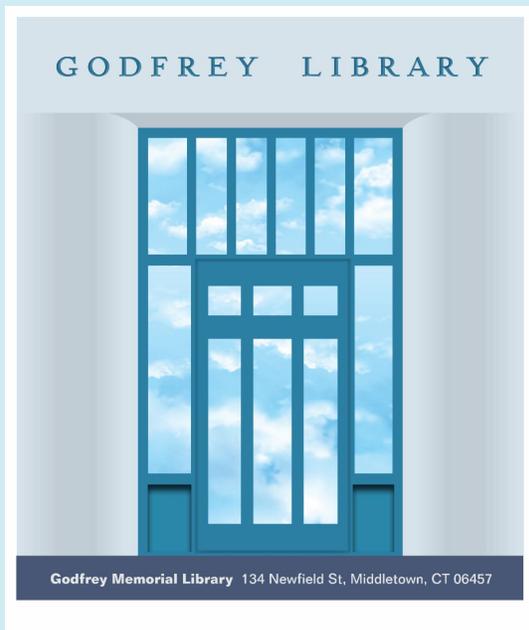
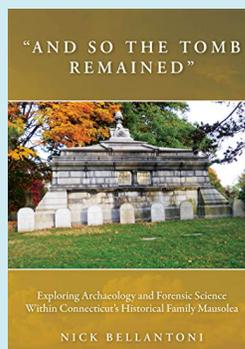


# Godfrey news & updates

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## This month's Genealogy Club presentation: Nick Bellantoni will talk about Connecticut Burial Crypts



## New Cemeteries & Bible Records

Our most recently added cemetery is in Fairfield County, the **Putney Oronoque Cemetery**. That brings our Connecticut total up to 1046 cemeteries.

As always, if you're interested in helping out with the Laput cemetery project, contact Michael Steffman. We're especially looking for photographers for Windham and Tolland counties. Spring is a great time to photograph headstones -- winter is over (we hope!) and the heat, bugs and tall grass have yet to appear.

This past month we have added **Bible records** for the following families to our website: **Benjamin Adams,**

I promise, this time Nick Bellantoni really will join us. If your name is on [this list](#), you are **already registered**. Please let us know if you are no longer interested and we'll remove your name. If you've not registered yet, follow the directions below.

On **Saturday, April 16**, we will welcome **Nick Bellantoni**, former Connecticut State Archaeologist. Nick has been called in a number of times to help out in cases where crypts have been disturbed or vandalized. He uses his experience and expertise in recognizing

Walter L. Anderson, Nathaniel Andrews, Frederick Barnett, Beardslee, Charles Wells Blakeslee and Teunis Bergen.

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## Keep up with what's new at NewspaperArchive.com

Last month we told you about NewspaperArchive.com's monthly newsletter, but at that time they did not have a subscribe link. Now they do! [Click here](#) to subscribe to their newsletter.

You can also check on their [blog](#).

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## Books added to Our Collection

We recently received a nice donation of books from an anonymous donor, including titles covering Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia. We've cataloged about half of them, which you can see on our [New Book List for Feb/Mar](#). Check next month's list to see the rest of the titles.

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## Want to Hire Us for a Presentation?

Do you belong to a historical society or genealogy group that is looking for speakers? Al and Carol have a number of topics they are prepared to present on. Let us know if you have a suggestion for a topic -- with lead time we can also work up new presentations. Here is a [list of topics](#) that we currently have ready to present. Our usual fee is \$150.

and aging human bones to return the remains to their proper burial locations. His book is a fascinating read, and his presentations are as entertaining as they are informational.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST)** on April 16th.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Apr 2022](#)

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 2022](#).

**Buy Now**



## Meet the Staff!

If you call or visit us on a Wednesday, chances are you'll be helped by Cecilia (Ceci) Pfister (right). Ceci has a certificate from the Boston University Genealogical Research program. Her career was in health administration. One of her special genealogical interests is working with adoptees to identify their birth families. In addition to daily AGBI inquiries, Ceci also assists with research projects. And she does our interior decorating for various holidays!



## Have You Checked the 1950 Census Yet?

Yesterday the [1950 Census](#) was made public! *MyHeritage* claimed "first" for having the complete census on their website (though not indexed). *FamilySearch* and *Ancestry* appear to be partway there.

The index at NARA is machine-produced so not yet totally accurate, but you can use [Steve Morse's ED finder](#) and browse page-by-page if you know your ancestor's address. I found my mother, though her first name was incorrectly transcribed. She was in her dorm at Bates College. Have not yet found my father -- he should have been at Bates as well. They would marry in a month. I have more ED's to look through. Fun!

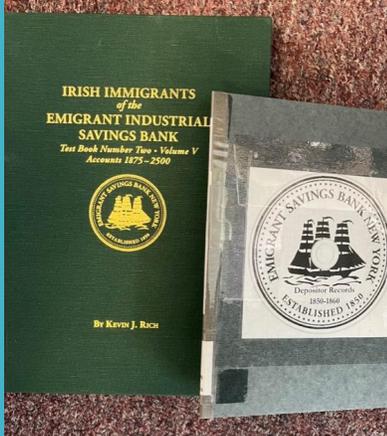
## Heard the Good News? NYC vital records are now free and open to the public!

In mid-March the big news was announced: New York City's digitized vital records are finally available, online, **for free!** For details, here is a link to NYG&B's [helpful article](#).

## Featured Resource Shelf

### Irish Immigrants of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank by Kevin J. Rich

While the majority of depositors in New York's Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank were Irish, other countries of



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origin are represented as well, such as England, Germany, and Poland. For each depositor, information provided includes the following: date account was set up, names of parents (mother's maiden name), names of siblings, occupation, address in NYC, "Nativity" (county in many cases for Ireland), name of ship and date of passage, and miscellaneous notes. Cross references are made when another family member also had his/her own account. There is an index by depositor name, as well as an index of relatives' names. Time period covered is 1850-1860, meaning that many of the Irish immigrants were escaping the Great Famine. Total number of accounts covered is 25,000.

The data freak in me immediately wanted to start analyzing this collection for large-scale trends: what were the most common occupations for the people who held their savings in this bank? What country/county were they from? What ships did they arrive on? The CD version consists of four complete lists, arranged by: name of depositor, bank account number, nativity, and occupation. As the compiler points out in his introduction, much of this data is unique, and goes beyond what can be found in the census.

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