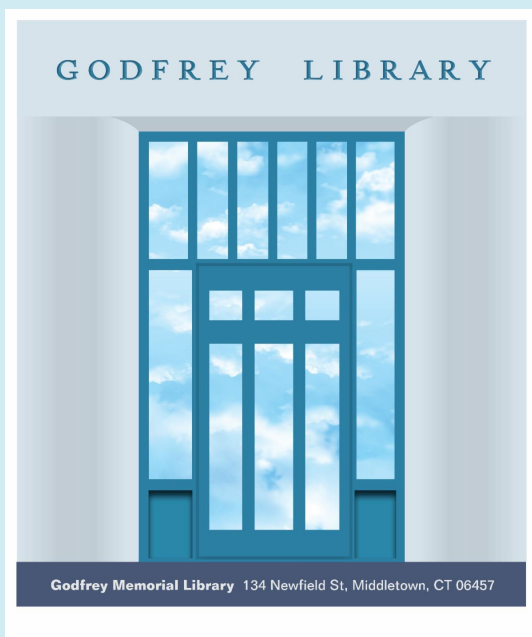


# Godfrey news & updates

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## This month's Genealogy Club presentation: Mel Smith from Conn. State Library



### Some Sad News

We are saddened to report the passing of Charles ("Charlie") Beebe, a longtime member, volunteer and Board member at the Godfrey Memorial Library. Retired to Mystic, Connecticut in 1993, Charlie, along with Ed Laput and Gene Gumbs, was one of the driving forces behind the Laput Cemetery Project. He photographed hundreds, perhaps even thousands of cemetery headstones for the project. His complete obituary can be found [here](#). The Godfrey is pleased to be the recipient of his genealogical research notes and files. Charlie will be sorely missed.

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### See you at NGS in Sacramento?

Al Fiacre and Carol Ansel will be

### Connecticut Divorce Records

On **Saturday, May 21**, we will welcome **Mel Smith**, of the Genealogy & History Dept of the Connecticut State Library.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST)** on May 21st.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub May 2022](mailto:GMLGenClubMay2022@gmail.com)

If you are not a GML Premium member and want to view the

attending the National Genealogical Society Conference in Sacramento at the end of May. Please be sure to introduce yourself if you see us there -- we love to meet our members face-to-face! I'm not sure that we can announce anything yet, but if you're there Tuesday evening for the SLAM (Societies, Libraries, Archives & Museums) Showcase, you'll be SURE to see us.

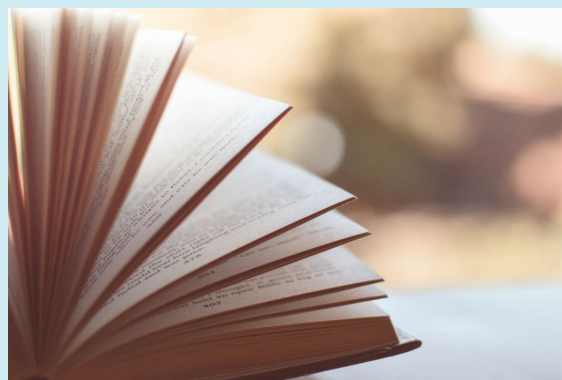
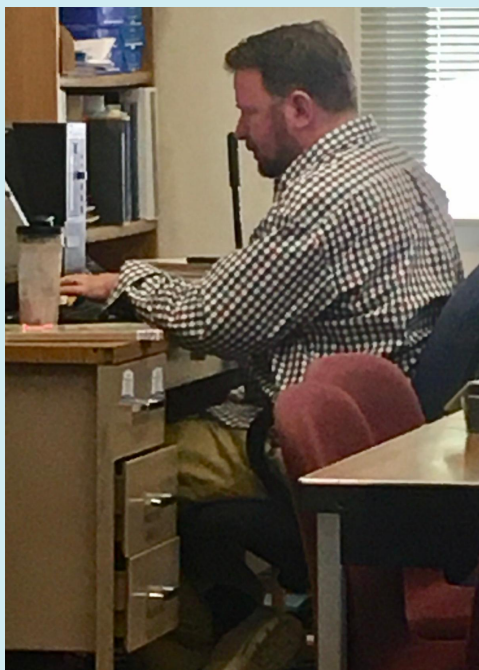
presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal (click below on "Buy Now"), **then** return to this email and register at [GML GenClub May 2022](#).

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## Meet the Staff!

We are indeed fortunate to have Michael Steffman as our Assistant Director at the Godfrey. Michael came to us as an intern working on his MLIS from Syracuse University. Impressed with the job he did, we asked him to stay on as an employee. On his first day as an official employee he came in to find that Carol Ansel was having a minor health crisis and wouldn't be there for about three months. He rose to the occasion beautifully. Michael continues to keep things running smoothly by overseeing the Laput Cemetery project, a labor intensive and at times perplexing project. He also handles all the new and renewing membership requests. New materials being added to the collection are entered into the system by Michael as well.



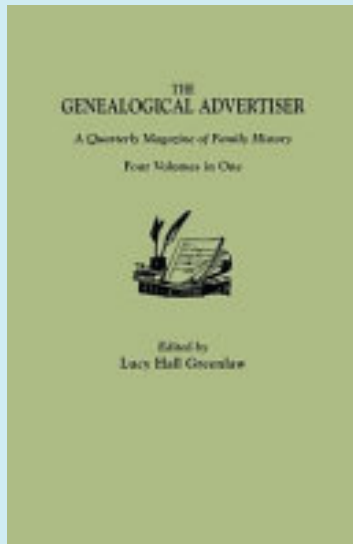
## Books added to Our Collection

We recently received a nice donation of books from an anonymous donor, including titles covering Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia. We've cataloged most of them, which you can see on our [New Book List for April](#).

## Website News

We want to apologize for any trouble you may have experienced accessing our website and/or reaching us by email of late. We are *extremely* unhappy with our web hosting service, a (supposedly) reputable national company. We are in the process of switching over to a Connecticut-based company who is offering us a more reliable, faster connection and timely individualized tech help. Please bear with us as we make the transfer; we look forward to providing you with dependable, faster service within the next few weeks.

## Featured Resource Shelf



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Godfrey Scholar (online)  
"Genealogies" section

### The Genealogical Advertiser, 4 vol. compiled by Lucy Hall Greenlaw

In 1898, Lucy Hall Greenlaw was the first (or second, depending upon how you interpret it) woman to become a member of the NEHGS (New England Historic Genealogical Society) (see [Melanie McComb](#)). She published four volumes in the early 1900s of material largely concerning Plymouth Colony, under the name *Genealogical Advertiser*. They can be accessed on the *Scholar* under the "Genealogies" section, or on the *Internet Archive*, and a one-volume reprint is available from Genealogical Publishing. In the case of the former, volume 2 begins with an index, and volume 3 has a subject and name index. They are also searchable on the *Scholar* (with the usual OCR limitations).

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