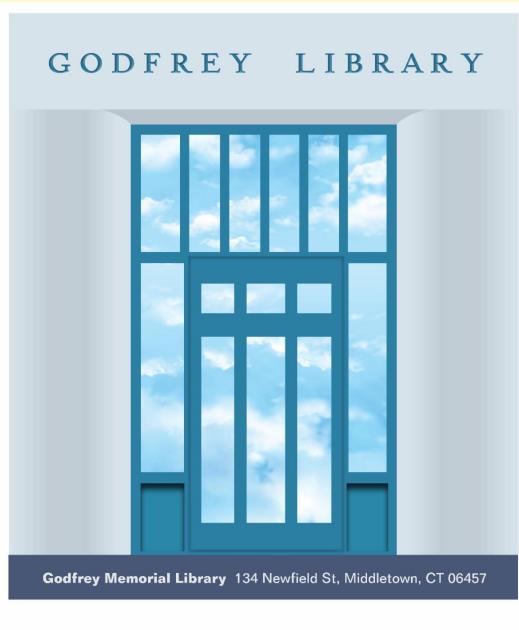


Godfrey news & updates

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Announcing Extended Saturday Hours

Beginning on June 5th the Godfrey will be extending its Saturday hours. **We will now be open from 9:00am to 4:00pm on first and third Saturdays of the month.** We hope this will allow folks who have difficulty getting to the library during weekdays more opportunity to come in and do research.

Godfrey Wins Honorable Mention in NGS SLAM! Idea Showcase

**This month's
Genealogy Club
presentation with
Diane MacLean
Boumenot**



Understanding when, where and why vital records were created, and the changes in those practices over the years, can help us find them today. What additional abstracts have been created for the southern New England states? What forms of these records are available online? What kind of records might take the place of a vital record? Improve your family history research today by maximizing your ability to locate the records that tie generations together.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **11:30 am (EST)** on Saturday, May 15th. (NOT May 17th as previously printed)

FALLS CHURCH, VA, 30 APRIL 2021
— The National Genealogical Society (NGS) is pleased to announce that six organizations will receive awards during its 2021 SLAM! Idea Showcase on 18 May. The award winners were selected from among thirty-two recorded poster sessions highlighting innovative projects, programs, and activities benefiting genealogical researchers. Three submissions will receive cash prizes of \$250 each:

- St. Louis Genealogical Society, St. Louis, Missouri: “Congregation Project”
- German Historical Institute, Washington, DC: “German Heritage in Letters”
- Chester County (Pennsylvania) Archives: “1777 Chester County Property Atlas Portal”

Three will receive honorable mention:

- **Godfrey Memorial Library, Middletown, Connecticut: “Genealogy Roundtable”**
- Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Kentucky: “Kentucky Ancestors Town Hall”
- St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, Missouri: “Rooted in Inclusion: Forgoing the Family Tree Model”

All six will receive a one-year library subscription to photo enhancement software from VIVID-PIX.

Videos submitted by the award winners will be featured at the SLAM! Idea Showcase mainstage program on 18 May beginning at 3:00 p.m. (EDT). Following the mainstage event, attendees will have the opportunity to view poster sessions and chat live with their submitters. The event is free, but registration is required. Visit the [conference website](#) to register.

NOTE: SLAM = [genealogical] Societies, Libraries, Archives, Museums

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub May 2021](#)

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 May 2021](#).

[Buy Now](#)



Check out Diane's informative website, [One Rhode Island Family](#)

Congratulations to Godfrey Board Member Laura Hobbs on her Publication

GML Board Secretary Laura Hobbs has an article in the latest issue (March 2021, Vol 53, No. 3) of *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, the journal of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. The

New Materials in our Print Collection

[Click Here to See a List of Books Added to our Collection during April](#)

New Material Added to the Scholar

This week we added another half dozen cemeteries to the Laput Cemetery Collection. We are currently working on a cemetery in Durham which will complete the entire county of Middlesex.

Within a week we plan to begin uploading Middletown Sexton's Records for 1853-1875.

article is entitled "John Markham of Chatham, Middlesex County, Connecticut in the 1790 U.S. Census" and is part of the "Three Generations" series wherein researchers are asked to research a Connecticut family from the 1790 Census and fully cover three generations.

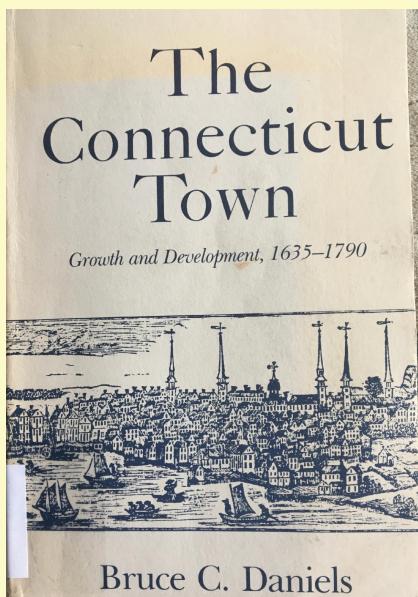
Genealogy Club Presentations: Looking Ahead

June 19 - Mark D'Ambrosi, Italian civil records

July 17 - Carol Ansel, Maps in genealogical research

August 21 - Penny Hartzell, Time Lines and how they can aid your research

Featured Resource Shelf



The Connecticut Town: Growth and Development, 1635-1790 by Bruce C. Daniels

Every town in Connecticut has its own origin story, each usually having been started by a distinct group of proprietors or settlers (those two groups often not being the same--some proprietors were merely land speculators and never settled in the town). Besides being just plain interesting, knowing a town's early history can make a big difference in your genealogical research. Oftentimes, a group of inhabitants of one village moved as a group to a new "daughter town." In other cases, towns "hived off" or split in two when the distance to the meeting house was problematic for outlying families. Knowing this background can help you make geographical

connections as you work your way back chronologically in your family line. Daniels presents many maps and data tables which support his analytical discussions about when, where, and why Connecticut's towns developed as they did. He also discusses how local governance developed and changed over time. In addition to genealogists, social scientists, historians, political scientists and data geeks should find this book of interest.

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