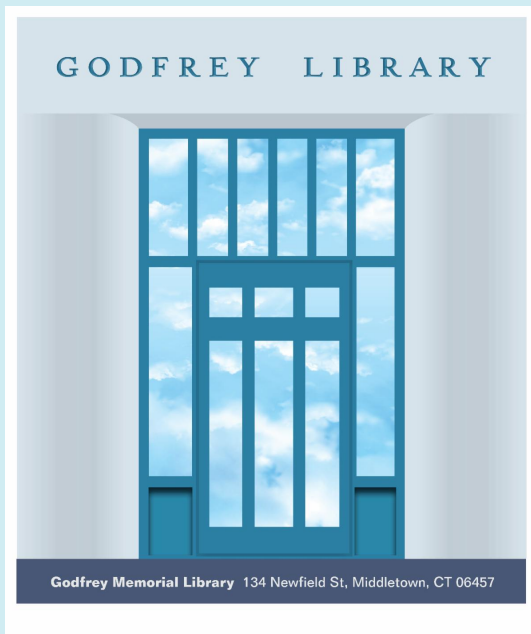


Godfrey news & updates

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This month's Genealogy Club presentation: Jill Morelli presents "Finding a Father for Molly using DNA"



New Bible Records

Michael takes care of the new cemeteries, and Carol, ably assisted by Board member Pat Burke and volunteer Terri Trenholm, has been working at gathering together all our Bible records, a project first begun ten or more years ago, and getting them online. Because they are hand-written, this means hours of putting the data into spreadsheets before they can be uploaded. You can check out the names on the website under "Bible Records: Godfrey Bible Collection." Here is a list of our most recent additions: Bailey, Selden, Barttingck, Budd, Daniel Purdy, Bushman, Martin, Roland Clark, Daggelinckz, John Davis, Gatling, Thomas A. Granger, H.O. Meglemry, Lewis

Jill is a West-Coaster, but thanks to the wonders of Zoom, she will join us to share her presentation. She lectures on a number of topics, but for this time around we have chosen "Finding a Father for Molly." Here is her description:

Molly was born illegitimate and the name of the father had been forgotten. Using DNA, developing a strategy and applying the Genealogical Proof Standard resulted in identification. Successes and difficulties in identifying and contacting "cousins" will be discussed.

The Zoom presentation will take

Schell, Elisha Hubbard, E. Armstrong, Brown, Foskett, S. Colbath, Harriet Colbern, H.S. Gilbert, Albert Nelson, J. Savage, Mary L. Taylor, GWray, R. Corbin Whalley, and Kelly.

place at **1:30 pm (EST)** on March 18th.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Mar 2023](#)

New Cemeteries

We are now up to 1049 Connecticut cemeteries in the Laput Collection. Michael Steffman, staff members and Michael's volunteer crew continue to add data, as well as working on Quality Control, a painstaking process of making sure date formats are correct and the photos and data are correctly correlated.

Our latest new cemetery is St. Agnes in Branford.

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 Mar 2023](#).

Buy Now



RootsTech 2023 is Here

The 2023 RootsTech is taking place on March 2-4, Thursday through Saturday. Remote participation is again free this year. Here is a [link](#) to a schedule which spells out the remote programs.

Your help is needed by March 6th

If you have a few minutes between now and March 6th at 12:00pm Eastern time, Records not Revenue and the National Genealogical Society are looking for people to write to the Federal Register and their congressmen and senators to comment about the proposed fee increases by the USCIS (U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services) Genealogy Program. If you have a little more time, you can watch this [NGS Presentation](#) which is about an hour long. If you have less time, visit [Records not Revenue](#) which spells out the issue and the 3 steps you can take fairly succinctly. In a nutshell, if you are looking for 20th century immigration records, the proposal

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendar now for two great upcoming conferences. [NERGC](#) (New England Regional Genealogical Conference) will be happening in Springfield, MA on May 3-6. "Missing Branches Are Not the End of the Line"

Registration is now open. There is no virtual participation this year. We will be exhibiting and Carol will be giving a presentation on Thursday afternoon. Stop by and see us!



May 31 - June 3 brings the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference in Richmond, Virginia ([Deep Roots of a Nation](#)). There will be both in-person and remote opportunities to participate. Godfrey will be exhibiting, so come say "hi" if you can!

would have you paying up to \$300 or more and waiting 2 years for your documents. We urge you to become informed and take action.



Newest Addition to Our Military Section

Our student assistant, Justin, from Wesleyan has been helping us in our digitization efforts, and has just finished scanning Volume 1 of a 3-volume set that presents the military records of Connecticut men and women in World War I. The book is fully searchable on our site.

To the right is a sample entry.

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648 State St.,
Bridgeport, Conn.
USN Rctg Station New Haven, Conn.
Feb 12/18. Age at Entrance 22 Yrs
4 Mos. MM 2c. Receiving Ship at
Phila Pa Feb 12/18 to Apr 4/18;
Nav Tng Sta Norfolk Va Apr 4/18
to May 10/18; USS Illinois May
10/18 to June 21/18; Receiving Ship
at Philadelphia Pa June 21/18 to
July 15/18; USS Carola July 15/18
to Aug 21/18; US Nav Base 20
Rochefort France Aug 21/18 to Nov
11/18. MM 2c 272 das. Disch Oct
16/19 Nav Tng Sta Newport RI.
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**Annals of the American Pulpit ; or
Commemorative Notices of Distinguished
American Clergymen of Various**

Denominations by William B. Sprague

New York: Robert Carter & Bros., 1859. This nine-volume set is arranged by religion, and then chronologically, and covers noted religious men from early settlement to 1855. There is an alphabetical index of names at the end of each religion, some of which run to two volumes. (Vol. 1-2 - Trinitarian and Congregational; Vol. 3-4 - Presbyterian; Vol. 5 - Episcopalian; Vol. 6 - Baptist; Vol. 7 - Methodist; Vol. 8 - Unitarian Congregational; Vol. 9 - Lutheran, Reformed Dutch, Associate, Associate Reformed, Reformed Presbyterian). The author tried to use sources as close to the subjects as he could, including Cotton Mather, of whom he said, "Mather's testimony ... may be molded by a modern pen into a far more graceful memorial than he has left; but because Cotton Mather knew the individual, or at most was separated from him by a single generation, I have thought it best to preserve his own language, despite of [sic] the strangeness of his allusions and the exuberance of his pedantry." That's telling it like it is!

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