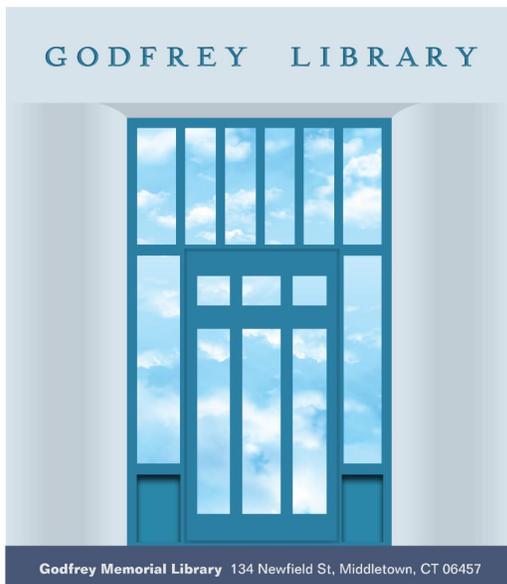


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No Genealogy Club this month

We'll be checking in with the Connecticut Society of Genealogists for their [Family History Day Seminar](#), from 11:00 to 4:00.

Looking Ahead: Genealogy Club Presentations

Annual Appeal 2021 is Underway

If you are a current member you should have received a snail-mail letter about this year's campaign. If you've already made your donation, thank you so much!! We've already got a great start on our goal. If you're not a current member, be on the lookout for an email soon.

If you want to avoid further "pestering" from us, you can make your donation now!

[Donate!](#)

November 20 -- **Researching Your Immigrant Ancestors** -- Al Fiacre will cover the types of resources best suited to finding out about your ancestors' move to this country. Different time periods call for different types of resources, which Al will demonstrate.

We're working on our Winter/Spring lineup. If you have any suggestions for topics or, better still, presenters who you know and love, send us a note!

Sometime this coming Spring we will have **Steve Morse** of **One-Step** fame for Genealogy Club. He will share info about **Enumeration Districts**, which will be crucial for accessing the 1950 Census which will be released April

Family Bible Records

We're about to add a new category to our research choices--**Family Bible Records**. We'll be starting out with a collection of transcriptions put together by **Jacqueline Ricker** which she gleaned from DAR records. We will be following that with records from handwritten Bible pages that we have in our collection, which will take a bit longer due to the time needed for transcription.

Want access one of our databases, but not a member yet? [Click here to join](#) us as a Premium Member.



Well it's been a whole year now that we've been putting out this newsletter. We've really enjoyed connecting with you on a regular basis.

Miss a previous issue of our Newsletter? They can all be found archived on our [website](#).

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Recent Additions to Our Collection

| Collection Name | Date Added | Description |
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| 1850-1860 Census | 10/15/2023 | 1850-1860 Census |
| 1870-1880 Census | 10/15/2023 | 1870-1880 Census |
| 1890-1900 Census | 10/15/2023 | 1890-1900 Census |
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| 1970-1980 Census | 10/15/2023 | 1970-1980 Census |
| 1990-2000 Census | 10/15/2023 | 1990-2000 Census |
| 2010-2020 Census | 10/15/2023 | 2010-2020 Census |

[Click here](#) to see what we've added (or recataloged) in the last month.

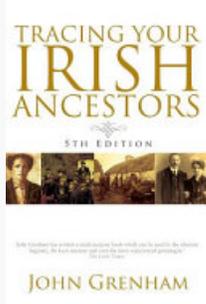
Happy Family History Month! (and one-year ANNIVERSARY of THIS NEWSLETTER!)

October is Family History Month. Though, as Judy Russell, the Legal Genealogist, points out it's not an "Official" month because there has never been a presidential proclamation deeming it so. Whether official or not, see if you can collect some family history this month. The next time you meet up with an older generation family member you've not seen is a while, try an informal "interview" or reminiscence session. Keep your questions and prompts open ended and be flexible. Don't worry so much about dates and details, as that can be inhibiting. The idea is just to have some topics to get them talking and remembering. And don't forget to make a recording--most cell phones work just fine.

Featured Resource Shelf

***Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*, by John Grenham, 5th ed.**

In 1922 at the start of Ireland's Civil War, the Public



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Records Office in Dublin was bombed, resulting in a huge loss of genealogical records, including several decades of nineteenth century censuses. This makes Irish genealogical research extra challenging. Thankfully, we have John Grenham. If you were going to purchase just one guide on Irish research, I would recommend this one. Grenham is sensible, a clear and concise writer, and knows his material! (he wrote the genealogical column for the *Irish Times* for many years, as well as ran their website).

You can also watch his videos on YouTube, in which you can enjoy his delightful accent and his wry sense of humor. He also has a website (www.johngrenham.com) you can subscribe to which features links to many of the resources described in his book. Here's a link to his video [overview of his site](#). He has appeared many times on the BBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?"

In the book, he thoroughly describes helpful resources by resource type, and then includes county by county lists.

(By the way, there is a huge effort in Ireland to recreate the resources of the Public Records Office, using various copies that exist around the world, in time for the 2022 centenary--keep your fingers crossed! [Beyond 2022](#).)

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