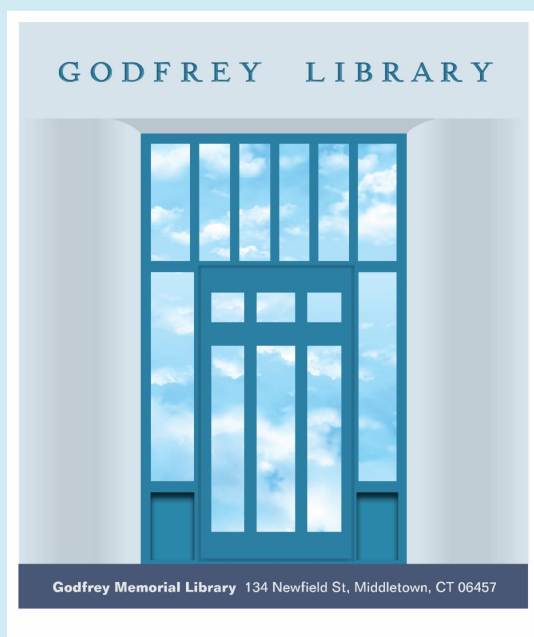


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Thanks for Making Our Annual Appeal a Success -- Our Best Ever!

This year's fund drive was a huge success! Our goal was \$27,000 and we well exceeded that, bringing in a total of **\$33,275!**

A total of 138 people (one less than last year) made donations, with the average donation being \$241 (almost double last year's average!). We are especially appreciative in these challenging economic times!

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This month's Genealogy Club presentation: Paul O'Pecko -- Seagoing Ancestors



On **Saturday, February 18**, we will welcome **Paul O'Pecko**, director of the Collections Resources Center at Mystic Seaport Museum.

Mystic Seaport is well-known to most Nutmeggers, and is one of the premier maritime museums in the country (maybe even the world?) Paul will talk about the types of resources available and how to go about searching for information about ancestors who spent all or part of their lives on the water.

The Zoom presentation

Thanks for giving so generously to our 2022 Annual Appeal!

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will take place at **1:30 pm (EST)**.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: **GML GenClub Feb 2023**

If you are not a GML Premium member and want to view the presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal (click below on "Buy Now"), then return to this email and register at **GML GenClub Feb 2023**

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Special Offer from MyHeritage

During the first week of February we will again be offering a special half-price membership to any readers of this newsletter who would like a full subscription to MyHeritage. (Offer only good for new subscriptions, not renewals). All Godfrey Premium members get free access to all the **data** on MyHeritage as part of Godfrey membership. However, the full membership also includes all of the cool photo options that MyHeritage offers (colorizing your photos, animating them, and producing "time warp" photos of yourself), as well as being able to keep an online tree.

Watch your email for the special offer, which will be good from February 3-9, 2023. Godfrey will receive a portion of the proceeds.

Looking Ahead to May -- in-person NERGC returns! Join us in Springfield, MA.

It seems like forever since we got to attend NERGC in Manchester, NH a couple of years ago. Fingers crossed, on **May 3-6** we will be able to meet again in person, this time in Springfield, MA. The Godfrey will be there as an exhibitor, and Carol will be giving one of the presentations on Thursday, on Death Records, at the Godfrey and Beyond. Mark your calendars now!

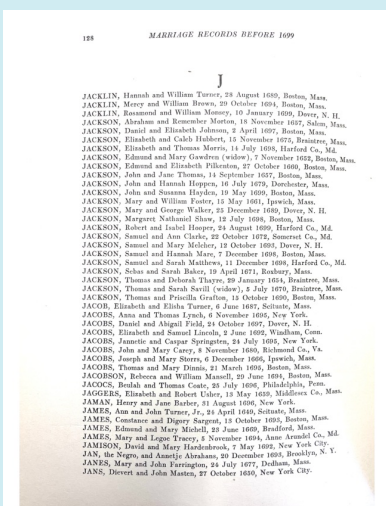


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We would love it if you can give us a quick review on Google, to let others know about all that the Godfrey has to offer. Here is the [link](#). If, by some chance, you are unhappy, we'd rather you write to us directly so we can try to address your problem, but if you have positive feelings we'd love to have you share them with others. Thanks!

Featured Resource Shelf

American Marriage Records Before 1699 -- William Montgomery Clemens



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This title is one that is indexed by the AGBI. While the introductory material doesn't cite the original source(s) of the information, Clemens was a well-known genealogist in his time, and was the editor of *Genealogy: A Journal of American Ancestry*. He wrote for newspapers and authored over 70 books, including several biographies and even a couple of books of humorous verse. Whether or not he was the nephew of Samuel L. Clemens (aka Mark Twain) seems to be a matter of contention. Searching online, one can find relatives of William who swear both ways: yes, he was Twain's nephew, no, that was wishful thinking on the part of descendants who hoped they were related. If

anyone out there has more insight than we do in this matter, let us know!

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