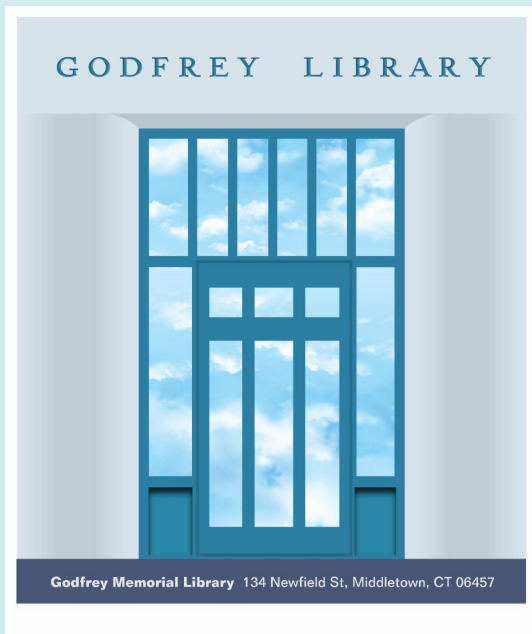


Godfrey news & updates

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This month's Genealogy Club presentation: Carol Ansel - Mapping it All Out



Heads Up - Closed for NERGC, May 4-6

Because we like to give our staff and volunteers a chance to attend NERGC, we will be closed May 4-6, Thursday through Saturday. If you're planning on attending, stop by our exhibit booth and say hello!

On **Saturday, April 15**, our director **Carol Ansel**, will give an updated presentation on how you can use maps in researching and presenting your genealogical data.

Latest New Web Content

Our most recently added **cemetery** is **Cider Brook**, our first cemetery in **Avon**. That brings our Connecticut total up to 1050 cemeteries.

As always, if you're interested in helping out with the Laput cemetery project, contact Michael Steffman. We're especially looking for

I gave this presentation over a year and a half ago, and I was surprised by how much has changed online since then. It's essentially a new presentation, and I love maps just as much as ever--I hope you can join us.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST)** on April 15th.

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photographers for Windham and Tolland counties. Spring is a great time to photograph headstones -- winter is over (we hope!) and the heat, bugs and tall grass have yet to appear.

This past month we have added **Bible records** for the following families to our website: **Cassidy/King, Florence Green, McCrory, Eleazer Partelo, Sheffield, Spurrier, Van Doorn, Vanderheyden, and William White.**

The second and third volumes of the service records of CT men and women in World War I is now up, They can be found in the "Military" section of the Scholar.

Books added to Our Collection

Check out our [New Book List for Jan-Mar](#). We constantly receive gifts and we purchase new titles as well. As part of our ongoing inventory project, we also add "new" materials that made it to our shelves without catalog records, or we change their call numbers, moving them to areas of the collection that make more sense to us.

What Do You Think about the Advent of Chat-Bots that Can Write? Is There a Place for them in Genealogy?

Last April when the 1950 Census was released, Ancestry, FamilySearch and the Census Bureau all made use of Artificial Intelligence to take a crack at using OCR (Optical character recognition) to translate handwriting into text. This helped get the data out to us users faster

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

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Nowadays, if you wanted to, you could do genealogy 24/7. There is **so** much going on! And now with remote presentations so common, you're no longer limited to your own neighborhood. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Tami Osmer Mize, you have a free, one-stop shopping place to look for all events genealogical. (Tami also designed our "blue door" logo for us). You can also search in a variety of ways so you don't get overwhelmed. You might want to [sign up for a weekly mailing](#) which will alert you to the most recent listings.

than ever before, albeit with lots of errors. Recently with the release of ChatGPT-4, folks have begun to talk seriously about using such chat-bots to help write our genealogies, or to use them as research aids. Run a Google search on "chat gpt4 for genealogy research" and see what you can find.

Have You Tried HeritageHub yet?

Don't forget that your Premium membership comes with home access to several databases (click on "External Databases to see them all listed.), Our latest addition is *HeritageHub*, brought to you by the folks who produce *GenealogyBank*. Here's their [introductory video](#).



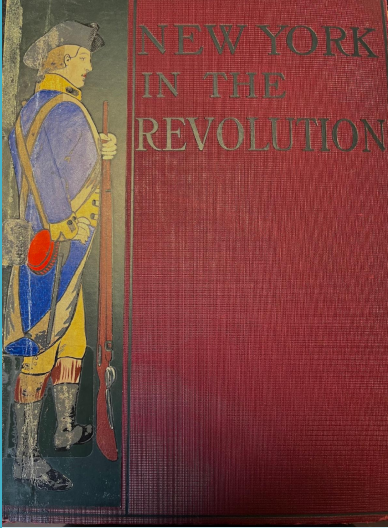
NARA's "History Hub" and a Volunteer Opportunity

I don't know if there's anyone out there with "spare time" (what's that?!) on their hands, but just in case... Do you know about the National Archive's [History Hub](#)? It's a "research support community" for "everyone, including genealogists..." with interesting blog posts and various Q&A forums. In the "[Citizen Archivists](#)" section of NARA's site you can volunteer to transcribe documents. I cut my teeth on some Civil War correspondence from Missouri -- it was fun!

Featured Resource Shelf

New York in the Revolution as Colony and State. from the Office of the State Comptroller, 1904.

Looking for a patriot in the state of New York? Be sure to consult this book. Before the State Comptroller (James A. Roberts) took on this project in the late 1800's the list of New York patriots who were involved in the Revolutionary War numbered 17,781. The reorganization of some office space "brought to light quantities of forgotten papers



relating to the services performed by New York in the Revolutionary War. These papers, long since detached from their original file packages, were promiscuously scattered through great masses of old vouchers and files." In the end, the list of New Yorkers participating in the War ran to 43,645! There is a comprehensive index, as well as an index of commanding officers, an index of pensioners, and an index of "sundry persons" whose names appear in documents in the Comptroller's office, though they are not found in the papers of any of the "regular organizations."

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