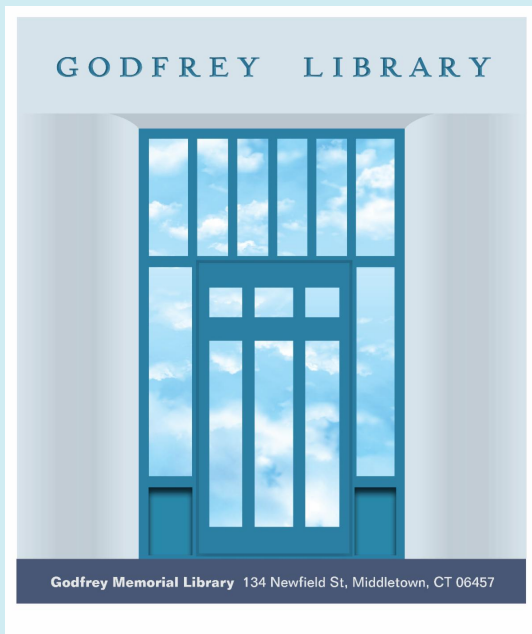


Godfrey news & updates

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Godfrey Wins Two Grants from CT Humanities

Connecticut Humanities, the statewide, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), has awarded Godfrey Memorial Library a **\$9,000 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant (CTCFOSG)**.

This grant is the second phase of the grant we received last year, which was used to begin the process of upgrading and simplifying the back end of our website. We have completed a Phase 1 feasibility study with a local website design firm, and are now proceeding with Phase 2.

This month's Genealogy Club presentation



On **Saturday, January 21**, Ari Wilkins of Dallas, Texas, will be doing a presentation on **Scaling the 1870 Brick Wall in African American Research**

For many, researching before 1870 is a hurdle in African American research. Learn about sources and strategies to trace ancestors back into the Antebellum Era.

Ari is a graduate of Louisiana State University and works at the Dallas Public Library. She speaks nationally on a variety of genealogy topics. I was fortunate to hear her in person at the National Genealogical Society conference in Sacramento last year, and I know you'll enjoy her presentation.

This month we will be trying our

We also applied for and received a Collections Assessment grant. With this grant we will be visited by a professional archivist/collections manager to assess the condition of our books and manuscripts and to make recommendations for how we should proceed in their management.

The Operating Support grant was administered by CT Humanities (CTH), with funding provided by the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature.

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Godfrey Library Helped Inspire William Dollarhide to Take up Genealogy!

We recently received an email from William Dollarhide letting us know that some newer editions of his books were available. You're most likely familiar with at least one of his works, which include *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses*, *Map Guide to American Migration Routes*, and *Census Substitutes and State Census Records*. I figured it was some clever automated marketing, so imagine my surprise when I found this at the end of the email:

A personal note: My life in genealogy began in 1972, the day I walked into the Seattle Public Library and discovered the name

first **HYBRID GENEALOGY CLUB**. We will set up a TV in the library where in-person attendees can gather to watch Ari's Zoom presentation. In light of the latest COVID-19 strain, we ask that you be fully vaccinated and masks are highly recommended.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST), Jan 21**.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Jan 2023](mailto:GML@genclub.org)

If you are not a GML Premium member and want to view the presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal (click below), then return to this email and register at [GML GenClub Jan 2023](mailto:GML@genclub.org).

Buy Now



Have You Tried NARA's New Catalog Yet?

Many of you enjoyed Brian Rhinehart's presentation on Fold3 last month. One of our members, Dick Dickerson, wrote to tell us it inspired him to use NARA's online catalog to look for his Revolutionary War ancestor. Dick writes: "The National Archives has come out with their new catalog. I looked-up 'Revolutionary War veteran pensions' and found 45 pages on [my ancestor's]

Francis Dollarhide, an indentured servant transported to Maryland in 1680. I was instantly hooked. Because of that event, I spent the rest of my life totally involved with genealogical research and genealogical writing. I am now 80 years old, and I still spend 12 hours of my waking days involved in genealogical pursuits. That entry for Francis Dollarhide was in the AGBI - thank you Godfrey Library. -bill\$hide

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Annual Appeal is going swimmingly--thanks to all who have donated so far this year!



(Click on the image to see a full-size list of donors)

Not only have we met our fundraising goal (\$27,000) this year, we actually exceeded it as of late December, thanks to generous donations from you, our members and supporters. The Annual Fund is an integral part of our budget, and we couldn't do it without our faithful donors! If you'd thought you missed your chance, don't fret -- **the drive runs until the**

application and supporting documents." Give it a try! [NARA catalog](#)

Keep an eye out for a special offer from MyHeritage at the end of the month!

Next month we will be repeating the special offer we made last year at the same time for MyHeritage personal memberships. Godfrey members with Premium accounts have free access to almost all the data in MyHeritage, but a personal membership allows you to build and maintain an online tree as well as see the trees of others, and includes their photo enhancements, whereby you can colorize and animate photos, as well as produce photos of yourself dressed in different eras.

Looking Ahead -- Spring Conferences

We're already getting excited about a couple of upcoming conferences for 2023. The first is the **NERGC** meeting, which will be held (fingers and toes crossed) *in person* in **Springfield, MA.** on **May 3-6.** Our own Carol Ansel will be doing a presentation on Locating Death Records: At the Godfrey and Elsewhere. We will also have a booth in the exhibitor's hall. Be sure to come by and say hello!

Then on **May 31--June 3** we will be exhibiting at the **National Genealogical Society** annual

end of January so there's still time to donate! (With the expected pledges still outstanding, it looks like we will break \$30,000 for the first time ever!)

[Donate!](#)

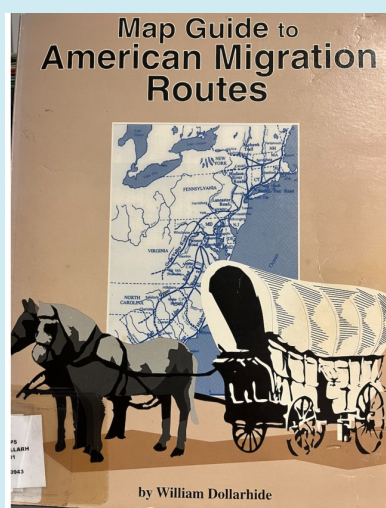
conference, this time in **Richmond, Virginia.**

New Materials for December

December tends to be a slow month in terms of folks visiting in person, but it allowed Carol and Michael to get a lot of cataloging done! (Including items that were on our shelves but never cataloged). Here is the list of materials added to our shelves and/or the online catalog.

Godfrey Memorial Library New & Recataloged Materials Dec, 2022		
Call Number	Title	Author
050 TAG v.92 no.2 2022	The American Genealogist, vol. 92, no. 2 (2022)	
355 GUSLEY	Southern Journey of a Civil War Marine: The Illustrated Notebook of Henry O. Gusley	Gusley, Henry O.
929.2 BEEBE-N v.2	Beebe-Nuckols Ancestry: The Ancestry of Edmund Colman Beebe (3 vols.)	Nuckols, Margaret Beebe.
929.2 HUNGERF 1932	Additions and Corrections for Thomas Hungerford of Hartford and New London, Conn. and His Descendants in America	Loach, F. Phelps.
929.3 CHURCH HUMMING 1995	U.S. Catholic Sources: A Diocesan Research Guide	Humling, Virginia.
AFR-AM 975 SOUTH 1978	Forty Acres and a Mule: The Freedmans Bureau and Black Land Ownership	Oubre, Claude F.
CANADA 991 ONTARIO IRISHPAL 1997	Irish Palatines in Ontario: Religion, Ethnicity and Rural Migration	Heald, Carolyn A.
CANADA 991 QUEBEC BABY 1775-1776	Quebec during the American Invasion 1775-1776: The Journal of Francois Baby, Gabriel Taschereau and Jenkin Williams	Baby, Fran/Bais,

Featured Resource Shelf



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Map Guide to American Migration Routes 1735-1815 by William Dollarhide

Many New World families started out in the northeast, or the mid-Atlantic coast, but after several generations settling in the same area they began to make their way south or west to find more land. Early on, the number of options for how to get to a new location were very limited. An individual could ride on horseback, but moving an entire family and their possessions required some type of road, however primitive, and a way to cross rivers, by bridge or ferry. Dollarhide's book features maps with these important roads, with explanatory text. His emphasis is on overland, pre-Industrial Revolution transport. Familiarity with these routes can be a big help in researching your emigrating

ancestors.

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