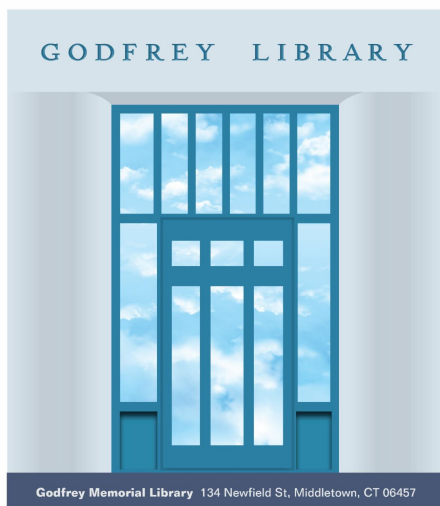


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Genealogy Club this month

November 18 -- **The AGBI -- A Little History and Hints on How to Use It** with Carol Ansel

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

Director Carol Ansel will review the AGBI (*American Genealogical and Biographical Index*) and how to search it. Those of us that have been doing this for many years know some little tricks of the trade, which we will happily share. There will even be some practice challenges included!

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

If you are not a GML Premium member and want to view the presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal (click below), **then**

Annual Appeal 2023 -- we need your help!

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Not a Godfrey member? Never donated before? -- now's your chance to **step up and show your appreciation and support** for our efforts at things like this newsletter and Genealogy Club presentations. (We know of a CT museum who has set their goal this season at bringing in

\$100,000 from first-time donors -- there are over 5,000 of you out there reading this -- what do you say?)

Rest assured we will put your dollars to work, continuing to bring you great presenters, purchasing new reference resources, and digitizing materials for the website.

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Recent Additions to the Laput Cemetery Collection

Michael Steffman and his crew have been working diligently on the Laput Collection. Three brand new additions: **Green Lawn Cemetery** and **Ram Bam Cemetery** in East Haven (the latter a Jewish cemetery), and **Branford Center Cemetery**. **West Avon Cemetery** should be uploaded by mid-month. They've also been taking a run at a second round of quality control and corrections, and have worked their wonders on 21 cemeteries. A huge "thank you" to all the volunteers who have been putting in hours and hours on this monumental project.

This December, Give the Gift of the Godfrey!

Are your loved ones getting to the point in their lives where they have just too much "stuff"? How about giving your favorite genealogist a subscription to the Godfrey for a year? Or, put it on *your* wish list -- ask your family members for a membership, or add another year to your current subscription. This holiday season, go for the gift that's a win for all. Click on the image below to download a form.

Ancestry Is Using AI to Expand Their Newspaper Access

Ancestry just announced access to a new set of newspapers.com articles, being added on a state-by-state basis, a "stories and events" index to go beyond their current marriage index and obituary index. In theory, this should allow you to find articles that mention your ancestor(s) and



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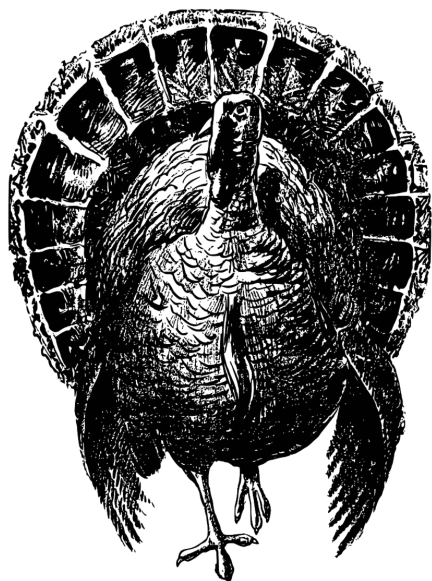
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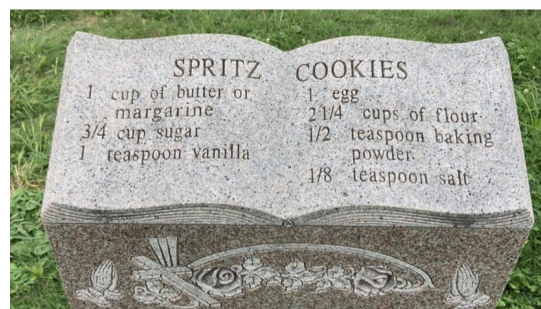
We will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 23, 24 and 25. However, if you'll be visiting the area and want to get some research done, we *will* be open on Wednesday the 22nd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

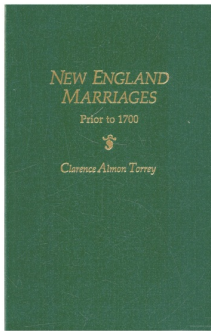


their doings. (You do need to be using an Ancestry subscription that includes access to newspapers.com.) Their customer relations person Crista Cowan gives the example of finding articles about her father's Boy Scout merit badge awards. These collections may show up in your hints list, or you can go to "search," then "card catalog," and type "newspapers events [state you want to search]" in the keyword box. (Note: not all states have been added yet.) I've had mixed results. Though it says "1800's to Current" it does not seem to go very far back into the 1800s. Fun to play, though.

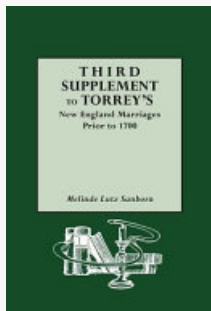
Recipe Headstones

I recently came across an interesting [article in Atlas Obscura](#) about a new-ish trend in headstones -- etched recipes! Now, I always say I have no interest in having my headstone read, "She was a great housekeeper." But cooking might be another matter.





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***New England Marriages Prior to 1700* by Clarence Almon Torrey, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985. (3 supplements by Melinde Lutz Sanborn, 1991, 1995, 2003)**

Last month I featured Clemens's book on marriages before 1699, but I think we'd have to say that this month's book is considered THE authoritative book on the topic. Those who've been doing genealogical research for some time usually just refer to this book as "Torrey." His original manuscript can be seen online at *AmericanAncestors*, the website of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) in Boston, where Torrey actually did the research for the book. It's worth a look to see it in Torrey's handwriting with his abbreviated sources (which do not appear in the printed version compiled by Elizabeth Bentley in a project that took two years). She managed to pack a great deal of information into a little over 1,000 pages. Each entry gives the names of the married couple, wife's maiden name when known, as well as any other spouses either may have had; birth and death dates when known; the date of their marriage, and a chronologically arranged list of where they lived. The year of birth of their first child is also sometimes given as well. What truly amazed me was the list of sources Torrey consulted. It took a little searching and clicking to find on *AmericanAncestors*, but the [list](#) is 95 double-column pages long! Mr. Torrey must have been a fixture at NEHGS while he researched this impressive work.

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