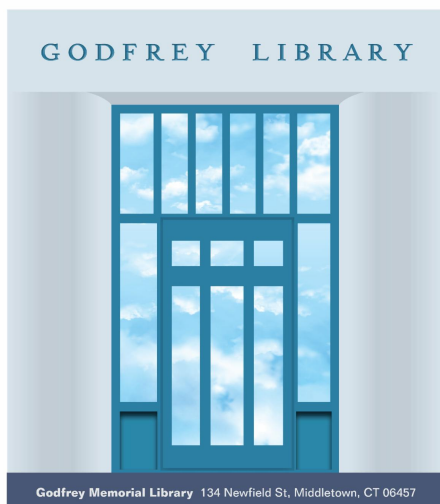


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Annual Appeal 2024 -- \$Step Up and Be Counted!

"That's right, I've been meaning to do that!"

This year's campaign has been going very well so far. A **huge thank-you** to our loyal donors who have already given (see list below)

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Genealogy Club this month

November 23 -- **We're Not Just Connecticut -- Some Non-Connecticut Resources on the Scholar & at the Godfrey** with Carol Ansel

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

Director Carol Ansel will share some of the interesting and helpful resources on the Scholar and at the Godfrey about places other than Connecticut.

Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email: [GML GenClub Nov 2024](mailto:GMLGenClubNov2024@gmail.com)

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 Nov 2024](mailto:GMLGenClubNov2024@gmail.com).

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There are literally *thousands* of you out there who have never donated to the Godfrey. If even a small percentage of you made a modest donation, our budget anxiety for next year would disappear!

For a little perspective, my hometown library's Annual Campaign goal is \$150,000 (and I don't live in the wealthiest part of the state by any means!). Last year was the first year the Godfrey's fund broke \$30,000.

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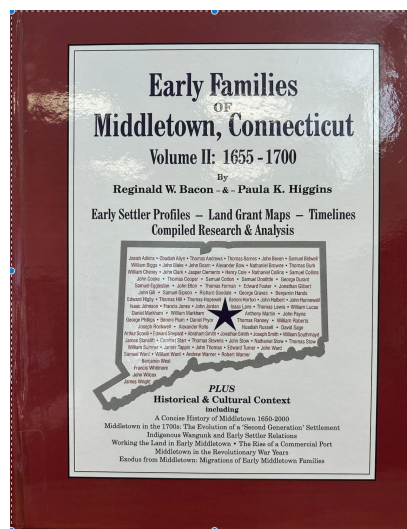
Internet Archive Back in Business!

If you tried to access some of our AGBI resources in the last couple of weeks you may have realized that the Internet Archive was down. They were hacked, and did not lose any data, but they spent some time upgrading their security. Boy, I didn't realize how much we depended on them until they weren't there!

Thanksgiving Hours

We will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 28-30. However, if you'll be visiting the area and want to get

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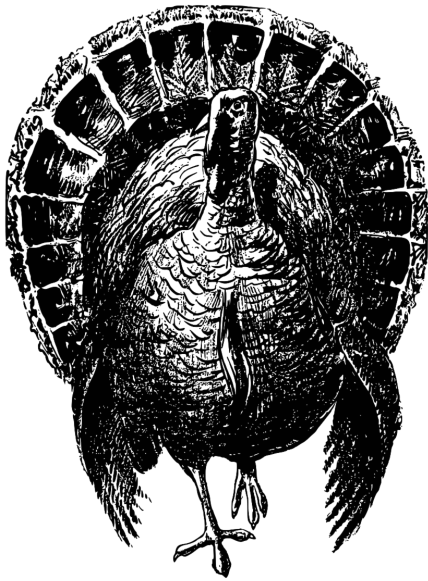
Exciting New Publication!

If any of your ancestors were early settlers of Middletown, you're doubtlessly familiar with Reginald Bacon's book *Early Families of Middletown, Connecticut, Vol. 1: 1650-1654*. For years we've been bugging Reg, "When is Volume 2 going to come out?!" Well guess what, it's here!

Allow me to quote from the publisher:

"Early Families of Middletown, Connecticut - Vol. II: 1655-1700, presents genealogical profiles of the 79 families that joined the Connecticut River settlement --- first known as Mattabesock --- between 1655 and 1700. This volume follows the award-winning book published in 2012 that profiled the first 23 colonist families that grew the settlement in the 1650-1654 period. In addition to the comprehensive profiles, the book includes timelines, land grant maps, and

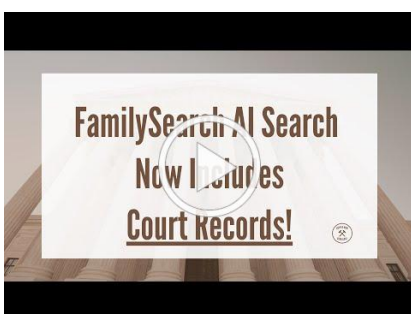
some research done, we *will* be open on Tuesday and Wednesday the 26th and 27th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.



chapters on late 17th-century historical and cultural context. The book aims to be an information-packed resource for both descendants and historians interested in the fascinating dynamics of this "second generation" New England settlement. For this volume, author/historian Reginald W. Bacon has contributed the chapters on historical, social, and cultural context; and master researcher/genealogist Paula K. Higgins has compiled the family profiles from a vast array of sources from the obvious to the obscure"

Court Records Added to FamilySearch AI Full-text Search!

Here's an explanatory video from Jennifer Dunn of Copper Mine Genealogy. If you haven't tried this Experimental feature of FamilySearch yet, you must! While it's still in a testing phase, it is live and available to the public. Those who have tried it have been very impressed, as it picks up *every* name, including abutting property owners, witnesses, spouses and family members, and even reads data from handwritten documents.



10 Million Names

 American Ancestors.

It's Official -- The Godfrey Is Part of 10 Million Names

You may have heard of the new initiative **10 Million Names**. Originating with the New England Historic and Genealogical Society and other organizations, the project is an effort to pull together and make available to researchers information about Black Americans that has previously been hidden or ignored. The Godfrey has shared its database of compiled Middletown Manumissions (the release of formerly enslaved people). [Click here](#) to visit the database (which can also be viewed as part of the Scholar) -- for a sample search try the first

Godfrey and MSOG

The Godfrey exhibited at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists on Saturday, November 2nd. The guest speaker was David Allen Lambert of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, presenting on The Great Migration Series and Witchcraft in New England in the 17th century. Al Fiacre will be presenting to the entire organization on November 16th , speaking about "Researching Colonial New England Ancestors: The Best Resources," and Carol Ansel will be speaking to the Bristol Chapter on December 21st on "Search Tips and Tricks."

name "Cuff." [Click here](#) to see a press release.

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