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Annual Appeal Report

A huge **thank you!** to everyone who has already contributed to this year's Annual Appeal. So far we have received donations from a total of more than eighty supporters. We'd love to add *you* to the list. Whether it's five dollars or five thousand dollars, *every* gift is a signal that you value the Godfrey and the genealogical resources and services we provide. With your help we can reach our goal, put 2020 to bed, and move on to a new and better 2021!

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New Cemeteries Added to Laput Collection

These past few months we've made a concerted effort to add cemeteries to the Laput Collection and we're happy to report that the total number of Connecticut cemeteries is now 1,024. Most recent additions include ten cemeteries in New London County,



Upcoming Genealogy Club Presentation

Our next Genealogy Club Zoom presentation will be on **Saturday, December 19th**, at 11:30am (EST). Carol Ansel will talk about accessing and using historic newspapers in your research. She will discuss both paid subscriptions, as well as many free sites you may or may not already know about.

five in New Haven County, two in Windham County, and one in Middlesex County.

Each cemetery has photos for all extant stones, and those that existed prior to 1936 are connected to data from the Hale Collection. (The Hale Collection was a WPA project during which all readable headstones in Connecticut cemeteries were transcribed). Data for post-Hale stones have been entered manually into the database. Type in an ancestor's name and find a photo of their gravestone!

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Dec 2020](mailto:GMLGenClubDec2020@gmail.com)

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 Dec 2020](mailto:GMLGenClubDec2020@gmail.com).

The screenshot shows the Godfrey Memorial Library website. At the top, it says "GODFREY MEMORIAL LIBRARY" and "HOME". Below that is a navigation menu with links for Home, Scholar, Events, Book Store, Support Us, About Us, and Contact Us. A tagline reads "Serving genealogists and family historians since 1947. Open to our members and the general public." The main content area is divided into three columns: "OUR SERVICES" (offering research services), "OUR COLLECTION" (listing rare and unpublished materials), and "MEMBERSHIP" (offering two levels of membership). There are three small images: a computer workstation, a bookshelf, and a portrait of a man. At the bottom, there is a photo of the library building and contact information: "134 Newfield Street (Route 3), Middletown, CT 06457 (860) 346-4375 Email info@godfrey.org Sign up for monthly newsletter".

Buy Now



Member Surveys

- So far, of the 195 folks who were sent a **new members survey**, 38 have filled it out. If you received one and haven't filled it out yet, we'd love it if you would. Only 6 questions! If you've lost track of it, [click here](#) for a new one.

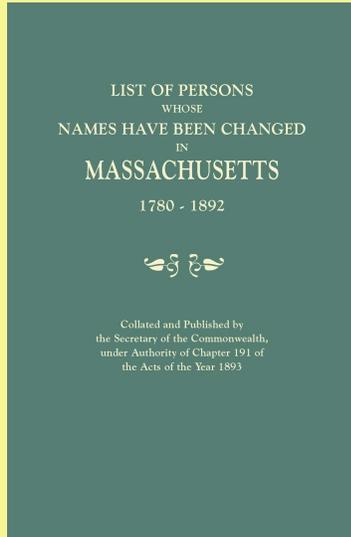
Having Trouble with Your Gift List?

I don't know about you, but I'm at a place in my life where the last thing I need is more stuff! There's a growing trend of gifting folks with either consumables (and who needs the calories?) or *experiences*. That we can help you with. Why not give your favorite genealogist a [membership to the Godfrey Memorial Library](#)?

Premium members get access to our extensive online content (The Scholar) which includes **free home access** to NewspaperARCHIVE.com and [MyHeritage](http://MyHeritage.com). Worth the price right there! Plus, free participation in our monthly Zoom presentations (formerly known as Genealogy Club).



Featured Resource Shelf



List of persons whose names have been changed in Massachusetts. 1780-1892

One of my absolute favorite genealogy discoveries in my own tree was untangling the story of Charlotte (Lottie) (L.) Louisa (Louise) Greene Garfield Holden Wilkinson, and this book helped me do it. Even though his marriage record to my 2x-great grandmother claimed it was Charles Greene's first marriage, it turns out it wasn't. Charlotte Louise, his daughter, was raised by her paternal grandmother for a few years, after the early death of her birth mother (first wife of Charles). She was then adopted and raised by Joel and Mary Garfield. She married Mr. Holden in 1885. At the age of 71 she married Albert Wilkinson. (Who had been, it turns out, married to Charlotte's her half-sister, Dora A. Green)

I don't blame you if you couldn't follow all that. Where the featured book came in was in helping me figure out that Charlotte was adopted. People change their names for a number of reasons, and it can wreck havoc with our research. This handy work has separate indexes for original name and adopted name. Do you have a Massachusetts ancestor who suddenly just drops off the map? Worth checking here to see if there was a name change.

Wishing You All a Peaceful and Joyous Holiday Season



Holiday Hours: We will be closed on the following Thursdays/Fridays: December 25th and 26th, and again on December 31st and January 1st. We will be open on Saturday the 2nd of January, and resume regular hours from then on.

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