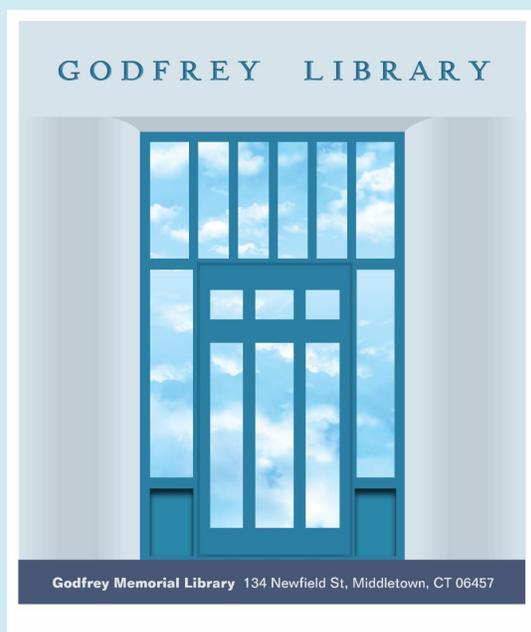
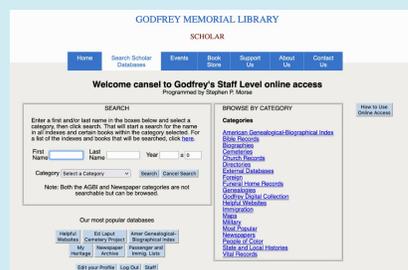


# Godfrey news & updates

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## This month's Genealogy Club presentation



On **Saturday, January 15**, Carol Ansel will be doing a presentation on **Getting the Most Out of the Godfrey Scholar Databases**

## Godfrey Wins Grant

Connecticut Humanities, the statewide, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), has awarded Godfrey Memorial Library a **\$14,300 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant (CTCFOSG)**.

This grant will be used for general operating expenses, including, but not limited to updating hardware/equipment, hiring speakers for our Genealogy Club presentations, adding new digital content to the website, purchasing new genealogical publications, and possibly even expanding hours of service.

“We’re looking forward to being able to more readily serve our current members, as well as attract new members. These funds will help ease some pressure points in our budget, and we are very grateful to CT-

- There are probably resources on the Scholar that you weren't even aware of-- see what's been added recently
- What's the difference between browsing and searching?
- How do I know which data has been run through OCR and is thus searchable?
- What commercial databases do I have free access to via the Scholar?

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST)**.

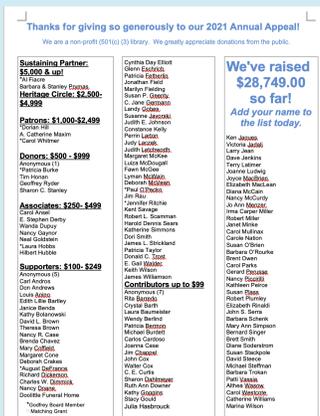
Premium Godfrey Scholar members can

Humanities and our state legislature,” says Director Carol Ansel. The Godfrey was one of 624 organizations in Connecticut that was awarded CT Cultural Fund support totaling \$16M from CT Humanities. The CTCFOSG are part of \$30.7M of support allocated to arts, humanities, and cultural nonprofits through CTH over the next two years by the CT General Assembly and approved by Governor Ned Lamont. The CTCFOSG will assist organizations as they recover from the pandemic and maintain and grow their ability to serve their community and the public.

This grant was administered by CT Humanities (CTH), with funding provided by the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature.



**Thank you, thank you, thank you!** Annual Appeal is going swimmingly--thanks to all who have donated so far this year!



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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 Jan 2022](mailto:GMLGenClubJan2022@gmail.com).

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## Improvements to the Godfrey Digital Collection

One of the features we will be looking at during the next Genealogy Club is the **Godfrey Digital Collection**. This group of 2800 items was one of the early features of the Godfrey website over 10 years ago. The items were digitized by World Vital Records, whose operations were taken over by MyHeritage in 2017. Until recently their organization on our website was not the easiest to use nor the most logical. This month we tackled them, and they are now in **alphabetical order** (yay!) by the person they are about.

Our Featured Resource Shelf (below) describes one of the books in the collection.

**Keep an eye out for a special offer from MyHeritage at the end of the month!**

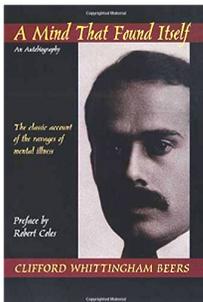
Not only have we meet our fundraising goal (\$27,000) this year, we actually exceeded it as of late December, thanks to generous donations from you, our members and supporters. The Annual Fund is an integral part of our budget, and we couldn't do it without our faithful donors! If you'd thought you missed your chance, don't fret -- **the drive runs until the end of January so there's still time to donate!** (Dare we hope for \$30,000?)

Donate!

We're not at liberty to give any details yet, but we'll be offering a special, limited time offer at the end of the month!

## Featured Resource Shelf

### **A Mind That Found Itself by Clifford W. Beers**



[929.2 BEERS 1908](#)

This book can be accessed online in the Godfrey Digital Collection (GDC). To be honest, I knew nothing about it, other than the author and title when I was working on doing some maintenance on the GDC. I read the preface and was hooked.

Beers was a Connecticut native who attended Yale. In his early twenties he suffered a nervous breakdown and leapt from a fourth floor window. He landed on his feet, badly breaking his ankles and the bones in his feet, and was placed in a private mental hospital. There he suffered extreme paranoia, and later, manic behavior. For the next two years he remained institutionalized, first in the private hospital and then in the State Mental Hospital in Middletown. Though not all of his caretakers were unsympathetic, many were abusive.

Upon his release and return to mental health, Beers became a staunch advocate for mental health facility reform, with specific emphasis on non-restraint. He founded the first mental health outpatient clinic in

America, as well as the National Committee for Mental Hygiene (now known as Mental Health America).

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