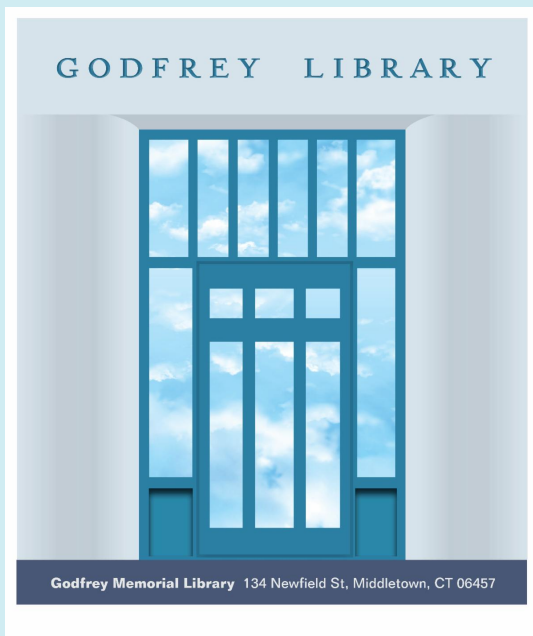


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## This month's Genealogy Club: Diana Crisman Smith presents "The Importance of Belonging: The Role of Genealogical Societies in Your Research Plan"



On **Saturday,**

**June 22, Diana Smith** will talk with us about the types of genealogical groups out there, and why you might want to join one or more of them. Diana has been researching her ancestry since age 10, speaking since 1980, and writing, teaching, and researching for clients since the late 1980s. She has written extensively on genealogical topics both for books and magazines, and has won numerous awards.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EST)** on June 22nd.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub June 2024](mailto:GMLGenClubJune2024@gmail.com)

## In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we mention the passing of August (Augie) DeFrance, long-standing board member and supporter of the Godfrey Library. Many will remember Augie in his role as caretaker of Middletown cemeteries. Augie had a passion for genealogy and for his cemetery work. We will miss him greatly. Donations in his memory may be directed to the Godfrey Memorial Library.



**Have Friends who've never been to the Godfrey? ...** as part of Connecticut's statewide Open House Day, the Godfrey will be open from 9:00am-3:00pm on Saturday, June 8. New members can join for \$5 off the regular price, and we will get them started on their trees with free Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts.

## We Now Have the Index to "the Silver Books"

We had lunch with Greg Thompson at the CSG annual meeting in May, and he reminded us that the GSMD has recently published a three-volume index to the Silver Books. AI got right on it, and we now have the index here in the library. It should make searching for your Mayflower ancestors that much easier.

## Heritage Hub Has a New Search Interface and More Data

Don't forget that home access to Heritage Hub is one the benefits we offer to Premium members. Here is information from the folks at HeritageHub:

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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 June 2024](#).

**Buy Now**



## New/Recataloged Items for May 2023

Michael and Carol got a chance to do a little catch-up with the items which were found on the shelves during inventory but did not have records in our catalog, and they comprise most of our "New Items" list for May. [Click here to view the list..](#)

Call Number	Title	Author
BIOPLE 929.3 JACHER 2009	ADRIAN JACHER: 1885-1924	
BIOPLE 929.2 ALEXAND 2001	Abstracts of the American Mathematical Society (entry for James Wadsworth Alexander)	
BIOPLE 929.2 ALING JOHN 1952	Portrait of John Aling (entry in Genealogies of New Jersey Families, Volume II: A Genealogical Dictionary of New Jersey)	
BIOPLE 929.2 ALISON 1955	New Jersey, New York Families: Allison, Downport, Shauger, Chauger, Wands, Wands	Rogers, John Philip
CONN 974.91 CROMWELL 1st Cong Ch	First Congregational Church, Cromwell, Connecticut	Mason, Elizabeth, comp.
CONN 974.91 MIDDLET Cemetery	Middleton Cemetery, (Notable People Buried at Indian Hill, City of Middleton, Middleton Cemetery, Middleton, Southway Street, 1996.)	
CONN 974.91 HIN (PH) 001	Disinterred Funeral Burial Returns (SA Wills)	
FLORIDA 929.3 NAPLES Ocala Box 1	Obituaries from the Naples Daily News 2007 Aug Dec and 2008 Jan Feb	

## Godfrey to Participate in 10 Million Names Project

The 10 Million Names Project was started in the summer of 2023 with the goal of locating the names of enslaved people and their descendants and adding their information to one central database at American Ancestors

decreased significantly since 2013, while funeral home notices continue to increase. To fill the gap of fewer newspaper obituaries, NewsBank has secured funeral notices from all 50 states. NewsBank is the only library vendor to do this.

- As NewsBank released the enhanced version of HeritageHub May 15, 2024, **6,511,419 notices** were added across Funeral Homes and Newspaper death notices.
- Following its mid-May release, thousands of new notices will be added daily. Approximately 80 percent will come from funeral homes, and 20 percent from newspapers not currently part of HeritageHub.
- After this initial release, a backfile of approximately 5 million funeral homes notices (going back to 2019) and between 5 and 10 million new newspaper death notices (going back to 1998) will be added.

Here is a [link](#) to an introductory video on how to effectively search HeritageHub.



-- which will, of course, be massive. Here is a link to an [introductory video](#) from last summer which describes the project. The Godfrey has been in touch with folks at the project, and we will be sharing our Manumissions database with them.

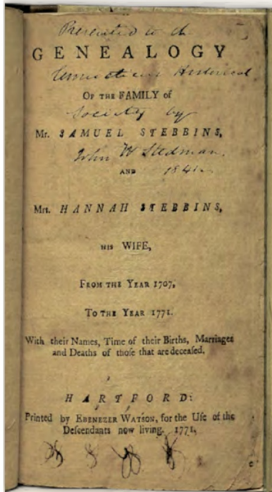
## Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following folks who are brand new members, or have re-joined us after a lapse in membership, in the last month.

Margaret Budny (CT)  
Ken Burk (WA)  
Lisa Daniels (CT)  
Melissa Dooley (KY)  
Jennie Fairs (NSW, Australia)  
Heidi Jones (WA)  
Michael Langford (NM)  
Diane Larrabee (AZ)  
Vicky McGee (OR)  
Christina Pierce (CT)  
Michael Reilly (CT)  
Peter Richardson (ME)  
Christine Ross (CA)  
Carol Satterthwaite (CA)

## Featured Resource Shelf

**A Genealogy of the Family of Mr. Samuel Stebbins His Wife, from the Year 1707, to the Year 1771 by Luke Stebbins (Hartford, 1771).**



If you're a member of NEHGS you may have seen a recent article in their magazine, *American Ancestors*, written by Katie Heidsiek, Senior Exhibit Developer at the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History (formerly the Connecticut Historical Society) about very early Connecticut books of special interest in their collection. While the Godfrey does not have an original of the book, we do have a photocopy in our BioFiles. This is considered one of the first American genealogies. Heidsiek notes that genealogical record keeping at that time in Connecticut was not yet formalized, but that British immigrants *were* very interested in familial relations, coming from a country where wealth and power were passed down along family lines. While this account would not meet today's genealogical standards (not having any references), it is interesting to see one of America's very first genealogies.

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