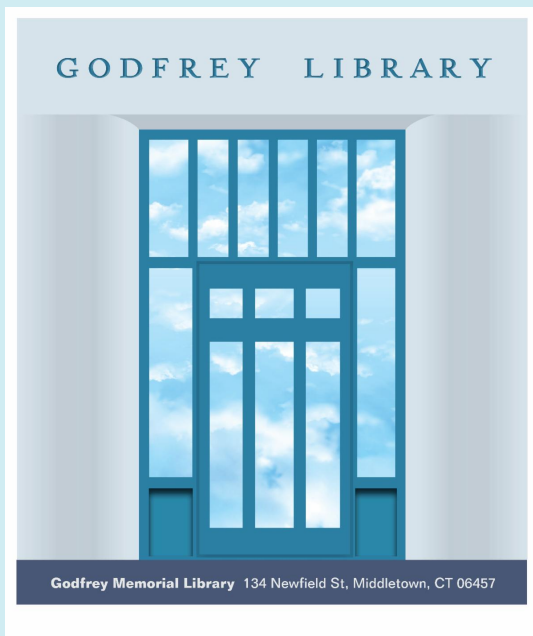


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This month's Genealogy Club presentation: Pam Vestal "Tracking Down Your Eastern European Ancestors"



Pam comes to us from Oregon, but thanks to the wonders of Zoom, she will join us to share her presentation. She lectures on a number of topics, but for this time around we have chosen "Tracking Down Your Eastern European Ancestors." Here is her description:

In spite of the many wars, boundary changes, and political and natural catastrophes, an astonishing number of records exist for our Eastern European ancestors, both here and abroad. We'll explore strategies for finding their places of origin, uncovering their original names, finding and requesting records, extracting and understanding their information, and dealing with foreign languages.

New Database to Explore: *Civil War in Words and Deeds*

As part of our subscriptions through Gale we have access to a collection of documents dealing with the Civil War. One of Gale's "Archives Unbound" collections of primary sources, *Civil War in Words and Deeds* consists of 487 fully searchable works, including many regimental accounts and individual narratives. It can be used to search for a specific name, or to get a feel for what life was like for your Civil War ancestor. You can find it on our website under "External Databases." [Click here](#) to see a full title list.

Welcome New Members

We're happy to welcome the following new members who have joined us since January 1st:

Bonnie Benner (MI)
Wendy Lott (DE)
Margaret Lynch (PA)
Kathleen Cahill (CT)
William Parker (CT)
Debra Thomas (NE)
Victoria Greenlee (FL)
Lucia Yaroch (CT)
Frances M. Olson (ND)
Kim Schwalb (CA)
Sandra Meech (CT)
Sarah Rose (OR)
Pamela Buchan (CA)
Janice Falvey (CT)
Leslie Coutsoridis (CT)
John Coyle (NJ)
Michael Barrett (CT)
Patricia La Camera (CT)
Carol Harper (CT)
David Tarallo (CT)
Michael Todd Cohen (CT)
Suzanne Uznanski (CT)
Emlyn Eisenach (IL)
Mary Ann Murphy (FL)
Nancy Dart (CT)
Charles Korn (CT)

Latest Scans

Our student assistant, Justin from Wesleyan, is back after a semester abroad, and he's been scanning again. Today we put up the **Bridgeport City Directory for 1879-80** -- check it out! It has been OCR'd, so you can search it from the main search box (remember to select the "Directories" category). Or you can just browse through page by page, as I like to do. Directories

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

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Mar 2024](mailto:GML_GenClub_Mar_2024@roots.com)

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 Mar 2024](mailto:GML_GenClub_Mar_2024@roots.com).

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MyHeritage Announces New Old Newspaper Collection

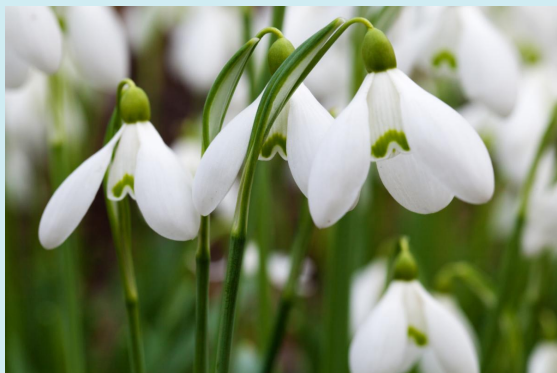
At RootsTech this week MyHeritage announced a new newspaper collection, oxymoronically named oldnews.com. It looks like it will cost \$99 a year, or can be added on to a MyHeritage account for an additional fee. At least for now it seems to be available when you access MyHeritage via your Godfrey account. Select "Newspapers" when you go in to search, and you will see it listed on the right.

I've been playing around with it, and I did find some information I didn't already have on some of my ancestors, so they must have access to some newspapers not in

are full of fascinating tidbits! (This does require membership to access; as they say at NEHGS, "consider membership.")

New & Recataloged Items Jan/Feb 2024

Call Number	Title	Author
920.1061/PTM/RMG 12/2020	Family Tree Appraisal Book Series Genealogy of the Cornell Family, Being an Account of the Descendants of Thomas Cornell of Portsmouth, N.H.	Cornell, John
920.2 CORNELL 2002	Legs of the Cornell Family Name	Cornell, Ronald L.
920.2 ELKINOR 1999	Blonde of Popjustice, Queen, Legend	Oram, D. D. R.
920.2 FOLK 2012	Folk of North Carolina and Tennessee	Aggleton, Steve M.
920.2 FOLK 2001	Folk Fairy: An American Family History	Park, William R.
920.2 GARDNER 2006	Wagonwheel Lane: Childhood, Emigration and Marriage in the Early Republic	Kennedy, Timothy
920.2 HUGHES 1996	Forging a Nation	Donnerman, Linda
920.3 CORNELL 2002	Killed Strategically: the Death of Rebecca Cornell	Cornell, Brian Forman
920.3 F 929 2 BURTON 2024	John Burton	Francis, Albert C.
920.3 F 929 2 HENKAZ 2024	Italian Ancestors of Dorcas Samuel	Lehall, Angela
920.3 F 929 2 JONES VA 2024	Edward Jones of Wake County, Virginia	Francis, Albert C.
920.3 F 929 2 JONES VA 2024	Some (dis)connected South and English Families of Northport, VA	Oldenhouse, Willard Harvey
920.3 F 929 2 JONES VA 2024	Recollections of an early and enslaved African slave of Edward Vernon Sr. Lane of Oatland, California	Tompson, Edward
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any of the other big newspaper databases already out there. (I consider the "Big 3" to be newspapers-dot-com, newspaperarchive-dot-com and genealogybank-dot-com; the latter two are also accessible via your Godfrey account, genealogybank in the form of HeritageHub.)

NESRI - An Excellent Database of Info on Enslaved People in the Northeast

NESRI is the [Northeast Slavery Records Index](#), and its goal is to bring together data from a disparate set of sources on enslavers and the enslaved in the following states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. The main contributing organizations are The John Jay College of Criminal Justice at CUNY, The Atlantic Black Box Project (Maine), Monmouth University (New Jersey), and the Witness Stones Project (Conn). It can be searched by name, area and date, but it also offers descriptions of specific states, towns, cities or counties which are called "Community-Locality Reports".

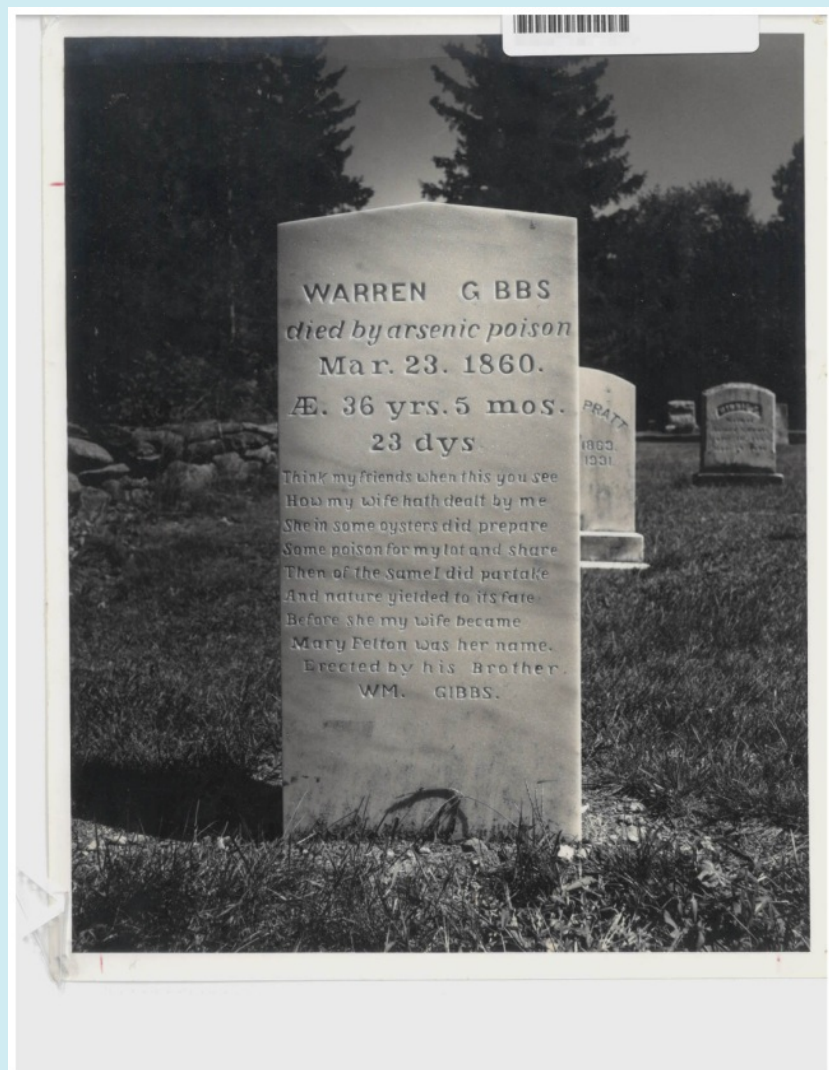
They also have a number of interesting articles. Here is a link to one on [using AI to search for data on enslaved people](#). Results were not overly impressive, but interesting to read about.

We recently found this in our Funeral Orations file...

This is probably an oft-photographed headstone. The story goes that the accused wife's family was most upset (understandably) by the stone and deny her involvement. The burial is in the Knights Corner Burial Ground in Pelham, Mass.

(Hampshire County). The photo in our files is attributed to Neil Doherty, a photographer from Holyoke, Mass. who passed away in 2008.

Transcription: "Think my friends when this you see, How my wife hath dealt with me. She some oysters did prepare some poison for my lot and share. Then of the same I did partake And nature yielded to its fate. Before she my wife became, Mary Pelton was her name. Erected by his brother, Wm. Gibbs."



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