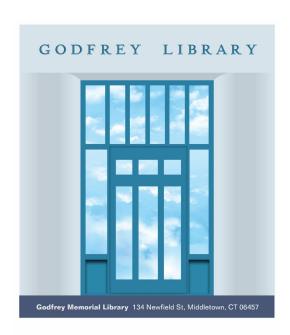
# Godfrey news & updates



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# Closed Saturday of Labor Day Weekend

We will be closed this Saturday, September 2 in honor of Labor Day Weekend.

#### Don't Miss CSG's 2023 Family History Day Seminar on Sat. October 7 - "Women & Children First"

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists will hold its annual Family History Seminar on October 7th this year. Speakers will be Judy Russell, the "Legal Genealogist," and Casey Zahn, and there will be

## This month's Genealogy Club presentation

On **Saturday, September 23**, Steve Morse will present

## "One-Step Tools with Steve Morse"

You may remember when Steve joined us to help prepare us for the release of the 1950 census. This time he will be walking us through some of his **One-Step Tools** on his website. The site started out as an aid for finding passengers in the Ellis Island database. Over the years it has continued to evolve and today includes about 300 webbased tools divided into 16 separate categories ranging from genealogical searches to astronomical calculations to lastminute bidding on e-bay. This presentation will describe the range of tools available and give the highlights of each one.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EDT)** on Sept 23rd.

NOTE: This is a week later than our usual meeting - a 4th Saturday rather than exhibitors and door prizes, including, or course, yours truly. The event will take place at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. You can see more details and register here.



# Reclaim the Records' Latest Project Helps those Researching CT

The latest big news in the genealogy world was the announcement by the "Reclaim the Records" folks that they have a new website of Connecticut vital records. It's called the

#### **Connecticut Genealogy Index.**

While much of this data may be found on Ancestry.com or on the CT State Library page, but... well. let them tell you about it ...

"It's a FREE searchable database of 576,638 births, 2,180,700 marriages, 2,086 civil unions, and 2,772,116 deaths from the state of Connecticut... now it's all in one place, and we think we've got better data and better tools...

ConnecticutGenealogy.org includes the first-ever online publication of Connecticut birth index data from 1897-1917, and this new data is the only statewide index of Connecticut births that exists publicly online anywhere... And we even geo-coded all the data, and we also autosupplemented all the data with county names... And we even added graphs and maps... And we're also publishing for the first time anywhere the Connecticut civil union database for 2005-2015.

While it's only an index, they provide clear instructions on how to actually obtain the documents.

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

If you are not a GML
Premium member and
want to view the
presentation, you can
pay \$10 via PayPal
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return to this email and
register at GML
GenClub Sept 2023.



# Recent Additions to Our Book Collection



Click here to see a list of materials we have cataloged and added to our collection since our last newsletter. (Note: some of these titles are not actually "new" to our collection, but may have been recataloged as part of our ongoing inventory process.)

## Newest Bible Records Online

Family names most recently added to our Bible Collection are the following: Milton Dewey Family; Alexander Furman Family; Leverett Gabriel Family; Harry F. Gilbert Family; Samuel



W. Millner Family; Rachel Nicely Family; Bertie Stevens Family; Edwin Stevens Family. A big thank-you to our tireless data entry volunteers Pat Burke and Terri Trenholm!

Several people have tried out our new "Short Premium Membership" option. For \$30 you can become a member for three months with full Premium benefits, which includes access to all at home online benefits. Click here to see a comparative chart which compares the benefits of our various membership types.



#### **Featured Resource Shelf**

# British Origins of American Colonists, 1629-1775

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#### British Origins of American Colonists, 1629-1775 by William Dollarhide

I feel as if I should keep this book on my desk so I don't forget to consult it regularly. Dollarhide has a knack for summarizing and simplifying common historical trends and patterns that can help explain an awful lot about our ancestors' behavior and movement. Humans tend to be social creatures and for the most part don't act in isolation. Chances are our ancestors lived, worshiped, and possibly emigrated with their neighbors depending upon what was happening politically and religiously in their part of England. Given certain dates and regions, Dollarhide provides context for what might have motivated our ancestors to leave England and head for the Colonies. Illustrated with plenty of helpful maps.

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