: High School		1995 Calendar	
1985/00/00	Permanent building dedicated at Dinosaur State Park	Parks: Dinosaur Park	Building to include 100 seat auditorium, a class room area, and an exhibit workshop.	1995 Calendar Hartford Courant 1980/02/17	
1985/11/05	Charter revised for 2 nd time	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	Needs elaboration
1987/09/06	Sister Elizabeth Seton Church dedicated	Church: Roman Catholic		1995 Calendar	
1987/11/07	St. James Church Parish Center dedicated	Church: Roman Catholic		1995 Calendar	
1989/06/11	High school auditorium dedicated to H.G. Symington	School: High School	Harold G. Symington died in July 1988.	1995 Calendar	Seems to have been a school superintendent.
1989/11/15	Discussions start on future of foundry site.	Business: Foundry	Discussions are still going on as of 2016.	Hartford Courant 1989/11/15	
1989/12/07	Charter revised for 3 rd time	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1990/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 16, 417	Population		1995 Calendar	
1990/05/23	O .Paul Shew becomes 2 nd Manager of Rocky Hill	Civic organization: Rocky Hill		1995 Calendar	
1991/00/00	Gulf War	War: 1991 Gulf War	There is a monument on Division Green	1995 Calendar	
1991/05/20	Marriott Hotel opens	Business: Lodging		1995 Calendar	
1991/10/06	Community Center dedicated	Streets and Buildings		1995 Calendar	
1993/03/12	Blizzard drops 13 inches of snow, barometer at 28.47	Weather		1995 Calendar	

1994/10/00 circa	Railroad clear as hiking/cross country skiing trail	Parks: Railroad right-of-way		Hartford Courant: various articles	
2000/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 17,966	Population		www.rockyhillct.gov/	
2002/00/00	Land in Dividend protected from development	Business: Dividend		June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	
2002/08/15	Ames Department Stores closes	Business: Trade	<p>The company's headquarters was on the east side of Main St. with an additional entrance on Pratt St.</p> <p>This large complex was still empty in 2017 and is considered an eyesore.</p> <p>There is a proposal to tuen the the site into mixed use commercial and housing.</p>	Hartford Courant, August 15, 2002	
2006/11/24	WFSB Channel 3 moves to Rocky Hill	Business: Media	WFBS is one of the town's largest employers and frequent mention of the tow during news broadcasts give the town high visibility.	Hartford Courant 2006/11/24	
2007/07/20	Rocky Hill ranked 35 on Money Magazine's 100 Best Places to Live in America	Town Image		Money Magazine July 20, 2007	
2010/00/00	Rocky Hill Racial Demographics Published	Diversity		http://www.city-data.com/city/Rocky-Hill-Connecticut.html	Ethnic identity is used rather than nation of origin
2010/00/00	Rocky Hill population = 19,709	Population		www.rockyhillct.gov/	
2012/00/00	State Health Lab Opens	State of Connecticut	Facilities for biological, envirymental chemistry and biohazard testing, along with administrative and scientific support services .		

			The construction of this facility was controversial due to health concerns and in-fighting over the rewarding of contracts		
2012/00/00	Five Corners reconfigured	Streets and Buildings	<p>Originally Center Street was just a path behind E.F. Belden's store. It ran between Church Street and Old Main Street. After the fire of 1921 which destroyed the E.F. Belden store and several other buildings and cleared the land, it was made into a street.</p> <p>In the 2012 street reconfiguration, Center Street was incorporated into Church Street and the name Center Street was eliminated. The intersection where Church Street met Five Corners was closed off and made a small park. The Church Street Extension now run a few yards from Church Street to the park.</p>	Rocky Hill Street Names – RHHS	
2012/06/02	Dividend Ponds and Archaeological District opens as part of the Rocky Hill town park system.	Business: Dividend		June Cook paper posted on RHHS website.	
2016/02/20	Foundry Developed	Business: Foundry	Condos, shops, Tulisano Park	Hartford Courant, Feb. 20, 2016	
2016/06/16	Land behind Cumberland Inn approved for condominiums	Suburbanization		Hartford Courant, June 16, 2016	

2017-02/00	Improvements made to Ferry Park	Maritime: Ferry		Hartford Courant, February 07, 2017	
2017/00/00	Railroad Station to be converted to restaurant	Business: Historical Issues		Rocky Hill Town Meeting, 2016	

Brook St. industrial Parks replace old homes, Gardner's Nursery etc.

Condos

Shopping Plazas: Kohl's/Aldi's

Hotel's near Shunpike and I91

McMansions near Century Hill

School changes

Moser, time capsule