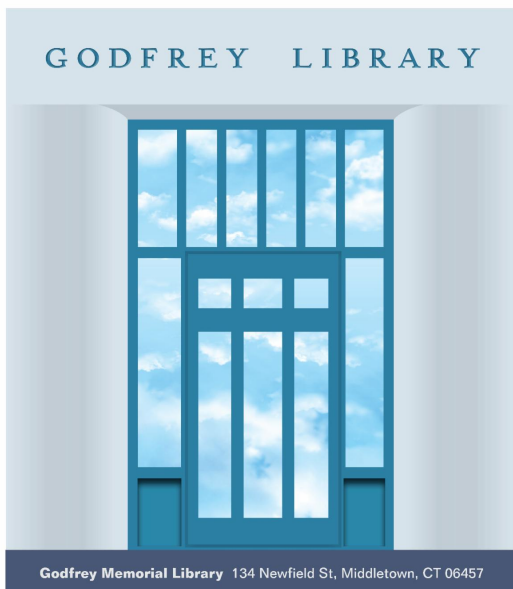


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Genealogy Club this month

Saturday October 21 1:30 pm - Al Fiacre

October 21 -- **What to Do When the Records Are Scarce** -- Our own Al Fiacre will be presenting this month. He'll talk about how to prove a family line through that time period when there just aren't a lot of paper records out there, based on some case he's recently been working on.

Annual Appeal 2023 is Underway

Watch for your annual appeal letter in the mail within the next week. If we only have your email you will receive your request by email rather than via snail mail. We're hoping to meet last year's amount again this year (\$32,000). If you enjoy this newsletter and have never donated to help support us, consider clicking on the donate button below.

The AGBI -- It's Not Just Genealogies!

If you listen to the Genealogy Guys podcast you may have heard us mentioned in show #419 back in August. A listener wrote in asking about the AGBI and while Drew talked about it and the Godfrey at some length, I felt like he didn't *quite* do us justice, so I wrote back to them. They seemed to infer that the AGBI indexes only unsourced genealogies roughly equivalent to the

We'll be CLOSED SAT. OCT 7 Because We'll Be at CSG's Family History Day

Speakers will be Judy Russell, the "Legal Genealogist," and Casey Zahn, and there will be door prizes and exhibitors, including, or course, yours truly. The event will take place at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. The theme is "Women and Children First: Remembering Them All."

David Rumsey Cadastral Maps Are Now Searchable by Name!

Cadastral maps are the ones that have the names of property owners on them. The David Rumsey Map Collection at Stanford has been talking about making them searchable for some time now, and it looks like they've done it! Because the Rumsey Map Collection is quite sophisticated, so is the searching. This new feature is called "text on maps" and you can read about it [here](#). It only works for maps that have been georeferenced, but fortunately, many of them have. You type the name you're looking for in the search box and then select the drop down that says "text on maps." I had some success

unsourced family tree references one finds on Ancestry. While it's true that a good many of the 800 items indexed by the AGBI are indeed older genealogies, there are many other useful sources and I've compiled them in a list which I've posted here [at Google Docs](#) so you can take a look at them. I'm hoping the "Guys" clarify just what we're about in a future show.

October is Family History Month! Interview Someone in Your Family

Click on the image below to visit the National Genealogical Society's page with hints on recording family memories and stories.

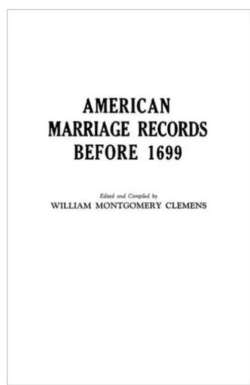


Check Out These Offerings From the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library

with an advanced search, selecting "state/province" and typing in a state, and then in the last box, "all text on maps" I type in the last name I'm interested in.

For the month of October the Genealogy Center at Allen County Public Library has a plethora of offerings, both in-person and virtual -- [see their list here](#).

Featured Resource Shelf



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American Marriage Records Before 1699. Edited and compiled by William Montgomery Clemens. Pompton Lakes, NJ: The Biblio Co. Publishers, 1926. (Republished by Genealogical Publishing Co. with addendum, various copyright dates)

This is one of the especially useful resources indexed by the AGBI -- every single one of the names from 12,000 marriages. While the names are not individually sourced, the introduction explains that the sources were all collections of records from early churches of colonial America, and each record does say where the marriage took place so one can infer which church it was. In fact, if the dates were unclear or obscured, the data was not used as Clemens explains in the introductory material. Clemens was a well-known genealogist, who also published the periodical *Genealogy: A Journal of American Ancestry* (many issues of which can be seen in full text under "Genealogies" on the Scholar website) as well as numerous individual genealogies and family newsletters. Under the pseudonym of Rodney Blake he compiled and edited *After Dinner Verse : A Collection of Impulsive and Impromptu Verses Containing Repartee in Verse, Poems on Panes, Rhyming Wills, Old Tavern Signs, Envelope Poetry, etc.* (Perhaps using a pseudonym and having a wry sense of humor runs in the Clemens family as also demonstrated by William's more well-known uncle Samuel Clemens - no joking.)

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