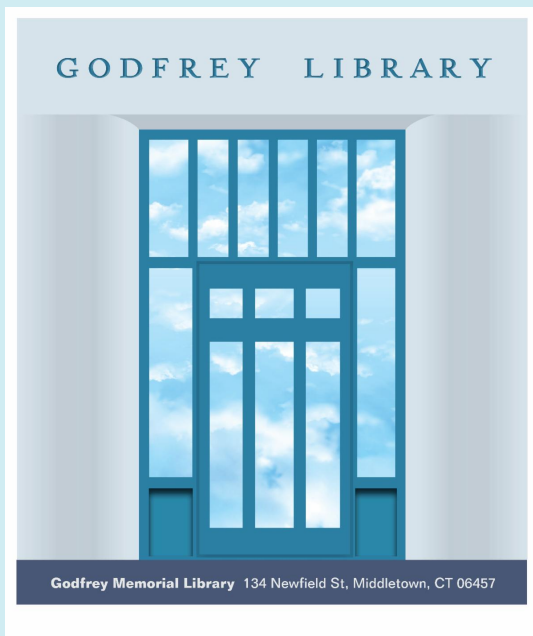


# Godfrey Library news & updates

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## Carol Ansel to speak at Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists May 18th

Carol has been asked to speak at the CSG annual meeting on Saturday, May 18th. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Glastonbury from 11:00 to 3:00. In her talk "Don't Forget the Godfrey" Carol will be highlighting some of the library's special resources and encouraging Connecticut genealogists to make use of our wonderful resources. [Registration link.](#)

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## Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following folks who are brand new members, or

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## Memorial Day Weekend Closing

We will be closed on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend (May 25th). As this is a fourth Saturday, there will be no Genealogy Club presentation in May.

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## Genealogy Club for June and July

As mentioned above, we will be closed on May 25, the fourth Saturday in May, so there will not be a Genealogy Club presentation. Mark your calendar for **June**, though. On June 22, Diana Crisman Smith will talk to us about genealogical organizations -- what's out there, why you should join, how they can help you in your genealogy pursuits. The following month, (July 27), Al Fiacre will talk more specifically about lineage societies and how to apply to them.

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## New & Recataloged Books

Carol and Michael recently found a little time to catch up with some of our cataloging backlog. In the process of taking inventory, many items were found on the shelves

have re-joined us after a lapse in membership, in the last two months.

Gail DeBoer (CT)  
Theresa Anderson (CT)  
Monica Baik (CT)  
Linda Barker (CA)  
Mary Bostwick (CA)  
Michael Todd Cohen (CT)  
Nancy Dart (CT)  
Kimberly Dieterich (RI)  
Jay Eades (IN)  
George Edson (NH)  
Emlyn Eisenach (IL)  
Linda Ferraro (CT)  
Stacy Fitzgerald (WA)  
Danny Hawkes (OR)  
Charles Korn (CT)  
Brenda Mason (NV)  
Bruce Matson (VA)  
Allison Montgomery (IL)  
Mike Morgan (CT)  
Charleen Mullenweg (TX)  
Mary Ann Murphy (FL)  
Linda Nicosia (NY)  
David Pellett (CT)  
Jennifer Shangraw (MI)  
Jeanne Stanton (CT)  
Victoria Sullivan (NM)  
David Tarallo (CT)  
Suzanne Uznanski (CT)  
Meridith Walworth (CT)  
Marsha Watts Foreman (AL)  
Zachary Zychowski (IL)

## Family Bible Progress

Transcribing the data from the family pages of Bibles is an extremely labor-intensive project. Volunteers Terri Trenholme and Pat Burke (who is also Vice Chair of our Board) have been working diligently on this project for some time now. We have a total of over 200 Bibles that need to be transcribed. As of the end of

that were not in the catalog. So this month's New Books list is largely made up of those titles. A big thanks to Susanne Javorski and Susan O'Brien for their tireless hours doing the inventory.

Call Number	Title	Author
929.2 (S474).W.C. 2021	Facts and Memories: A Family Genealogical Collection	Smith, William C.
APR 244 234 BAPTIST 2104	Light on the Matter of Color: A History of Black Baptists in Utah 1862-1996	Davis, Francis A.
AUG 263 200 400A 2002	Excerpts from Akaka Medicine (Obituarium)	
APR 263 200 400A 2002	Alaska Historical Association Newsletter	
APR 263 200 400A 2002	Excerpts from the Journal of the Arkansas Medical Society (Obituarium)	
FLA 263 200 400A 2002	Excerpts from the Journal of the Florida Medical Society (Obituarium)	
ILS 263 200 400A 2002	Excerpts from the Journal of the Illinois Medical Society (Obituarium)	
ILS 263 200 400A 2002	Chicago Street Names and Their Changes	Tyler, Karen Krueger
ILS 263 200 400A 2002	Based Monthly New Street Number Guide and Complete City Railway Directory of Chicago. Shows the Location of Every Street Corner, Number on any Street or Avenue. Also Giving a Complete List of Street Car and Elevated Lines, Landing Stairs, Principal Buildings, Places of Amusement, Railroad Stations and City Ticket Offices, Hospitals, Dispensaries, Clubs, City County and Federal Offices, Principal Banks, Information from the Vehicle Ordinance and Other Valuable Information	
ILS 263 200 400A 2002	1862 Map of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis Etc.	

## Connecticut Open House Day June 8th

Connecticut will be hosting its 20th Open House Day on Saturday, June 8th. We will be offering free admission for those who are not members [yet!], and will be giving tours and showing people how to get started on their family research. If you're local and not a member, or have friends who aren't members but might want to see what we're about, tell them to come see us! We will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



## New Offer for Renewing Members

Those of you who've been fortunate enough to visit us in

April, we now have the data from a total of 127 family Bibles up on the website. If you're a member, just go to the site, look under "Bible Records" and then "Godfrey Bible Collection." For those of you who are not members, [click here](#) to see a list of the names we currently have available on the site.

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## New NYC Records Added to MyHeritage

Remember that your Godfrey membership gives you free access to the library edition of *MyHeritage*. They have just announced three new collections of vital records for New York City added to their data. While the data can also be accessed directly, *MyHeritage* has done some additional indexing.

Here's what they have to say: "*MyHeritage* has published three essential vital record collections from New York City. These collections are some of the most important vital records in the U.S. available online today, and *MyHeritage* is the only genealogy company that hosts the index for these records with scanned images.

"The collections contain a total of 37.4 million records and include a complete index created by *MyHeritage* alongside beautifully scanned color images of the original certificates and licenses. These collections are particularly valuable due to the fact that the index contains not only the primary individuals listed in the record, but also secondary

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. If you are interested, just give us a call or send an email.

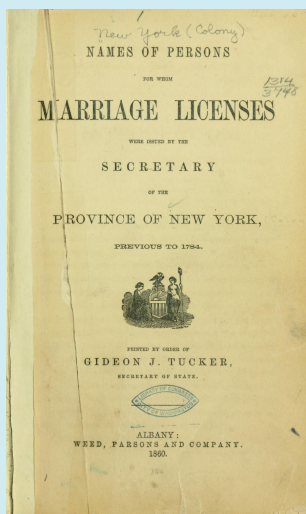
individuals. For example, while most indexes list only the bride and groom in a marriage record, our team went the extra mile to index their parents as well. This significantly expands the number of records you might find when searching for a given ancestor."

**New York City Births, 1866–1909**

**New York City Marriages, 1866–1949**

**New York City Deaths, 1866–1948**

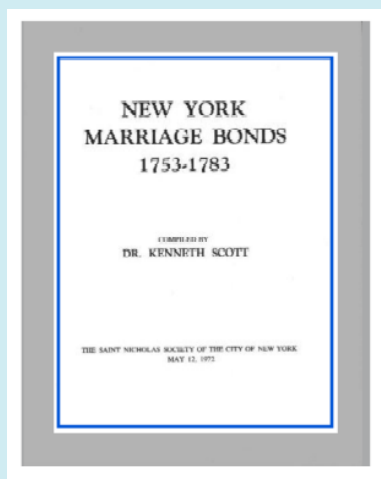
## Featured Resource



*Names of Persons for Whom Marriage Licenses Were Issued by the Secretary of the Province of New York, Previous to 1784.*

Printed by order of Gideon J. Tucker, Secretary of State. Albany: Weed Parsons, 1860.

This book is indexed in the AGBI, so if you had ancestors who married in the state of New York in the early 18th century, you may find some info about their marriages. The book is actually an index, so all you really find are the names of the husband and wife and the date of the marriage license or banns. There is also a reference to which of the 41 volumes of the marriage banns held at the New York State Library (as well as the page number) contains the original document. Well, actually, *did contain* -- before the devastating fire at the New York State Library in 1911 destroyed most of those volumes.



There may be a small glimmer of hope, though. If you look at the intro to Kenneth Scott's *New York Marriage Bond Records 1753-1783* you can see which remnants of the series actually survived the fire, and if you're lucky, maybe *your* ancestors' data made it through the fire. Scott's book abstracted whatever data remained on the remnants from the fire that were still readable.

According to the [New York State Archives website](#):

"Prior to 1784 couples intending to marry, yet not announcing the impending marriage in a church, were required to obtain licenses from and file bonds with the provincial secretary/secretary of state. Series A1893, Marriage bonds, 1753-1783, is the sole surviving record of these bonds. Only 19 of the 40 original volumes survived the 1911 State Capitol fire. Little visible text remains in the surviving records.

"The publication, New York Marriage Bonds, 1753-1783, comp. Kenneth Scott (New York: 1972) abstracts data on marriage bonds. To search for a record, researchers need the name of the party or parties and date of the event (or the relevant page from Scott's publication). If a record is found, the best available photocopy can be provided at \$1.00 each."

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