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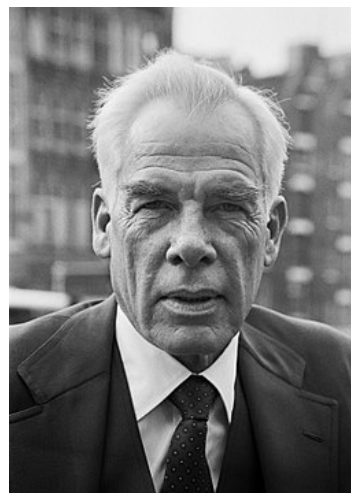
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## Trivia question

What connection did movie star Lee Marvin (1924-1987) have to Hartford?

For the answer, see the end of this newsletter.



## Headlines

[Iconic City Steam Brewery announces closing after 26 years](#) – Hartford Courant\*

[Life on the Connecticut River's edge: Hartford's 1940s-era flood control system is due for upgrades](#) – CT Insider\*

[VIDEO: 52nd Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Parade](#) – Fox 61

[What a bankruptcy could mean for Hartford's Constitution Plaza](#) – CT Insider\*

[State approves \\$3 million to redevelop historic Hartford diner into community center](#) – CT Insider\*

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[After slavery, Black CT residents took to the newspaper to put their families back together](#) – Hartford Courant\*

[A Hartford pioneer, also 'just grandpa,' John E. Rogers' impact on city being celebrated anew](#) – CT Insider\*

[Hartford Public Library receives the John E. Rogers Collection](#) – Library news release

[AUDIO and VIDEO - An enslaved man told his story. His descendants are determined to keep Venture Smith's story alive](#) – Connecticut Public Radio

[March 17: An almost forgotten Civil War hero, statesman, and patriot \[Joseph Hawley\]](#) – Today in Connecticut History

[March 14: A gem of a man known as the 'King of Diamonds' \[Bill Savitt\]](#) – Today in Connecticut History

[The greatest show on earth is back as Ringling Bros. and-Barnum-Bailey circus returns to CT](#) – Hartford Courant\*

[Hartford Nonprofits Get Cash To Aid Democracy, History Causes](#) – Patch

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## Events calendar

### **Fiery and Fierce: Katharine Houghton and the Work for Women's Rights**

Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook. “In honor of Women’s History Month, Jessica Jenkins, executive director of the Litchfield Historical Society, will explore the activism of [Hartford’s] Katharine Houghton, mother of Katharine Hepburn.” Admission: \$12. [Details and registration](#)

### **Unforgetting: Restoring and Reclaiming Connecticut's Hidden Histories**

Thursday, March 28, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., at the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History (formerly the Connecticut Historical Society), at 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford. “Join us for an insightful evening with a panel of experts who will discuss their efforts to uncover long-ignored stories and recalibrate our understanding of Connecticut’s historical involvement with slavery.” Admission: general, \$10; Connecticut Museum members and CT Public members, \$5. [Details and registration](#)

### **Discover Cedar Hill: Highlight Tour**

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., at Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Avenue, Hartford. “Explore Hartford’s rural cemetery with Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation Director Beverly Lucas. The one-hour tour showcases the art, history, and natural beauty that makes this urban oasis so special.” Free admission, but [reservations recommended](#).

If you’d like to add your event, send the “who, what, when, and where” to [Kevin@HartfordHistory.net](mailto:Kevin@HartfordHistory.net).

## Trivia question answer

Lee Marvin descended from one of Hartford's founders, Matthew Marvin. According to the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford, Matthew Marvin, along with his wife and children, journeyed to America from Essex, England in 1635. He was among the so-called “Adventurers Party”—the 25 men who set out from what is now Cambridge, Massachusetts to explore the area that would become Hartford, ahead of settlers led by the Rev. Thomas Hooker. He settled there but eventually moved to Norwalk.

Lee Marvin was born in New York City and starred in such classics as “The Dirty Dozen” and “Point Blank,” both released in 1967. His performance in “Cat Ballou” (1965) won him an Academy Award for Best Actor.

### Sources

- Matthew Marvin biography by the Society of the [Descendants of the Founders of Hartford](#)
- Lee Marvin family tree on [Geneanet.org](#)
- Lee Marvin page on [Wikipedia](#)

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