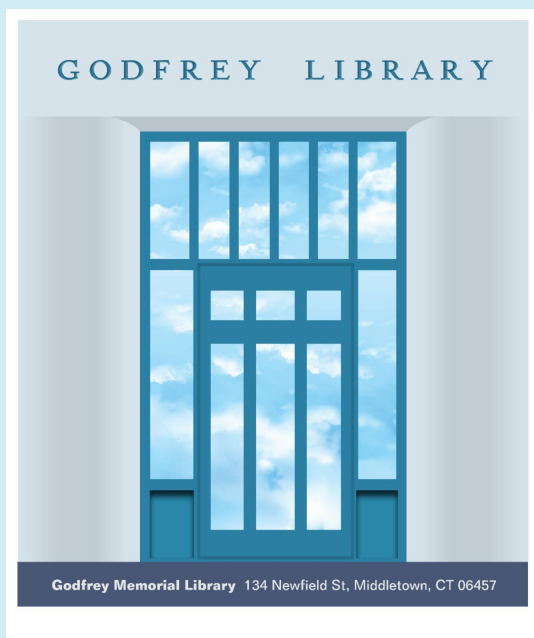


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This month's Genealogy Club presentation



On Saturday, January 27, Carol Ansel will be doing a presentation on **Ancestry.com Resources -- Trustworthy? Yes, No, Maybe So?**

Welcome new members!

Welcome to the following folks who have become members in the last couple of months:

Lynn Boyan (CT)
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Theresa Narotzky (MT)
Dana Palmer (OH)
William Parker (CT)

Join Carol as she takes a closer look at some of the sources that are commonly cited on Ancestry, and then we'll take a vote on each -- definitely avoid? definitely use as a solid source? or are you undecided?

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST), Jan 27**.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: **GML GenClub Jan 2024**

If you are not a GML Premium member and

Leslie Paulonis (CO)
Penelope Rebuzzini (CT)
Todd Thompson (FL)
Caleb Warner (CT)
Jeffrey Williams (CT)

Currently we have members from every state except Wyoming, Nebraska and Alaska. Have any friends or relatives who live there? Tell them how much you enjoy your Godfrey membership and get them to join!

want to view the presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal (click below), then return to this email and register at [GML GenClub Jan 2024](#).

Buy Now



New and Recataloged Items

Click on the image on the right to see what we've added to the collection during the month of December. There are more titles on southern Maine history donated by George Crede in memory of his wife Barbara.

Also, we've made a concerted effort to recatalog and add some detail to our larger collections of **donated genealogical research materials**. Their call numbers all now begin with "RESEARCH" and the researcher/family names include:

Charles Beebe
Mason P. Andrews
Bruce Tyler (Job Tyler Family)
Milton P. Freeman (Ross Family)
Anna Mae Conrad (Doud/Dowd Family)
Griswold Family
Smythe Family
Elisabeth Gaugh Lowell Bowman
Patricia Gifford Butler
Ott Family
Rev. George Wells Razee
Rev. R. G. Windsor Spellman,

New & Recataloged Materials December 2023
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Call	Title	Author
929.2 DENMAN 1913	Denman Family History from the Earliest Authentic Records Down to the Present Time	Harris, Harriet Newell
929.2 GOULD 1895	Family of Zaccheus Gould of Toppsfield	Gould, Benjamin Apthorp
929.2 GROW 1913	John Grow of Ipswich John Groo Grow of Oxford	Davis, George W.
929.2 KINTNER 2003	Kintners of Monroe County, PA	Kintner, Michelle L. Harrison
929.2 SMITH 1978	Book of Smith	Smith, Elsdon Coles
BIOFILE 929.2 ALV-SMI 2023	Alvord Project	Ansel, Carol
BIOFILE 929.2 LAFILN 1930		Laffin, Louis Ellsworth
BIOFILE 929.2 SEVAS 2023	Sevas Family: Anthony Krywooc and his Wife Sophia Zoff and their Son Otto	Flacze, Al
BIOFILE 929.2 SOPER 1952	Soper Gildersleeve Smith and Rogers Families of Northport, Long Island	Gildersleeve, Willard Harvey
BIOFILE 929.2 TOMPKIN 1893	Record of the Ancestry and Kindred of the Children of Edward Tomkins Sr., Late of Oakland, California, Deceased	Tompkins, Edward

Using the AGBI

November's Genealogy Club was a hands-on workshop on using the AGBI, and we have recorded it and posted it on the website so that you can go through it at your own pace, as it contained a *lot* of information in about 90 minutes. It's really most useful to members, as many of the links are only accessible with membership – but that includes the basic membership, too.

Reclaim the Records at work in Maryland

Back in November Reclaim the Records worked with the help of an intern to get a very large set of

Carol Williams-McCloghrie

If you look any of these names up in our [catalog](#) and look at the full record, you will see the names of the major related families they have researched as well. Perhaps you'll find one of *your* family names there.

Annual Appeal Going Well

We're having another successful Annual Appeal so far this year, thanks to you, our faithful members and supporters! So far 107 people have donated over \$29,000 for which we are tremendously grateful! **Thank you, thank you, thank you!** The appeal continues until the end of January, so there's **still time** to join in. We would love to see some **new names** added to the list - if you've never donated, now is the time to do your part. Already made your gift? Can you add a little more? (I try to increase my gift every year by at least a small amount.)

vital records from the Maryland State Archives made available to the public (The "Maryland Motherlode.") For now they can be accessed via the [Internet Archive](#). Hopefully *FamilySearch* and/or *Ancestry* will eventually make them accessible through their sites. There is indexing that still needs to be done. You can read about the project [here](#) and access the data at the Internet Archive. Reclaim the Records has a free newsletter you can sign up for if you want to keep abreast of their latest projects.

More Content on the Website? Yes We Scan!

We're pleased as punch that Justin, our Wesleyan student volunteer, is back from his semester abroad and is going to return to swap us his scanning services for research time. If you have a favorite resource that is not copyright-protected and you would like to have access to it on the website, let us know and we'll see about getting it up there. We now have **two** digitizing stations that fill the space that our original "big Bertha" machine used to take up -- while much smaller, they are much easier to use and much more reliable as well as much faster. In addition, the OCR software that translates the images into searchable text have gotten more sophisticated and generally do a more efficient job, making for better searches.

Thanks for giving so generously to our 2023 Annual Appeal!

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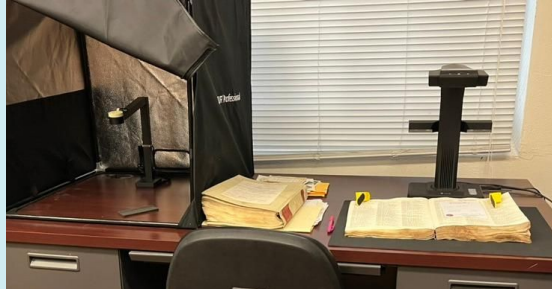
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so far this year!**

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Website Improvement Progress

We want to let you know that the work continues on improving and updating our website. Unfortunately, all the work up to this point is of a behind-the-scenes nature and consists largely of transferring massive amounts of data and planning the new structures. There are a few small improvements you might notice. For instance, we have reinstated the search for "all categories" which now takes about two minutes. While we know that is a long time by modern standards, it used to take seven or more minutes! The nature of the beast is, there will be a long period of behind the scenes work, a grand Ta-Da! and then a transition period of tweaks and adjustments as we iron out any unforeseen kinks. In the long run it should be well worth it.

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