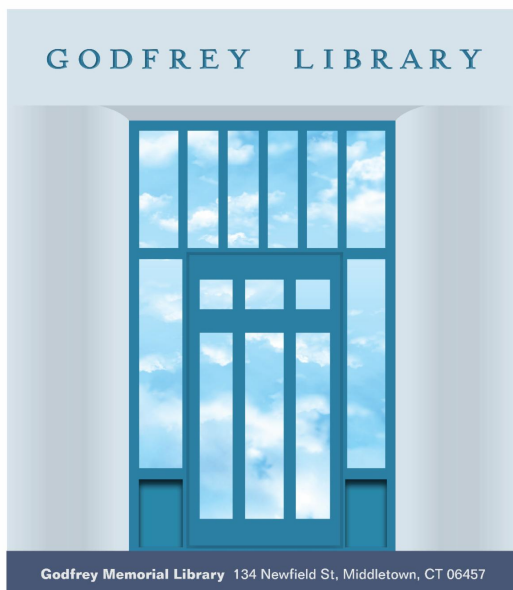


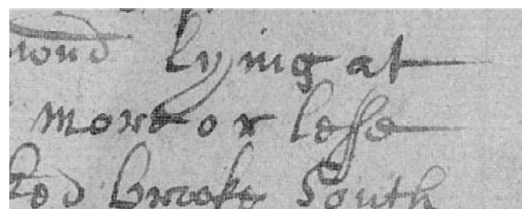
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This month's Genealogy Club presentation

On Saturday, September 28, **Pam Vestal** will present Part I of

"Deciphering Handwriting"



Change in Hours

Beginning on September 3 we will be slightly decreasing our hours. We will now open on **Tuesdays, Wednesday and Friday** mornings at **10:00 am** rather than 9:00 am. However, if you're coming to visit us from afar and want to come in at 9:00, just give us a call or an email in advance and we'll arrange to be open for you.

Don't Miss CSG's 2024 Family History Day Seminar

Pam did a great presentation for us back in March and April on researching Eastern European ancestors. This month and next month we welcome her with her two-part presentation/workshop on deciphering early handwritten documents. I found it to be a huge help when I watched it the first time.

The Zoom presentation will take place at **1:30 pm (EDT)** on Sept 28th.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can

on Sat. October 5 - "The Future of Genealogy"

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists will hold its annual Family History Seminar on October 5th this year. Speakers will be Melanie McComb (NEHGS) speaking about the use of Artificial Intelligence in genealogical research, D. Joshua Taylor (NYG&B) speaking about trends in technology and demographics and their possible influence on the future of genealogy, and Katie Feducia talking about geospatial mapping. There will be door prizes and exhibitors, including, or course, yours truly. The event will take place at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. You can see more [details and register here](#).

THE CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS PRESENTS
THE ANNUAL FAMILY HISTORY DAY Seminar
Register at CSGINC.ORG
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
"THE FUTURE OF GENEALOGY"
D. JOSHUA TAYLOR
MELANIE MCCOMB
KATIE FIDUCIA
The Hartog Auditorium at Ashlar Village
74 Cheshire Rd, Wallingford, CT
OCT 5th 2024
REGISTRATION: \$52/PER PERSON (Before Sept 1)
\$60/ PER PERSON (After Sept.1)

Have You Had a Chance to Search the Penny Press Yet?

We're so excited to have online access to the *Penny Press*, Middletown's local paper from 1884 to 1921 (it was called the

register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Sept 2024](mailto:GMLGenClub@csgea.org)

If you are not a GML Premium member and want to view the presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal (click below), **then** return to this email and register at [GML GenClub Sept 2024](mailto:GMLGenClub@csgea.org).

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Recent Additions to Our Book Collection

[Click here](#) to see a list of materials we have cataloged and added to our collection since our last newsletter. (Note: some of these titles are not actually "new" to our collection, but may have been recataloged as part of our ongoing inventory process.) We received some nice donations from Leslie Newing which include materials from Missouri, Ontario Canada, and Pennsylvania, which her mother used in her genealogical research, of which we are now the custodians.

DNA Connection Discovered to Mrs. O'Leary of Chicago Fire Infamy

"Late last night, when we were all

Evening Press and the *Middletown Press* from 1918-21). For a general reminder of how to search NewspaperArchive, you can watch their instructional video below. Free access from home is a benefit for Godfrey Premium members.



Don't forget that we now offer the option of **"Short Premium Membership."** For \$30 you can become a member for three months with full Premium benefits, which includes access to all at home online benefits. Click here to see a [comparative chart](#) which compares the benefits of our various membership types.

Annual Fund Drive Coming in October

Just a heads up that we will be sending out our Annual Fund letter in October. We try not to inundate you year round, but we really depend upon your generosity every year.

in bed, Mrs. O'Leary hung a lantern in the shed..."

Did you grow up singing this song like I did?

Here's a [post](#) about a person who found a DNA connection to the infamous Mrs. O'Leary!



SUPPOSED CAUSE OF THE CHICAGO FIRE. MRS. O'LEARY AND HER COW.

Want to Find Out More About the Vessel Your Ancestors Sailed On? Special Labor Day Offer

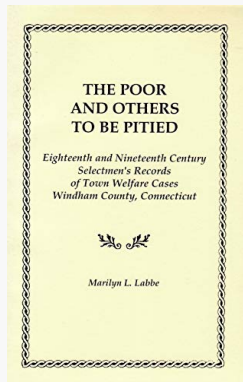
We've been offered a special deal for this Labor Day Weekend from [shipindex.org](#). Here's what they have to say:

"We know that maritime history is a vital part of genealogical research, offering insights into the voyages that shaped our ancestors' lives. Learning about the ships that an ancestor emigrated on, served in the military on, worked on, sailed on, or even honeymooned on, can help us learn more about those ancestors.

ShipIndex.org is the best tool for doing this research, and this Labor Day weekend, **from Saturday, August 31 to Monday, September 2, access to the complete ShipIndex.org database will be free to all, with no registration required.** (But those who sign up for the e-newsletter will receive details on how to use the database, upcoming webinars and events, and a discount code for further access to the database!)

ShipIndex will be offering instructions and video tutorials to guide users through the database. Be sure to visit <https://shipindex.org> to learn more about this unique tool."

Featured Resource Shelf



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The Poor and Others to Be Pitied: 18th and 19th Century Selectmen's Records of Town Welfare Cases, Windham County, Connecticut by Marilyn L. Labbe. Westminster, Md.:Willow Bend/Heritage, 2005.

It was fairly common in early New England for the poor and indigent to be housed and taken care of by the lowest bidder at the town meeting, who was then reimbursed by the town for their expenses. Many towns "warned out" the poor who wandered into town, feeling that it was their town of origin who should shoulder the cost of their care. Labbe extracted information from the early selectmen's records for the towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Sterling, Thompson and Woodstock, CT. In many instances town selectmen argued over which town's responsibility a particular person or family was. The every name index allows one to look up both those who had fallen on hard times as well as those who were caring for them. Presumably some of this information is unique, most likely not appearing in vital records. There is also a place and subject index. A good place to look for information on those who had fallen through the cracks.

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