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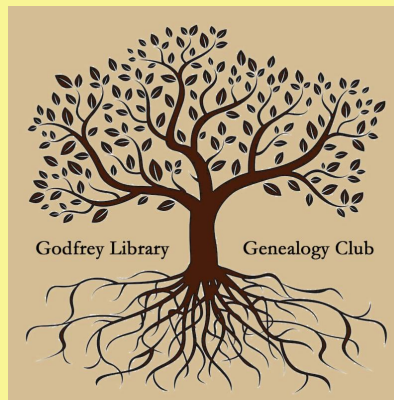
Annual Appeal Report

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 111 supporters and we are now just **\$831 away from our \$27,000 goal.** 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. We're *so close* to our goal -- will your donation put us over the mark?

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Interesting article on CeCe Moore & Genetic Genealogy

For those of you who have access to the *New Yorker*, there was an interesting article about CeCe Moore, who is well-known as an early genetic genealogist and who helped out on many cold cases. She has also appeared on "Finding Your Roots" and several other genealogy-related television shows. The article appeared in the November 22 2021 issue and is called "How Your Family Tree Could Catch a Killer."



Upcoming Genealogy Club Presentations

Genealogy Club will be taking a break this month, figuring every one has way too much to do in December!

We've got some great presentations lined up for the new year.


In **January**, Carol Ansel will do a

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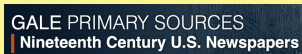
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Holiday Season, Give the Gift of Godfrey

Who needs more stuff? This year, why not give your favorite genealogist a [membership to the Godfrey Memorial Library](#)? If they're already a member, we'll extend their membership for another year.

Remember, Premium members get access to our extensive online content (The Scholar) which includes **free home access** to **NewspaperARCHIVE** and **MyHeritage, as well as Gale's 19th Century Newspapers** and their **Passenger & Immigration Lists Index**. Worth the price right there!

Plus, once a month they can participate for free in our monthly Zoom presentations (formerly known as Genealogy Club). The gift that keeps on giving.



session on the Godfrey's Scholar website, what's there, and how to access it. Whether you're reviewing or you want to see the new resources we've added, it should be worth your while.

For **February** we have Nick Bellantoni, Connecticut's state archaeologist for many years. If you haven't read it, you should try to grab a copy of his book, "*and so the Tomb Remained*" : *Exploring Archaeology and Forensic Science within Connecticut's Historical Family Mausolea*. Nick combines fact-based scientific reporting with fabulous storytelling for a compelling and educational read.

In **March** we will have Steve Morse of "One-Step Webpages" fame, who happens to be our website programmer as well. He will be preparing us all for the 1950 census which will be available come April 1, but will not initially be indexed (that's why we need Steve's help with searching by ED -- enumeration district).



MyHeritage back up and

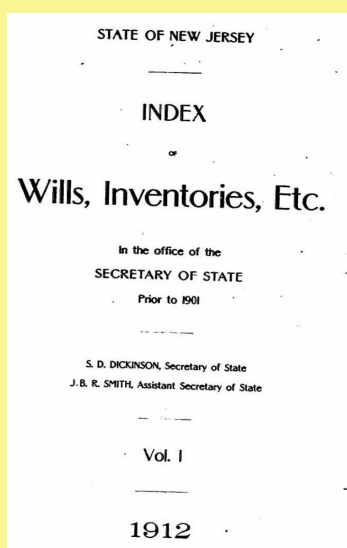
running!

Thanks to everyone for your patience while we worked with EBSCO to get *MyHeritage* back online. We apologize for the interruption in service. Our agreement extends for another three years, so your service should now remain uninterrupted.

List of New/Recataloged Items

We've been catching up on a back log of items which were on our shelves, but had never been cataloged. We also continue to add new materials both by purchase and as gifts. [Click here](#) to see the list of what's been added.

Featured Resource Shelf



State of New Jersey Index of Wills, Inventories, Etc.

Wills are an oft-neglected source of genealogical information. If one is lucky, they can contain the names of all of the living children of the deceased, as well as their spouses and sometimes grandchildren as well. This can be a great help for those earlier years and locales where records were sparse. If you're working on a lineage society application, here's your connection between generations!

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If you're looking for wills in New Jersey, this three-volume index is a great place to start. It's organized by county, so you'll need to know that. But even if you don't, it doesn't take long to take a quick look county by county (New Jersey has a total of 21). Once you know the records exist you can then seek them out by county or on the state level, on *FamilySearch* or *Ancestry*.

Remember that many early residents of coastal Connecticut (specifically, Branford and Milford) relocated to Essex County, New Jersey.

Wishing You All a Peaceful and Joyous Holiday Season



Holiday Hours: We will be closed on the following Fridays: December 24th and again on December 31st. We will also be closed Saturday, January 1st. We will be open on Tuesday the 4th of January, and resume regular hours from then on.

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