



GFA Triennial Reunion Schedule of Events

(Times are approximate & subject to change.)

Friday June 19, 2026
Ledyard Congressional Church
Fellowship Hall

- 12:00 PM Registrants can begin setting up their memorabilia, genealogical charts, family photos, etc. on the designated tables. Pick up reunion materials.
- 01:00 PM Fellowship. Touring memorabilia tables. Sale of GFA items & publications. Complimentary snacks and drinks.
- 03:00 PM President **Ken Geer**: Welcome.
- 03:15 PM Presentation by **Amy Provenzola (ID#147-4-5-G&T)** on her Geer ancestors buried in Hadlyme Cove Cemetery, which includes her grandparents **Dr. Elihu Geer (ID# 147-T)** & **Helen Geer**, grandson of **General Elihu Geer (ID# 78-T)**. During the reunion, Amy will bury the ashes of her parents', **Jacqueline (Geer) Miesel ID#147-4-T)** and Donald R. Miesel, at Cove Cemetery near her Geer relatives. **Jacqueline Geer Miesel** was former treasurer of the GFA and Region 2 Trustee.
- 04:00 PM Presentation by author Patricia Suprenant, *The Real Hester Prynne: Reclaiming the Legacy of Asenath Caroline Smith. How One Woman Inspired a Literary Classic and Changed American Law*, about her work of historical fiction, *Behind the Scarlet Letter: Based on a True Story*. Suprenant maintains that Griswold resident, **Asenath Caroline Smith (ID#184-1-G)**, inspired Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*. Questions, discussion and book signing.
- 5:00 PM Break
- 06:00 PM Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Brief presentations by attendees are welcome during and after the meal.
- 08:00 PM GFA Board Meeting

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Saturday June 20, 2026 Ledyard Congressional Church Fellowship Hall



- 09:00 AM Complimentary pastries, coffee, tea, juice.
- 09:30 AM Presentation by **Tedi Roach (ID# 688-4-5-2-1-1-G)** on her Mayflower Society membership quest. Tedi will present archival evidence that **Lucy Emma Geer (ID# 688)** was the wife of Molby Haxton, and her father was **Samuel Geer (ID#296)** who was the son of **Abel Geer (ID#115)** & **Esther Fitch**. General discussion of research methods to follow.
- 10:00 AM Presentation by **George Geer (ID#-1659-2-1)** "A Follow-up to My Talk on my Uncle Gil at the Johnstown GFA Reunion."
- 10:30 AM Presentation by GFA Historian **Rosemary Rainbolt Vergin [ID# 263-1-3-1-2-1-3-G]** "GFA Website Demonstration plus citing GFA's Original Sources"
- 11:00 AM Reports from GFA Officers
- Noon Boxed lunches distributed. Eat here or take on group tour.
- 12:30 PM Leave on tour. (See next page for tour stops.)
- 06:30 PM Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Brief presentations by attendees are welcome during and after the meal.
- 07:30 PM Group Photo
- 07:45 PM Presentation by **Audrey Masalehdan (ID#5-9-9-16-1-1-2-G)** "The Amazing Geer Ear" followed by Ear Wiggling contest and award presentation.

Sunday June 21, 2026 Ledyard Congressional Church Pavilion

- 9:00 AM Meet at the Ledyard Congressional Church Pavilion for pastries and coffee/tea. Brief presentations welcome. Information on individual tours (gravesites, places of interest) that individuals might want to take on their own will be distributed. Questions answered.