

# Godfrey news & updates

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## Annual Appeal Report

A huge **thank you!** to everyone who has already contributed to this year's Annual Appeal. So far we have received donations from a total of 100 supporters and we are still a bit shy (\$2,000) of our **\$26,500 goal**. We'd love to add *you* to the list. Whether it's five dollars or five thousand dollars, every gift is a signal that you value the Godfrey and the genealogical resources and services we provide. We're so close - will your donation move us over the finish line?

[Click to Donate to the Annual Appeal Now](#)



### A Sweet Deal for December!

Special for the month of December -- become a **new** member of the Godfrey for one year at the special price of **\$50!**

Current members, recruit a new member for us and we'll add **two free months** to your membership.

You must call us (860-346-4375) to take advantage of this offer

## Genealogy Club Presentations

The December Genealogy Club presentation will take place on Saturday, December 17 at 1:30 Eastern time. Our presenter is Brian Rhinehart, who will speak on **"Finding Your 19th Century Ancestors on Fold3-- Is There a Better Way?"**

Ever get confused on Fold3? Learn what records are available for your 19th-century military ancestors there, and pick up some search

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## Website News

One of our primary goals here at the Godfrey is to continue to add valuable content to the website. We're still adding cemeteries to the Laput Collection and are now up to **1048 Connecticut cemeteries**. We've added a total of **43 family Bibles** to the Bible collection. We added two sets of **vital record books** that are not covered in Barbour, those for **Enfield** and **Mansfield**. ***Ye Old Folks of Connecticut*** lists Connecticut people who were 80 or older in 1884, with full sketches of centenarians, and can be found in the local history section. We've put up two volumes of **Connecticut men** who fought in the **French and Indian War** in the "Military" section, and we're working on a multi-volume set of **family group sheets from the Doud/Dowd family**. Most recently we've just begun work on a 3-volume set of records on **Connecticut soldiers in World War I**.

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## HOLIDAY HOURS

We will be **closed** on Friday December 23 and Friday December 30.

We **will** be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of

strategies to narrow down what you're looking for. Yes, there is a better way to search!

## UPCOMING

On **January 21**, we will have Ari Wilkins from Dallas Public Library addressing African-American research. If you've never heard Ari before, you'll want to join us -- she's great!

On **February 18** Paul O'Pecko from Mystic Seaport Museum will cover marine-related resources for genealogists. This is a repeat performance, since the first time Paul spoke for us we had low attendance and we weren't yet on Zoom - he definitely deserves a bigger audience.

On **March 18** Jill Morelli will be joining us from the West Coast to talk about "Finding a Father for Molly" (using DNA evidence in a simple and jargon-free way). We heard her speak at the NGS conference in May - she's very engaging, and we know you'll enjoy her.



those weeks.

## List of New/Recataloged Items - many Irish titles

Michael and Carol have been on a cataloging binge, catching up with a large donation of Irish materials and a large run of New Britain directories (our collection now runs from 1896-1945 with a few gaps). [Click here](#) to see the list of what's been added. Check our eBay bookstore too, as duplicate copies may be for sale (on the website under the "Bookstore" tab).

Wishing You All a Peaceful and Joyous Holiday Season



**Holiday Hours:** We will be closed on the following Fridays: December 23rd and again on December 30th. We will be open on Tuesday the 3rd of January, and resume regular hours from then on.

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