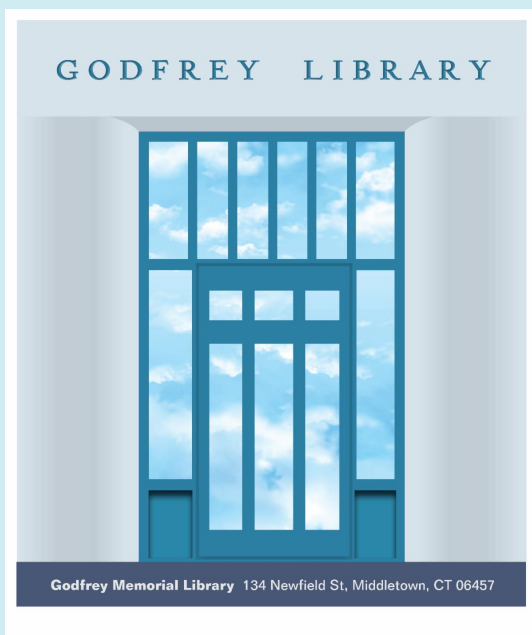


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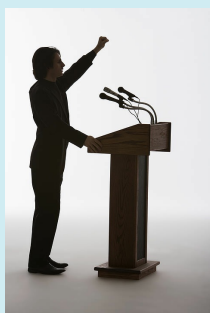


This month's Genealogy Club presentation: Watch Out Brick Walls, Here We Come!



Hire a Godfrey Speaker

Do you belong to a historical society, genealogy club, or library that is looking for presenters? Carol Ansel, Director, and Al Fiacre, Board Chair, have been busy doing genealogical presentations for our own Genealogy Club and at area libraries and societies. We recently put together [this list](#) of topics we can speak on. Most run 45 minutes to an hour, followed by questions and answers, and are presented via Zoom. Call or email us to book a presentation.



Every genealogist eventually ends up running into the dreaded "brick wall." The term refers to a barrier or an apparent dead-end in your research when you just can't find that elusive information that will get you back one more generation. When you're convinced that you have exhausted all possibilities in your research, it's time to come up with new ways to think about your question and then--look around some more!

Our speaker this month is **Carol R. Whitmer**, a new member of the Godfrey Library's Board of Directors. She is a professional genealogist and founding partner with Diana McCain of "Come Home to Connecticut," a genealogical research and consulting firm.

Carol will help you

- distinguish a real brick wall from a minor detour
- come up with strategies and tools to tackle those tough



Keep
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Eye Out for Survey on Expanded Hours

We've seen a recent uptick in in-person visitors in the last couple of weeks. With greater availability of the vaccine and decreasing COVID numbers, along with beautiful Spring sunshine, folks seem to be getting out and about a bit more.

We would like to increase the hours we are open to be of service to you, and you'll soon be receiving a survey asking for your preferences. We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a couple of minutes to fill it out when it comes.

research problems

As Carol says, "Remember, behind every genealogical brick wall is an ancestor waiting to escape!"

The Zoom presentation will take place at **11:30 am (EST)** on March 20th. We hope this time is more convenient for our western time zone members.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Mar 2021](mailto:GML_GenClub_Mar_2021@familysearch.org)

If you are not a GML Premium member and want to view the presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal (click below on "Buy Now"), **then** return to this email and register at [GML GenClub Mar 2021](mailto:GML_GenClub_Mar_2021@familysearch.org).

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Featured Resource Shelf



The Midwife Log of Sebastiana Grimaldi Misenti [Original manuscript]

This manuscript is one of Godfrey Library's special treasures. It was donated to the library in 2009 by the author's grand niece, Marie Carta. If you have a Middletown ancestor of Italian descent and they were born between the years of 1909 and 1937, there's a good chance s/he is in this log of deliveries by midwife Sebastiana Grimaldi Misenti. Like many Middletown Italian-Americans,

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Sebastiana was from the Sicilian village of Melilli, as was her husband, Guiseppi Sebastiano Misenti. He was a stone mason who came to this area to work in the quarries.

The couple had at least six children (all of whom are themselves entered in the log). According to an article in the *Hartford Courant*, their eldest, Sebastiano, tragically died at the age of 15, of injuries resulting from a fist fight with another neighborhood boy.

The book has been digitized and indexed, and can be found on the Scholar in the "Vital Records" section under "Connecticut." (Note: you must be a Premium member for access; if you aren't, you might consider membership or membership upgrade).

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