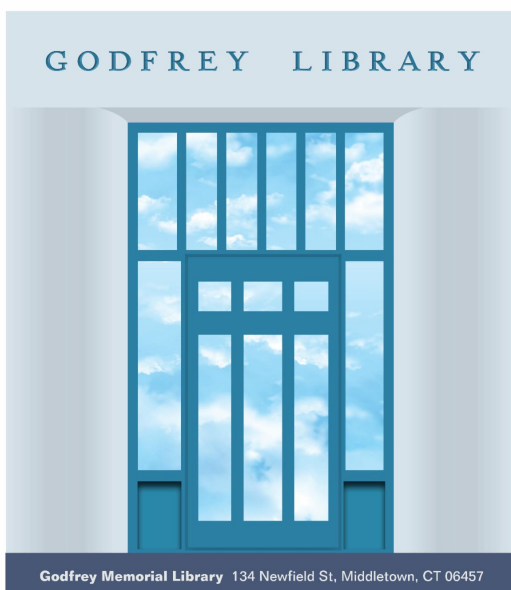


Godfrey news & updates



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No Genealogy Club this month

We'll be exhibiting at the Connecticut Society of Genealogists [Family History Day Seminar](#) from 8:30 to 4:30 in North Haven on the 15th of this month, so we'll be closed for the day. For those of you who are local, stop by and say hello! Registration closes on October 7.

Annual Appeal 2022 is Underway

If you are a current member you should soon receive a snail-mail letter about this year's campaign. If you've already made your donation, thank you so much!! Our annual appeal is an integral part of next year's budget, so we need your help. We would love to see a 25% participation rate this year, which translates into 180 donors. If you're not a current member, be on the lookout for an email soon.

If you want to avoid further "pestering" from us, you can make your donation now!

Looking Ahead: Genealogy Club Presentations

November 19 -- **Researching Your French Canadian Ancestors** -- Jolene Mullen, author of *Connecticut Town Meeting Records During the Revolutionary War* will be joining us to share her expertise on how to research your French Canadian heritage, one of her genealogical specialties.

Donate!

Where to find the seven Connecticut towns missing from the Barbour collection

Before he died in 1934, Lucius Barnes Barbour oversaw the compilation of early vital records (up until 1850) for Connecticut towns. He had researchers extract and transcribe the birth, marriage and death records from the towns' early record books. At the time, early vital records collections for seven Connecticut towns had already been published, and thus are not included in the familiar blue set of printed books we generally refer to as "Barbour.". The towns were Bolton, Coventry, Enfield, Mansfield, New Haven, Norwich and Vernon.

Six of the seven volumes are available on the Scholar, under Vital Records, and we are in the process of scanning the Enfield records. They should be up in the next couple of weeks.

Want access one of our databases, but not a member yet? [Click here to join](#) us as a Premium Member.



News from Chronicling America: New Hampshire newspapers, at last!

I have ancestors from New Hampshire, and I've always been frustrated by the fact that it was the only state in the U.S. that had chosen not to participate in the Library of Congress *Chronicling America* newspaper project. Apparently that is now a thing of the past--hooray! You can read more about it [here](#).

Recent Additions to Our Collection

A small, low-resolution thumbnail image of a document. It appears to be a list or table with several columns, possibly containing dates and descriptions of new additions to the collection.

[Click here](#) to see what we've added (or recataloged) in the last month.

Happy Family History Month!

October is Family History Month. The National Genealogical Society has a number of free resources available on its website:

- How to [Build Your Family Tree Tutorial](#),
- A List of [18 Free Websites for Genealogy Research](#),
- Free [Charts and Templates](#), and
- Our [Family Relationship Chart](#).

Concerns for our Members in the Fort Myers area

We have a number of members in the Fort Myers area, many of whom are also members of the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Please join us in sending our

thoughts, prayers and concerns their way in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

Featured Resource Shelf



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The Search for Missing Friends: Irish Immigrant Advertisements Placed in the Boston Pilot (8 volumes)

Don't make the mistake of assuming that these books only pertain to Irish immigrants living in Boston. The first "missing friend" ad was placed in *The Pilot* on the first of October, 1831 and began a decades-long practice that left a huge amount of information about Irish immigrants and their families who came to America between 1831 and 1920. However, until this information was transcribed and indexed throughout the 1990s, it was not of much practical use. The first volume was published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society in cooperation with the Irish Studies Program and the Department of History at Northeastern University in 1989.

Each volume has an extensive introduction analyzing the data and explaining trends that can be seen. For example, the introduction to volume 7 discusses the role of Irish woman in their adopted country. For those of you who enjoy charts and graphs, volume 1's introduction is loaded with them.

There are two indexes in each book, one of names and the other of places. A quick browse through the places index will easily convince you that the information is not limited to Boston. U.S. states and Canadian provinces are frequently referenced, as well as cities and towns within. Information differs for each entry, but can include county, township and parish of origin, date of arrival, name of vessel, names of family members and their location in the U.S., and line of work.

The Godfrey has volumes 1-7 on our shelves. The full text of all 8 volumes can be found on *Ancestry.com* and NEHGS's *AmericanAncestors*.

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