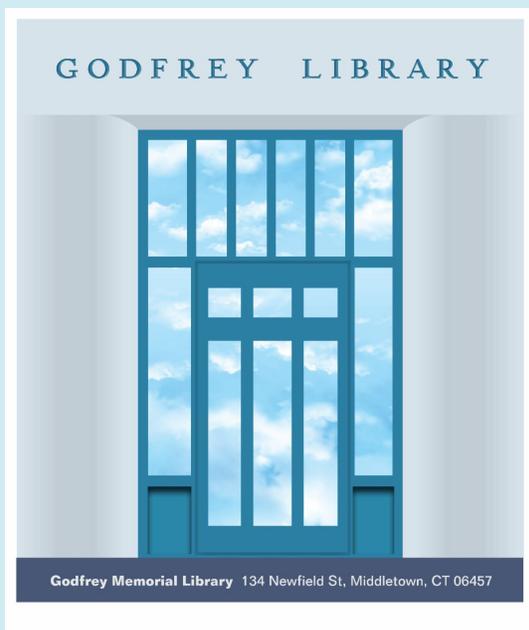
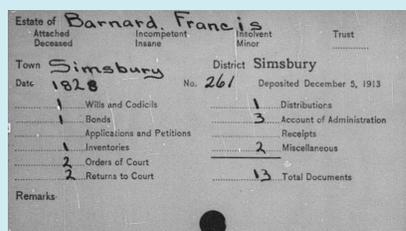


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This month's Genealogy Club presentation: Probate records with Al Fiacre



On **Saturday, July 16**, **Al Fiacre**, Godfrey Memorial Library Board Chair and researcher will give a presentation on probate records -- where to find them and how they can aid you in your research. He will be looking at examples from Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: **GML GenClub July 2022**

If you are not a GML Premium member and want to view the presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal



our SLAM! winning project (Manumissions database) - Judy Russell in the background!

The National Genealogical Society Conference

Carol and Al had a wonderful visit to Sacramento to participate in the NGS annual conference in the end of May. On our first day there we went on a tour of Sutter's Mill, the site of the discovery of gold in 1849 that set off the Gold Rush. That evening we received our SLAM! (Societies, Libraries, Archives & Museums) first prize in the video category for our

Manumissions Project. During the week we attended programs all day and had many chances to meet and talk with NGS staff and officers and to toot the Godfrey's horn. We plan to exhibit at next year's conference in Richmond, Virginia, and have applied to do a presentation as well.

(click below on "Buy Now"), **then** return to this email and register at [GML GenClub July 2022](#).

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Meet the Staff

Cathi Maxim was intrigued by the book about Wayne, Maine that she found in her family bookcase when she was ten years old, and thus began her life's genealogical journey. She discovered the Godfrey about twenty years ago, and has volunteered here for over ten years. Her computer science background means she is as adept at searching online for information as she is in using traditional methods. In addition to staffing the front desk and helping visitors conduct their research, she has been indefatigable in her efforts to keep the [Helpful Websites](#) feature of the Scholar up-to-date, and was one of its original compilers.



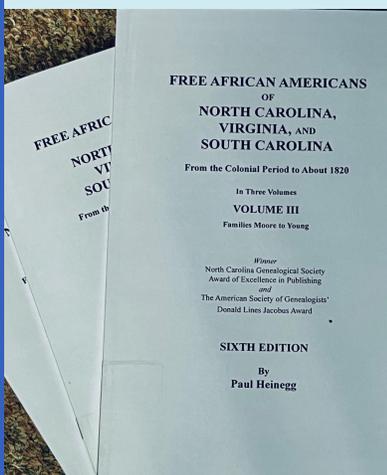
Goodbye Big Beast, Hello Little Beauty!

... Thanks to a CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant, from Connecticut Humanities and the State of Connecticut, we've been able to replace our sorely outdated (15+ years old) scanning setup (on the left in the picture above) with a sweet new little CZUR ET-18 Pro. This has seriously streamlined the process of scanning materials to add to the Scholar. Within a week of receiving the scanner we were able to scan a new set of church records from a book about St. Mark's Church in New Britain, and we're currently working on vital records from Enfield, CT. Both should be up on the Scholar before the month is out!

Materials Added or Recataloged April/May 2022

[Click here](#) to see a copy of a list of our latest additions to the collection.





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Free African Americans of North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina from the Colonial Period to About 1820 by Paul Heinegg, 6th ed.

This three-volume set was released in a sixth edition in 2021, the author having added information about South Carolina. The arrangement is alphabetical by family surname. The 36-page introduction is repeated at the beginning of each of the three volumes and is extremely informative. Heinegg is dealing with early Colonial years up to the beginning of the nineteenth century, and he notes that, contrary to popular perception, very few (about 1%) of these free people were born of unions between white men and servant or slave women of color. Rather, the majority resulted from white women (servant and free) as mothers and black men (slave, servant and free) as fathers. Heinegg notes that the demarcations between Indians, Blacks, Europeans, servants and slaves were much more porous in those early years which he characterizes as a "society-with-slaves" vs. the later plantation-based "slavery society." He sketches out common patterns of migration, such as Virginia tidewater free people of color moving to parts of the state south of the James River, and counties across the border in northeastern North Carolina.

Check this [attached list of families](#) covered. If there is a family of interest to you, we can send a photocopy of the pages if you send us a [One-Source lookup](#) request.

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