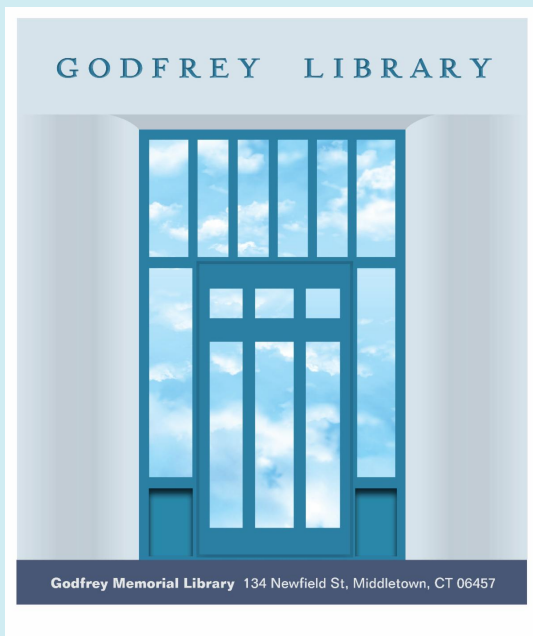


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This month's Genealogy Club: **Melissa Kitchen presents "Bridging Your Past and Future: Creating Powerful Personal Stories"**



On **Saturday, June 17, Melissa**

**Kitchen** will talk with us about using our research to write a compelling story. I know I'm guilty of enjoying my research so much that I don't stop to write it up to share. Melissa believes the Russian proverb that says, "You live as long as you are remembered," so as a mom she decided to do a better job building the bridge between generations for her children by documenting family stories to pass along to her future generations.

Author of *Bridging Your Past and Future: The Top 10 Items to Include When Documenting Your Personal History* and host of **The Preserve Your Past Podcast**, Melissa uses her talents as a teacher, counselor, writer, and coach to help others do the same. Her mission is to



**Have Friends who've never been to the Godfrey? ...** as part of Connecticut's statewide Open House Day, the Godfrey will be open from 10:00am-2:00pm this Saturday, June 10. New members can join for \$5 off the regular price, and we will get them started on their trees with free Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts.

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## Research Bequests

The Godfrey has been the recipient of a number of research collections over the last couple of years. These materials require different care and cataloging methods from our usual books and manuscripts. Thanks to our recent grant from CT Humanities, we've had a visit from a professional archivist who has given us advice on how to proceed. The collections have all been perused and organized and we are now in the process of cataloging them. We have the research papers of Charlie Beebe, Rev. George Wells Razeo, Rev. R.G. Windsor Spellman, and our latest donation, Elisabeth Gaugh Lovell Bowman.

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## News from NGS Family History Conference

We had a great time in Richmond catching up with old acquaintances and making new friends at the National Genealogical Society's annual conference. We signed up some new members, met a few folks who've been longtime supporters, and raffled off a new membership. We won a raffle ourselves, and are now the happy owners of a 2-volume set of tax records from Wilkes County, Georgia, thanks to the Speakers Guild. Elissa Scalise Powell donated a book to us of cemetery inscriptions from Allegheny County compiled by the North Hills Genealogists. We got to

inspire and support others as they preserve their past through the power of personal stories.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST)** on June 17th.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub June 2023](mailto:GML_GenClub_June_2023@familyhistory.org)

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 June 2023](mailto:GML_GenClub_June_2023@familyhistory.org).

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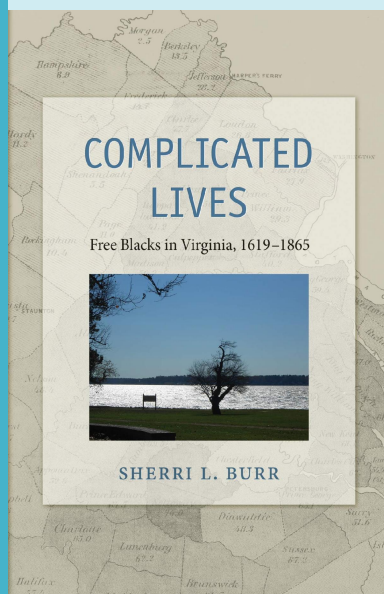
## New/Recataloged Items for May 2023

You'll notice quite a few microfilms in this month's list. We are cataloging microfilms that we have purchased or borrowed from the Family History Library in the past, that are here in our collection and likely will remain so indefinitely. We thought it would be a good idea to let folks know that we have them here, so our volunteer Molly Felth will keep working on adding them to the catalog. [Click here to see the list](#)

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meet Tami Osmer Mize and thank her in person for designing our "blue door" logo. (Tami produces Conference Keeper, the online compendium of all happenings genealogical, which she will now co-produce with the help of NGS).

## Featured Resource Shelf



### Complicated Lives: Free Blacks in Virginia, 1619-1865 by Sherri L. Burr

I've been reading this book on my iPad and finding it fascinating. The author begins by describing a 1653 court case between two men in Virginia arguing over the status of a third man, an indentured servant. Both the servant and one of the landowners were of color, born in Africa. You may be familiar with the concept of Free People of Color, but what did that really mean for an individual brought here against his/her will from the African continent? When and how did they arrive? Were they indentured for a time? For how long? When was the "assumption" first made that people who were brought here from Africa would be indentured for life, i.e., enslaved? How did the laws change over time? We think we learned The Story of enslavement in school, but there is much in this book that you probably were never aware of. A thought-provoking read.

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