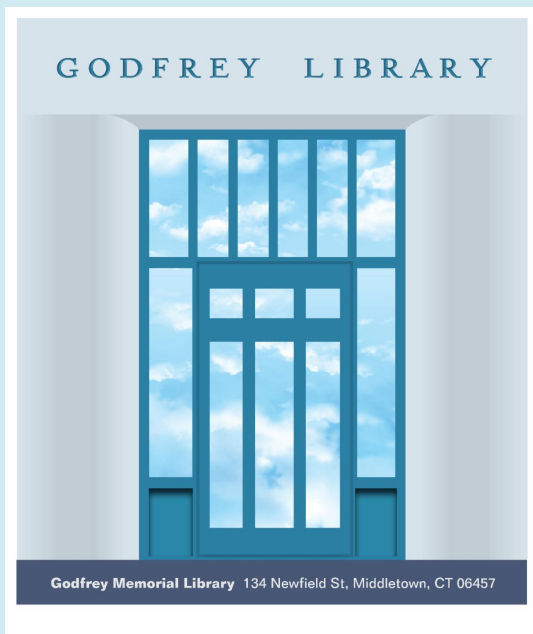


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This month's Genealogy Club presentation: Pam Vestal -- Part 2 of Researching Your Eastern European Ancestors



On **Saturday, April 27**, Pam Vestal, will continue her presentation on researching Eastern European ancestors..

Latest New Web Content

Most recently we've been concentrating on adding city directories to our digitized online offerings. We currently have four volunteers helping with digitization, and through their efforts we've added the following directories:

- Bridgeport 1879-80
- Middletown & Meriden 1869
- Middletown & Meriden 1870-71
- Middletown & Portland 1871-72
- Middletown & Portland 1923
- Hartford 1842
- Hartford 1848
- Hartford 1850
- Hartford 1890
- Hartford 1896

Even if you didn't catch Pam's presentation in March, there is still plenty you can learn from this session. In fact, I learned a few things I found useful and helpful, and I don't even have any Eastern European ancestors.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST)** on April 27th.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Apr 2024](mailto:GMLGenClubApr2024@gmail.com)

Digitization Suggestions?

We've been focusing lately on city directories for digitizing because we received a request for them from a member. (Plus they're full of all kinds of information beyond names and addresses.) They are keyword searchable as well. In fact, the computer is just looking for matching characters, so even though the search boxes say first name and last name, you can search on anything. For instance, I searched on RMfgCo, the abbreviation for the Russell Manufacturing Company in Middletown, in the 1923 directory and got 193 matches, most likely all people who worked there.

Feel free to let us know if there is something in our collection that you would like us to digitize. We are happy to take requests as long as there are no copyright restrictions.

Books added to Our Collection

Check out our [New Book List for March](#). We constantly receive gifts and we purchase new titles as well. As part of our ongoing inventory project, we also add "new" materials that made it to our shelves without catalog records, or we change their call numbers, moving them to areas of the collection that make more sense to us.

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 Apr 2024](#).

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New Offer for Renewing Members

Those of you who've been fortunate enough to visit us in person know that one thing that sets us apart is our ability and willingness to help you in your research efforts. We want to be able to extend that to those of you who can't make it to Middletown, so we're going to offer a free half-hour phone or Zoom call to renewing members beginning in May. We can help you come up with a research plan and make suggestions as to which resources you should check out next.

Have You Tried Out the New Full Text Search at FamilySearch yet?

FamilySearch is experimenting with a new search capability which you can try out in its Beta mode. Log in to the site, and scroll down looking at the right side of the screen until you see "FamilySearch Labs" then click on "View Experiments" and

Call	Title	Author
302 BERG 1972	Encyclopedia of Continental Army Units, Battalions, Regiments and Independent Corps	Berg, Fred Anderson,
305 POLARD 1974	Lost Cause: A New Southern History of the War of the Confederates	Polard, Edward A.
366 U.S. Army Histor 1891	Records of the Association of Acting Assistant Surgeons of the United States Army 1891	Finer, W. Thomson.
367 ARMY 82nd 1913	Official History of 28th Division American Expeditionary Forces, 42 American Division	
400 ALLEN 1889	American Biographical and Historical Dictionary: Containing an Account of the Lives, Characters and Writings of the Most Eminent Persons in North America from its First Settlement and a Summary of the History of the Several Colonies and of the United States	Allen, Wilson,
502 REBER 1906-197, v02	Reber Family 1906-197	
502 BUCKLEY 2018	Magda Carla Survey Recorders of Peter Buckley and His Wife Jane Allen	Rizzo, George Wells.
502 PROBLE [1928]	House Family Records	Seaver, J. Montgomery,
502 PAZEE [2024]	Some Allied Families to the Razzes in England and the Razzes in America	Rizzo, George Wells.
800LE 829.2 CAMP 1976	Camp Family Collection	Williams, Clarence,
800LE 829.2 WEBB-MAZ 2023	Webb/Marshall	Ames, Carol.

New Edition of *Evidence Explained*

Citations in genealogical research can get very complicated these days what with the profusion of types of online sources and the layers within layers. The "bible" for citation formats has always been *Evidence Explained* by Elizabeth Shown Mills. The latest edition has just been published and it sounds like it is a major revision with a new approach. Rather than trying to find an exactly matching sample citation out of hundreds, users are provided with a limited set of guidelines and basic rules to apply in a common sense manor.

finally, "Go to Experiment" at the bottom of the box "Expand your search with Full Text." So far they are just working with two or three specific collections, including "US Land and Probate Records" and "Plantation Records." Two impressive things to note: 1) They are searching *every word* in the records and 2) Many of these records are handwritten, but the OCR has been able to "read" them! Every review or comment I've seen so far uses the phrase "game changing" to describe this development!

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