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## Guide to the Bridgeport History Center City Directory Collection

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### **Descriptive Summary**

*Creator:* Price and Lee Co.; North American Directory Publishers; Others

*Title:* Bridgeport History Center City Directory Collection

*Dates:* 1855-1990

*Abstract:* City directories provide a wealth of information for researchers about where individuals lived, what businesses existed at a certain point of time, and the names of government officials year-by-year. The City Directory Collection at the Bridgeport History Center holds directories for the City of Bridgeport for 1855-1990, as well as other Connecticut cities and towns.

*Collection Number:* BHC-CTD

*Language:* English

*Repository:* Bridgeport History Center

### **Administrative History**

The Bridgeport city directory was first published in 1855. Publication of directories continued until 1990. Information within city directories varies from year to year and over the decades, but they provide an overall view into the names of the city's residents. This is also clear visually, as the city directories go from slim volumes in the 1850s to great doorstoppers by 1900.

As a public institution, the Bridgeport Public Library received yearly volumes of the city directory to provide accurate information to the public. The Bridgeport History Center has since retained these volumes due to their enduring research value.

### **Scope and Content Note**

City directories are similar, but not exactly like, phone books. In addition to contact information such as address and phone number, city directories contain information about a person's occupation or place of work; they will sometimes include the names of spouses or death dates. There are also listings for businesses and organizations. Starting in 1895, the Bridgeport directories provide both alphabetical listings and street listings by address. These directories are available in physical form, microfilm, and partially through genealogy databases available in the Bridgeport History Center.

A number of directories for other towns and cities in Connecticut are available in the Bridgeport History Center as well, albeit with gaps. Those seeking full runs for another city outside of

Bridgeport are advised to contact that town's local history center, historical society, or the Connecticut State Library.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged chronologically.

### **Provenance**

Yearly acquisition by the Bridgeport Public Library.

### **Name and Subject Tracings**

*Subject tracings*

Bridgeport (Conn.)

Bridgeport (Conn.)--History.

### **Administrative Information**

*Preferred citation*

Material should be cited according to appropriate publication information from the item and then the style guide.

### **City Directory Volumes**

*Bridgeport, Connecticut:* 1855-1990

*Ansonia, Connecticut:* 1890/91; 1929-1932; 1934-1946; 1948-1977; 1979-1981; 1983-1990

*Avon, Connecticut:* 1964; 1968; 1970; 1972, 1974-1975; 1977; 1979; 1981; 1985-87

*Branford, Connecticut:* 1926; 1932; 1939; 1942; 1946; 1950; 1953; 1956; 1958; 1962; 1964-1971; 1973-1974; 1976-78; 1981 83; 1985-87

*Bristol, Connecticut:* 1929-30; 1936; 1939; 1942; 1945; 1947; 1950-71; 1973; 1977-78; 1980; 1982; 1983; 1985-1987

*Connecticut Valley, Connecticut:* 1953; 1961; 1967; 1969; 1971; 1974; 1980; 1982; 1984

*Danbury, Connecticut:* 1924; 1926-27; 1929-32; 1934-42; 1944; 1946-49; 1951-70; 1972-73; 1975; 1977; 1979-80; 1982; 1984

*Danielson, Connecticut:* 1927-29; 1948; 1954; 1957

*Darien, Connecticut:* 1926; 1928; 1930; 1932-33; 1935; 1939; 1944; 1946; 1949; 1950-1971; 1973-1977; 1979; 1982; 1984-1991

*Durham, Connecticut:* 1966; 1968; 1970; 1973; 1975; 1977

*East Hampton, Connecticut:* 1967; 1969; 1971; 1974-75

*Greenwich, Connecticut:* 1928-31; 1937-38; 1941; 1946-47; 1949-50; 1952-53; 1955-72; 1975; 1977; 1978-82; 1984-91

*Groton, Connecticut:* 1956-1972; 1974; 1976; 1977-79

*Guildford, Connecticut:* 1961; 1963; 1965; 1967; 1969; 1971; 1974; 1976; 1978; 1981-83; 1985-87

*Hamden, Connecticut:* 1956-73; 1975-78; 1980; 1982-84; 1986-91

*Hartford, Connecticut:* 1921; 1924-25; 1928-31- 1933-71; 1975; 1977-79; 1981; 1983; 1986-88; 1990-91

*Hartford Suburban , Connecticut:* 1956-71, 1973-75; 1977; 1983; 1986; 1989

*Manchester, Connecticut:* 1929-30; 1936, 1939, 1941, 1944, 1946; 1948-70; 1972; 1974; 1977-78; 1980-81; 1983-84; 1987

*Meriden, Connecticut:* 1930; 1934; 1936; 1939; 1941; 1943-44; 1947-49; 1951-73; 1975; 1977-78; 1980-84; 1986-87

*Milford, Connecticut:* 1916-17; 1924; 1926-27; 1929-33; 1935; 1937; 1939; 1942; 1947; 1949; 1951; 1953; 1955-72; 1974-75; 1977; 1979-80; 1982-83; 1985-91

*Montville, Connecticut:* 1966; 1968; 1970; 1972; 1974; 1976; 1979

*Mystic , Connecticut:* 1929-32

*New Britain, Connecticut:* 1929-32; 1934-36; 1938; 1940; 1942-43; 1950, 1953-1971; 1973, 1975-76; 1978; 1980-81; 1983-88, 1990

*New Haven, Connecticut:* 1906; 1917; 1921-1929; 1931; 1933-1972; 1974; 1976; 1978; 1980; 1981; 1983; 1986-1991

*New London, Connecticut:* 1929; 1930; 1933; 1935; 1937; 1939; 1941-46; 1949-1972; 1974; 1976; 1977-78; 1980-81; 1983-85; 1987-88

*New Milford, Connecticut:* 1927; 1950; 1960; 1966; 1969; 1971; 1974-76; 1978; 1981; 1983; 1985; 1987-1990

*Newtown, Connecticut:* 1963; 1965; 1967; 1969; 1971-72; 1974; 1976; 1978; 1981

*Northern Connecticut (Enfield, Suffield, Windsor Locks):* 1965; 1967; 1969; 1971; 1976; 1980; 1982; 1984; 1986

*Norwalk, Connecticut:* 1924; 1926-27; 1929-31; 1934-42; 1946; 1949; 1950-1972; 1974; 1976-77; 1979-80; 1982-91

*Norwich, Connecticut:* 1926; 1929-31; 1933; 1935; 1938; 1941-42; 1944; 1946; 1949-79; 1982; 1984

*Old Saybrook , Connecticut:* 1964; 1966; 1968; 1972; 1979; 1982-83; 1985; 1987

*Port Chester, New York and Byrum, Connecticut:* 1959; 1962

*Prospect, Connecticut:* 1960; 1962; 1964; 1966; 1968; 1970; 1973; 1978

*Putnam, Connecticut:* 1929; 1931; 1936; 1947; 1949; 1951; 1964

*Ridgefield, Connecticut:* 1958; 1960; 1962; 1964; 1966; 1968; 1973; 1975; 1977; 1979; 1981; 1983-84; 1986; 1988-1991

*Rockville, Connecticut:* 1929-30; 1938; 1942; 1949; 1952; 1954; 1956; 1958; 1960; 1962; 1964; 1966; 1968; 1970; 1976; 1978

*South Berkshire, Massachusetts:* 1943; 1945; 1947; 1949; 1951-52; 1954; 1956-69

*Southbury, Connecticut:* 1969; 1974; 1976; 1978; 1980; 1984-85; 1988-89; 1991

*Southington, Connecticut:* 1924; 1929-30; 1938; 1942; 1945; 1949; 1951; 1953; 1955; 1957-1971; 1973; 1975-1977; 1979-1980; 1982-1987

*Stamford, Connecticut:* 1872; 1920-21; 1924; 1925-1927; 1929-1931; 1934-1946; 1949-1954; 1956-1971; 1973-1976; 1978; 1980-1983; 1985-1991

*Torrington, Connecticut:* 1929-30; 1935; 1937; 1939; 1941; 1944; 1946; 1949-1971; 1973-1980; 1982-83; 1985; 1987

*Wallingford, Connecticut:* 1929-30; 1935; 1937; 1939; 1941; 1945; 1947; 1949; 1951; 1953; 1955-64; 1966-70; 1972; 1975-80; 1982-84; 1986-87; 1990-91

*Waterbury, Connecticut:* 1924; 1926-31; 1933; 1935-44; 1946; 1948-49; 1951-71; 1973-76; 1978-79; 1981-87; 1989

*Waterbury Suburban, Connecticut:* 1960-71; 1973; 1978; 1980; 1988

*Watertown, Connecticut:* 1956-59

*Westerly, Rhode Island:* 1950; 1954; 1956; 1962

*Westport, Connecticut:* 1921-22; 1927-29; 1931-33; 1935; 1937; 1939; 1941; 1943; 1946; 1948; 1950; 1952; 1954; 1956-1972; 1974; 1976-77; 1980-81; 1983-1991

*Willimantic, Connecticut:* 1928; 1930; 1934; 1936; 1938; 1940; 1944; 1946; 1948-52; 1954; 1956; 1958-60; 1962; 1964; 1966; 1968; 1970; 1974-75; 1977; 1980-81; 1983; 1986