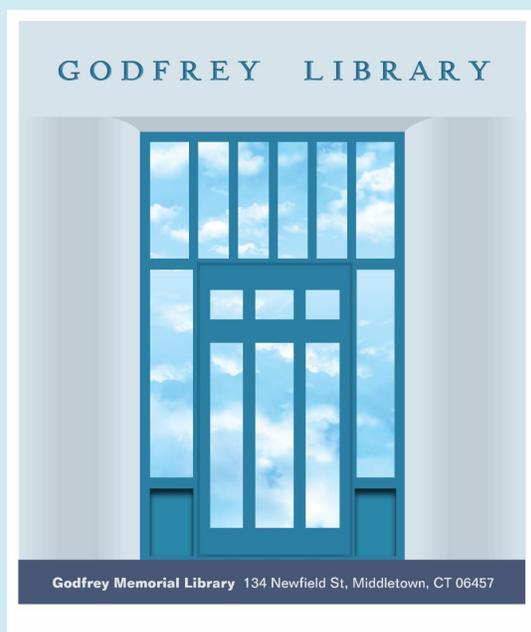


# Godfrey news & updates

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## AGBI Source abbreviations pages refreshed!

We've gone through and checked and updated the links in the abbreviations pages. You now have access to free, online versions of **800** of the **853** sources indexed in the AGBI! This has made it even easier for self-starters who don't mind doing their own look-ups to use the AGBI.

Of course, we're still happy to perform AGBI requests for you, but if you enjoy the research *journey* as well as the destination, jump in and give it a try. (The video below will give you a refresher on how to do an AGBI lookup.)

## This month's Genealogy Club presentation

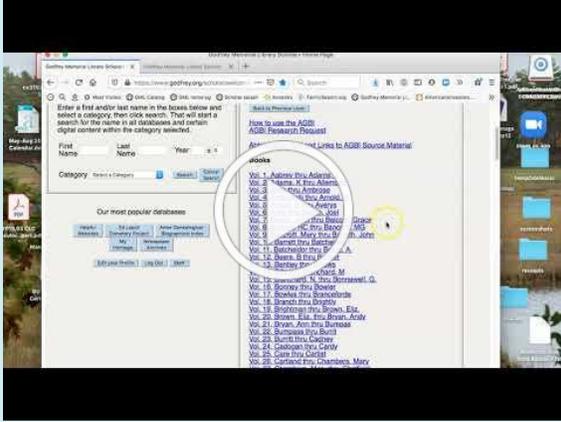


On **Saturday, November 21**, Eric Migdal of *It's All Relative Genealogy LLC* will present his program on DNA testing sites, and using DNA match results to understand family relationships. Topics he will cover include:

- DNA results from *Ancestry.com* and
- *23 and Me*
- understanding autosomal chromosomes and
- X and Y chromosomes
- using DNA Painter tools to decipher shared DNA.

He will also share with us how he used his DNA test results to ultimately uncover his biological family.

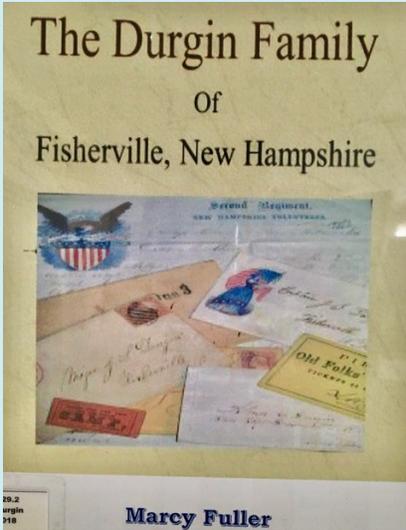
The Zoom presentation will take place at **11:00 am (EST)**. We've moved the time in hopes to make it more



convenient for our West Coast members to join us. Is 8:00 too early for you, California?

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Nov 2020](mailto:GMLGenClubNov2020@godfrey.org)

If you are not a GML Premium member and want to view the presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal (click below), **then** return to this email and register at [GML GenClub Nov 2020](mailto:GMLGenClubNov2020@godfrey.org).



## Congratulation to Board Member Marcy Fuller

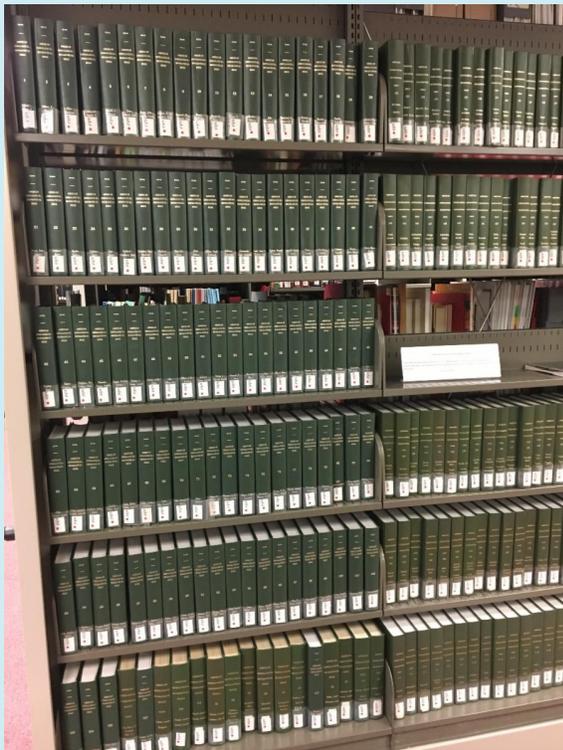
Those of you who attended the Connecticut Society of Genealogists virtual conference, or read your latest issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News* may have seen the list of this year's [Literary Awards Contest](#), which included Marcy Fuller's *The Durgin Family of Fisherville, New Hampshire*. Marcy's book won first prize in the "[Genealogy](#)" category. (Incidentally, last year's prize in the same category was won by GML Board Chair Al Fiacre for his genealogy on the Jacob Smith, Sr. family--hmmm, are we seeing some kind of precedent here for the rest of the Board??

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## Be on the Lookout

- We just mailed our **Annual Appeal letter**. Please be as generous as you can. Funds from the Annual Appeal are figured as an integral part of our budget, they are not "extras."
- **Suveys**--We have upgraded our Constant Contact software, and as a result we can now survey our membership. This is one of the best ways we have to receive your input on how we're doing. We promise we'll keep them short.

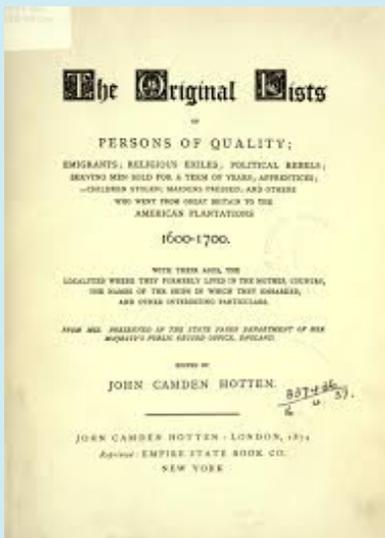


### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are preparing to undertake a physical inventory of our collection, something every library needs to do periodically. The task is best accomplished in pairs, one to read from the list of titles, the other to physically locate the items. If you are a detail-oriented person and you love having your hands on old books, this is a job for you! Grab a friend and give us a call.

Call us and talk to Carol Ansel  
860-346-4375

### Featured Resource Shelf



### Early Immigration Records - Hotten's "Persons of Quality"

This book is a cataloger's nightmare, with one of the longest titles out there... *The original lists of persons of quality : emigrants; religious exiles; political rebels; serving men sold for a term of years; apprentices; children stolen; maidens pressed; and others who went from Great Britain to the American plantations, 1600-1700; with their ages, the localities where they formerly lived in the mother country, the names of the ships in which they embarked, and other interesting particulars, from mss. preserved in the state paper department of Her Majesty's public record office, England (!)*

No wonder it's generally referred to as [Hotten](#). Despite what the title might infer, this is not a snooty register of high society names. To the contrary, it is a transcription of passenger lists from the Public Records Office in London. The [book](#), originally published in 1874, was reprinted in 2012 by NEHGS.

In his introduction to that edition, renowned genealogist Robert Charles Anderson says, "Despite the passage of more than a century, and despite the publication of several more versions of some of these records in the intervening years, this volume by Hotten remains the best source for seventeenth-century passenger records, and should be preferred to all others."

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